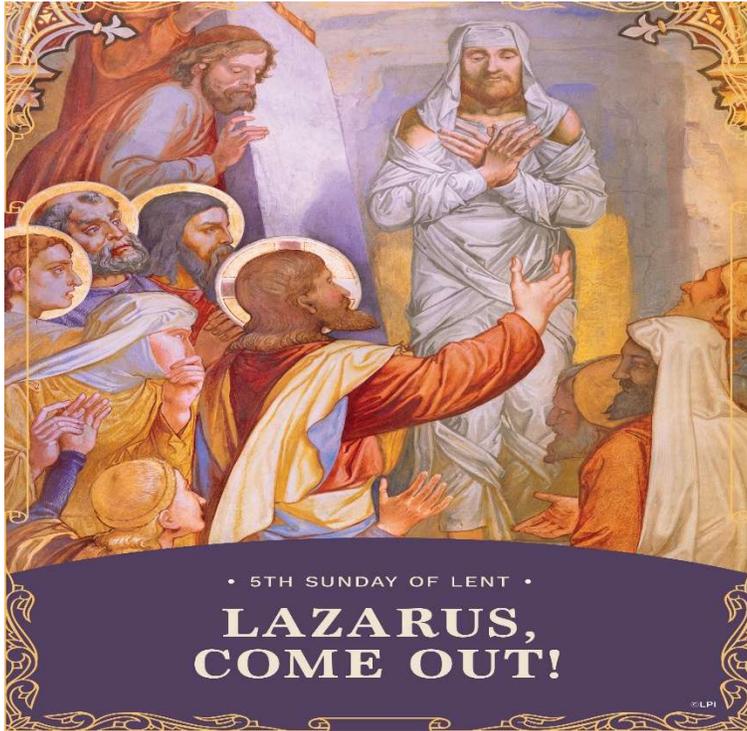


March
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2026



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Welcome!

Join us for Mass!

Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday | 8:00am
Wednesday | 12:00pm
Thursday, Friday | 7:00am

Weekend Mass

Saturday | Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

Confessions

Every Saturday at 3:30pm

Church Open for Prayer:

Mon., Tue. & Wed. 8:30am-4:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21, 4:30PM

†James Jennings / Maureen Mitman
†Margaret & Wayne Lindsay/Jeannette Clark

Sunday, March 22, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 22, 10:00AM

†Jon Alekna / Jeannette Clark
†Virginia Alvinito / Family

Monday, March 23, 8:00AM

†Alan Sera / Cathy Kott

Tuesday, March 24, 8:00AM

†Sam Owens / Marty & Susan Kometz

Wednesday, March 25, 12:00PM

†Joan Nowak / Diaconate of DOJ

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, March 26, 7:00AM

Mary Kay Colgan for healing/Kevin Colgan

Friday, March 27, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Saturday, March 28, 4:30PM

†Rose Daniels / 1st Anniversary
†Chuck Hanson / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, March 29, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, March 29, 10:00AM

†Stephen Gentile / Jeannette Clark
†Raymond Banas/Burgermeister Family



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/
Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14;
8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10,
11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/
Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/
Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/
Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/
Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20,
23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Tom McNelis

Kelsey Woods

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Hannah Kelley

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

Doreene Camardo

Chris Boettcher

Jackie LaRocco

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Ken Intihar

Mary Kay Colgan

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Karen Udell

William Hawkins

Veronica Munoz

Sylvia Rivera

Donna Bernstein

Paula Peterson

Jim McDermott

Christopher Kennedy

Leonardo Przybylek

David Peterson

Theo Reed

Fr. John Ouper

Carol Helms

Arlene Grossi

**Names will remain on the list for 3 months, please notify the parish office to add or remove names.

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Mar 22

Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins



PALM SUNDAY

Join us for Mass
Vigil Mass - March 28, 4:30pm
Masses - March 29, 8:00am and 10:00am

PALM SUNDAY ECUMENICAL PROCESSION March 29, 11:45am

Please join us in the parking lot with your palms. We will process to the Warrenville Gazebo across from the Warrenville Public Library. There, we will join with our brothers and sisters from other Warrenville churches for a time of prayer and reflection.

GOD IS SO GOOD

SONGS FOR YOUNG CATHOLIC CHILDREN



Ellen Coman, our music director, has taken 12 of her original songs and produced a devotional and catechetical album along with her three daughters!

Available on all streaming platforms under "Holy Family Harmony".



Join the St. Irene Women of Faith!

If you've been seeking a way to blend leadership, spirituality, and impactful service, then we have an extraordinary opportunity just for you. We invite the vibrant, dynamic women of our parish to step forward and join the St. Irene Women of Faith.

For more information, join our next meeting on **Thursday, March 26th at 6:30pm in the ACL**

Let this invitation be your calling card to a journey of empowerment, leadership, and deepened faith. Together, we can create a lasting legacy of service and sisterhood.

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our web site.

BAPTISMS: Call Maggie Detwiler on x122.

MARRIAGES: Call Pamela Keating on x120 to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 3:30pm.

FUNERALS: The Pastoral Staff works with families to plan the Funeral Mass, call the Parish Office.

CRISIS PRAYER CHAIN: Contact Deacon Joe Urso at 630-853-2070. or at joe.urso@outlook.com.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.

Parish Community

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Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

We are looking for parishioners to have their feet washed for Holy Thursday.

Rehearsal on Tuesday, March 31 at 6:00pm.

Please contact Pamela Keating if interested at pamela@st-irene.org or 630-393-2400 x120

Come Join Us as We Discuss "The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien"



Where: St. Irene School Building (Room 202)

When: Every other Monday

Last Session March 23

Time: 7:00pm-8:30pm

RSVP: Maggie@st-irene.org



Bishop Blanchette Scholarship

Applications for the **Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Bishop Blanchette Scholarship** are now available to those students planning on attending a Joliet Diocesan Catholic High School for the 2026-2027 school year. This scholarship applies to any students currently in grades 8-11. Families will fill out a paper form and also apply online through FACTS.

Paper applications are available in the Parish Center, or you can request a form to be emailed to you from Laurie Schmitz. An application through FACTS must be made online. The deadline for an application to be returned to the Parish Center is **March 25th, 2026**. No late applications will be accepted.

Please contact Laurie Schmitz at 630-664-8569 or at lcschmitz1@comcast.net for an application, or with any questions.

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Parish Community



ST. IRENE LUNCHEON
 POTLUCK LUNCHEON
 DATE: THURSDAY APRIL 9th
 LOWER ACTIVITY CENTER 11:30AM - 2PM

A-I: desserts/fruits/jellos
 J-R: SIDE DISHES -vegetables/salads/relishes/appetizers
 S-Z: MAIN COURSE - main dishes - any type of casseroles/pastas/meat dishes/sandwiches

Or bring what you want! Store bought is just fine!!

TOPIC: "OLD WARRENVILLE PRE WW1" presented by Dave Anderson, Warrenville Historical Society- descendant of ancestors from 1850s. He will also bring books/Warrenville Ornaments for sale

Any questions contact Anna Saake annasaake1960@gmail.com/ text or call 630.456.0644

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Does our Church database have your family membership record correct? Here is your chance to update your record for our annual Guide Book & Directory (if you haven't already done so). Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are you preparing to move soon? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? If you have not already informed the Parish Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Call 630-393-2400 or parishoffice@st-irene.org.



See how the renovations are going on the St. Irene Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch/>

Be a part of this new chapter!



Mondays, 6 - 7 PM
 April 6, 20, 27, May 4

WEE WORSHIP



STORIES



CRAFTS



GAMES



MUSIC

use the form available on hymnal rack in church

- for children ages 3-6 & parents
- led by St. Irene music ministry



ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH



35th ANNUAL

April 11, 2026!!!

To make this event a success, the 2026 Chili Cook-off committee needs your help. For starters, we need contestants! Got a great recipe? We are looking for contestants to come up with a theme for their booths, make the chili, and dish it out. Contestants will get two free entrance tickets, 2 coveted 35th Annual Chili Cook-off T-shirts and two drink tickets. In addition, this year, contestants will get \$150 the night of the event to off-set the cost of the ingredients and decorations.

Our second request is for donations of alcohol, wine or beer for our fun-loving Liquor Loop. Clean out your liquor cabinet and bring them to the kitchen in the lower level of the activity center before or after any mass or drop them off at the parish center.

Soon, we will be looking for volunteers to work the event. We are only asking for 1 hour of your time to help out. Look for volunteer sign-ups in the upcoming weeks.

Entrance tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets can be bought at the door or on-line (scan the QR Code to buy tickets). 50/50 raffle tickets can also be bought before and after Masses in the ACL. Last year's winner took home over \$1,300.

For more information, please contact Jeff Schmitz at lcschmitz1@comcast.net.

In celebration of the church's renovation and God's goodness, the St. Irene Music Ministry presents

The Musical
 Glorious Mysteries

for children and adults

Sunday,
 April 26
 6:30 - 7:30 PM





Questions:

- + Have you ever felt sad?
- + What kind of things make us sad?
- + How can you tell when someone is sad?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's story, we hear that Jesus was sad.
- Jesus was sad because his friend, Lazarus, had died.
- Lazarus was a close friend of Jesus. The story says Lazarus was a friend that Jesus loved.
- After Lazarus died, Jesus joined Lazarus' family to grieve and everyone was upset.
- The story tells us that that's when Jesus wept.
- But then, after Jesus cried, he prayed.
- And, after he prayed, with God's help, Jesus brings Lazarus back to life.

Our Mission:

- Today's story reminds us that sad things happen in life - to everyone.
- And when those sad things happen, it's ok to feel sad about them and to cry about them.
- So when we are sad, let's remember to do like Jesus did.
- When we're sad, let's ask God to join us in our sadness.
- Because when we invite God to join us in our sadness, then God can help us see and know how to receive and then share God's love and healing with those around us...
- ...which often brings new life for us and those around us, just like we saw Jesus do in today's story.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of March 2 – March 8 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 8,944.80	\$ 2,785.00

Stewardship of Treasure Week of March 9 – March 15 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 6,598.84	\$ 400.00

Catholic Relief Services Collection \$1,341.05



If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! You can give online at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish.

Lenten Confessions for the West DuPage Deanery

All 15 Parishes of the West DuPage Deanery are sharing in TWO special days of Confessions with multiple priests

ALL DAY from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

on Friday, March 20, 2026 at Divine Mercy Parish, Lombard

and also

on Friday, March 27, 2026 at St. Mark Parish, Wheaton

Our Deanery priests will be assisting in this Holy Time of grace. We invite you all to take advantage of this opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession.

"When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul."

(Our Lord to St. Faustina)



Companions Journeying Together - Mother's Day Collection

A heartfelt thank you for the generous donations of stationery and notecards for the Mother's Day project. When prisoners write to those who have been supportive, relationships are strengthened, and transition back into society is greatly enhanced.



St. Irene Transitional Housing Bridge Committee

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

St. Irene's Bridge Committee is looking for dedicated individuals to join us in our mission to ending homelessness one family at a time. Our Faith community here at St. Irene helps support three families that were once homeless and are now transitioning to independent living. We are looking for people who would like to assist us in our journey with our families. There are many different ways to get involved. Please join us for our next meeting on **Monday, April 13 at 6:45pm in the ACL** to learn more about exciting opportunities to join our Bridge Committee. Please consider joining our team!

LENT ALMSGIVING FOR:



OUTREACH

Outreach Warrenville is a multi-purpose community service agency, serving residents of the greater Warrenville area since 1984.

With a goal of providing residents the opportunity to become all that God intends them to be, the Outreach Warrenville staff are professionally trained to minister to each person's physical, social, and spiritual needs. Services are available without preference to all people and, where fees apply, based on one's ability to pay.

Acrylic change boxes available in the back of church.

Lenten Regulations:

- ❖ Anyone 14 years old or over, abstain from meat all Fridays of Lent.
- ❖ Anyone 18 years old and under 60, fast on Good Friday:
 - Only one full meatless meal
 - Two other meatless meals should not equal a full meal
 - Eating between meals is not permitted
- ❖ To disregard the law of fasting is sinful.
- ❖ Follow a program of self-denial, serious prayer, and works of charity and mercy.
- ❖ Anyone sick, pregnant, nursing or whose health would be affected by fasting is not bound by these regulations.



GIVE



FAST



PRAY

Upcoming Events

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March 23 | 7:00pm

The Pursuit of Wisdom Series: Come join us as we discuss “The Genius of J.R.R. Tolkien” meeting in School Room 202.

March 25 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

March 25 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

Handbell Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.

March 26 | 6:30pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Gathering: Join the women of the Parish for the monthly gathering. All are welcome!

March 27 | Fridays 1:00pm

Daytime Small Christian Communities: Join us to read and discuss the scriptures for the weekend.

March 27 | 6:00pm

Soup Supper: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Friday soup supper in the ACL.

March 27 | 7:00pm

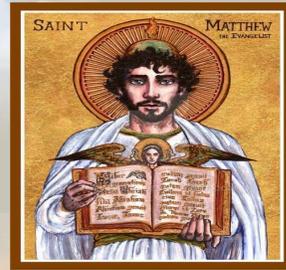
Stations of the Cross: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Way of the Cross according to Matthew.

March 28 | 1:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt: St. Irene Women of Faith will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Fr. Greg’s lawn.

March 29 | 11:45am

Palm Sunday Ecumenical Procession: St. Irene will be processing to the Warrenville Gazebo.



Friday, March 27
Soup Supper at 6:00PM in the ACL
and Knights of Columbus -
Way of the Cross according to
Matthew at 7:00pm



**Parish Easter
Egg Hunt
Saturday March 28th
at 1:00pm**

**The hunt will take place on Father Greg’s lawn.
Bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs!**

Our Easter egg hunt will offer a separate area for those with sensory sensitive or special needs where individuals will have an opportunity to enjoy the fun in a less hectic atmosphere. Please join us for this fun day!



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

March 24 – Family Choir (5PM in ACU)

March 31 – No RE – Spring Break

April 28 – Closing Mass/Cupcake Potluck

April 30 – First Communion Practice (6PM in Church)

May 2 – First Holy Communion (10AM in Church)

Lenten Season

- Starting on Ash Wednesday through Lent - Almsgiving for **OUTREACH**
- **March 27** - Soup Suppers at 6PM
- **March 27** - Stations at 7PM
- **March 28** - Easter Egg Hunt at 1:00PM on Fr. Greg’s lawn
- **March 28-29** - Palm Sunday Masses at 4:30PM on Saturday and 8AM and 10AM on Sunday
- **March 29** - Ecumenical Procession at 11:45AM
- **April 2** - Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7PM
- **April 2** - Adoration at 8PM - midnight
- **April 3** - Good Friday Confessions at 12PM
- **April 3** - Liturgy of Our Lord’s Passion at 3PM (No First Friday Holy Hour)
- **April 4** - Easter Basket Blessing at 12PM
- **April 4** - Easter Vigil at 8PM
- **April 5** - Easter Masses at 8AM and 10AM

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