

March
29
2026



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.' And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, 'Who is this?'" Mt 21:9-10

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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 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

Monday, March 30, 8:00AM

†Paul Navotney / Marty & Susan Kometz

Tuesday, March 31, 8:00AM

†Joyce Havemann / Friends

Wednesday, April 1, 12:00PM

†William Baker / Family

Thursday, April 2, 7:00PM

Priests of Joliet Diocese

Friday, April 3

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

Saturday, April 4, 8:00PM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, April 5, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, April 5, 10:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday: Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9

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

Fr. Gerald Riva

Bev Murphy

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Ken Intihar

Mary Kay Colgan

Gary Naberhaus

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.

Condolences to the Family of



Anita Benson

Entered eternal life

February 10, 2026

Condolences to the Family of



Joan Parrino

Entered eternal life

February 1, 2026



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



Feast of the Institution of the Most Holy Eucharist

The tradition of visiting seven churches on Holy Thursday is an ancient practice of pilgrimage to altars of repose, representing the seven final places Jesus visited from his arrest to his death.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Irene at 7:00pm

The following are the pilgrimage sites:

- St. Peter - Geneva*
 - St. Rita of Cascia - Aurora*
 - St. Joseph - Aurora*
 - Holy Cross - Batavia*
 - Holy Angels - Aurora*
 - Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Aurora*
- St. Irene for Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament at midnight in the Church Chapel.*

For more information contact Laurie Schmitz
lschmitz1@comcast.net



Join us for the Easter Triduum



Holy Thursday
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00pm
Eucharistic Procession to
Altar of Repose 8:00pm
Adoration
8:00pm-12:00am



Good Friday
Individual Confessions
12:00pm
Liturgy of the Lord's
Passion
3:00pm



Easter
Easter Vigil on Saturday
8:00pm
Easter Sunday
8:00am and 10:00am

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Parish Community

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".



ST. IRENE LUNCHBUNCH
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 amasaake1960@gmail.com/ text or call 630.456.0644

FREE WILL DONATIONS WELCOMED



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

WEE WORSHIP



use the form available on hymnal rack in church

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



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

Be a part of this new chapter!



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ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CHILI COOK-OFF
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

Interactive art, handbells, choir, piano, flute, cello, meditation



Questions:

- + Have you ever gone to parade?
- + Did you understand everything that was going on?
- + Did you know all of the people in the parade?

Tie it to the Gospel

- So in today's scripture story, we hear that there are a lot of people around Jesus who are having a party, a celebration – a PARADE for him!
- But then we hear in the story that most of the people don't even know who Jesus is.
- Some of the people think Jesus is going to be their king (that's what they mean when they call him a "son of David").
- Others think that he's a prophet.
- And still others don't know who he is and are confused about why there's a parade for him at all.
- The reason so many people think so many different things about Jesus is because most of them have only seen and heard about Jesus from a distance.
- But what they haven't done is get close to Jesus and really learn the words that he was speaking and sharing and living.

Our Mission:

- So today - Palm Sunday - is a day where we celebrate Jesus.
- But if you think about it, it's kind of hard to have a celebration for a person if you don't know that person.
- And for some of us, we might think, "It is ALSO kind of hard to celebrate someone who we can't see"
- Reading the bible and talking to others about these stories help us to see and know Jesus.
- Which then makes it a lot easier to for us to celebrate him on days like today.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
 Week of March 16 – March 22
 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 7,995.30	\$ 150.00



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.



Knights of Columbus Bread Tag, Key, and Soda Tab Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the “Danielle Cares for Chairs” charity.

Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling. Finally, we will be collecting pull tabs or pop tops from soda cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House. All items can be dropped off at the church vestibule box on the weekends of **April 11-12 and April 18-19 only**.

If you need further information, contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Thank you for your support!

Building hope and a future in the Holy Land

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION **Friday April 3 2026**

Help us continue to serve those who need help in the Holy Land

 **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!

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.

LENT ALMSGIVING FOR:



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.



Upcoming Events

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March 29 | 11:45am

Palm Sunday Ecumenical Procession: Process with us to the Warrenville Gazebo to gather with the churches of Warrenville.

March 31 | 6:00pm

Holy Thursday Practice: Run-through of Holy Thursday and feet washing.

April 1 | 6:00pm

Holy Saturday Practice: Run-through of Easter Vigil.

April 2 | 8:00pm – 12:00am

Altar of Repose: Process with us to the Altar of Repose in the church chapel after the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

April 3 | 12:00pm

Confessions: Fr. Larry Gorski will be available for individual confessions.

April 4 | 12:00pm

Easter Basket Blessing: Bring your Easter baskets for a blessing in church.

April 6 | 6:00pm

Little Flowers Girls Club: Girls 5 and up and their Moms join us to learn about our Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions meet in the Mobiles.

April 6 | 6:00pm

Wee Worship: For children ages 3-5 and parents. Join us for stories, games, crafts, & music in School.

April 6 | 6:00pm

Chili Cook-off Planning Meeting: Join us for finalizing items for April 11.

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.



The Last Supper is the final meal Jesus shared with His apostles in Jerusalem before his crucifixion.

**Join us for Mass of the Lord's Supper
Feast of the Institution of the
Most Holy Eucharist**

**Holy Thursday at 7:00pm
in the renovated church**

**Followed by Adoration in the church side
chapel until midnight.**

**Parish Offices will be closed for the Easter
Holiday from Thursday April 2 through
Monday April 6**



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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)

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