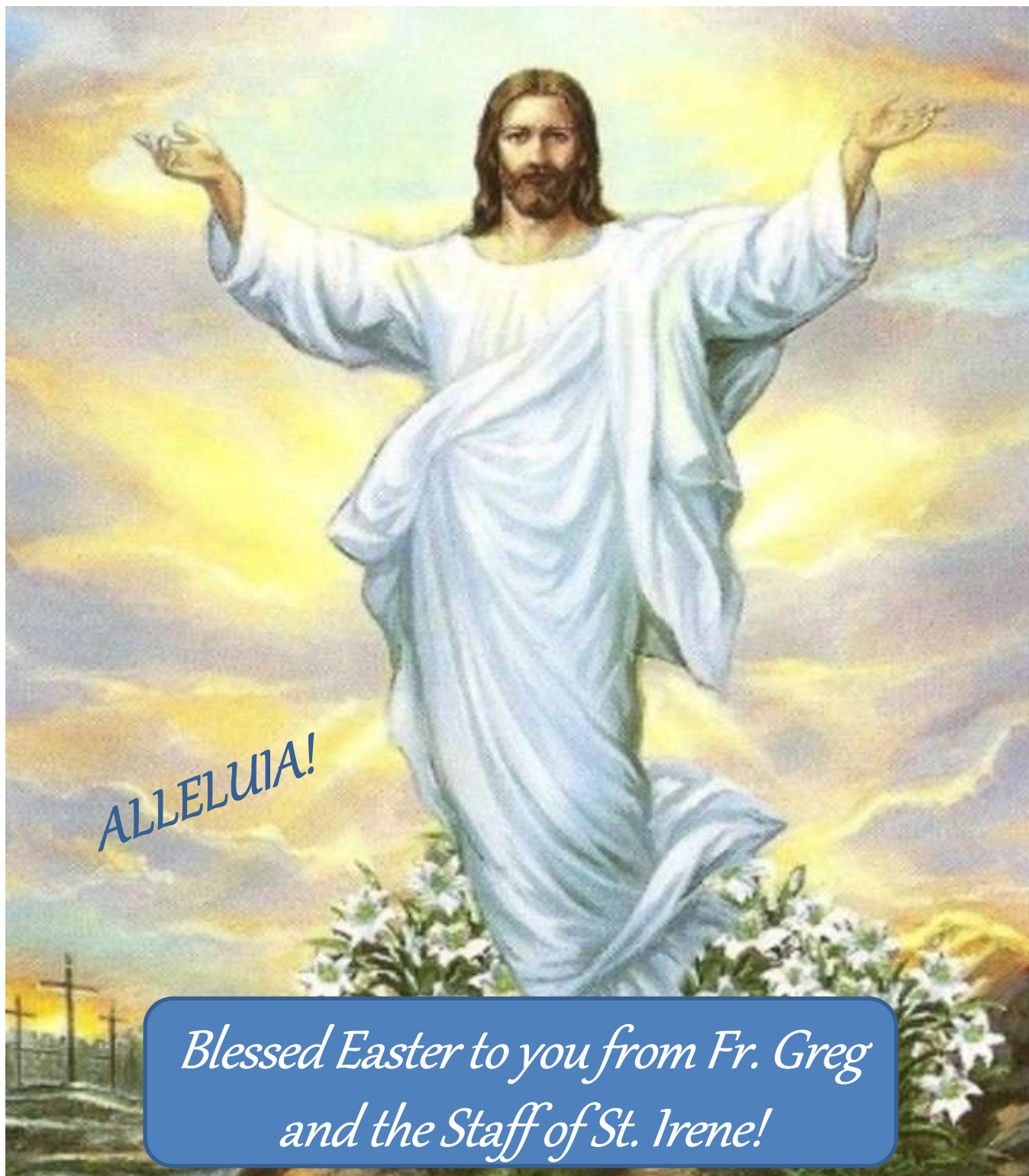


April
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2026



ALLELUIA!

*Blessed Easter to you from Fr. Greg
and the Staff of St. Irene!*

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 6, 8:00AM
†Patricia Poss / Cathy Kott

Tuesday, April 7, 8:00AM
†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, April 8, 12:00PM
†Doreen Goldman / Marge Steinhoff

Thursday, April 9, 7:00AM
†Terri Brown / Marty & Susan Kometz

Friday, April 10, 7:00AM
†Charlotte Prieso / Marty & Susan Kometz

Saturday, April 11, 4:30PM
†Hampo Ghazarossian / Young Family
†Ann Palys Saenz / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, April 12, 8:00AM
St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, April 12, 10:00AM
†David Hoffmann / Merry Rothfuchs
†Ann Nejman / Jeannette Clark

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/
Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and
22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/
Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/
Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/
Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24,
25-27a/Jn 21:1-1

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/
Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab,
16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps
118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/
1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Tom McNelis	Fr. Gerald Riva	Donna Bernstein
Kelsey Woods	Bev Murphy	Paula Peterson
Dennis Knell	Brad George	Jim McDermott
Joan Moran	Mary Hefertepe	Christopher Kennedy
Rachel Jarasius	Ken Intihar	Leonardo Przybylek
Hannah Kelley	Mary Kay Colgan	David Peterson
Don Clevenger Sr.	Gary Naberhaus	Theo Reed
Ron Dieter	Karen Udell	Fr. John Ouper
Doreene Camardo	William Hawkins	Carol Helms
Chris Boettcher	Veronica Munoz	Arlene Grossi
Jackie LaRocco	Sylvia Rivera	

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

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Apr 5

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



Tabernacle Flowers

Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor the tabernacle flower arrangement in someone's honor or memory. The donation is \$30 and the arrangement is displayed for a week starting on Saturday. A card with the intention is displayed with the flowers and published in the bulletin and flocknotes. Please call the Parish Office if interested.



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 lschmitz1@comcast.net.



2026 St. Irene Knights of Columbus Memorial Educational Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that up to two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit students attending a Catholic High School or College. Eligible students must be affiliated with the St. Irene Parish community as a registered parishioner, member of a registered family, or son, daughter, grandchild of a registered family. Students who had attended St. Irene Grade School in the past are also eligible. Prior winners of this scholarship are not eligible.

We congratulate those who choose to attend a Catholic high school or college. Students must be enrolled and plan to attend in the Fall, 2026. The \$1000 award is to be used to help defray tuition costs. The scholarship is competitive and is awarded based on the student's service to the Church, School, and Community. Priority will be given to students who will be attending high school in their first year.

The scholarship applications are available online: <https://st-irenekofc.org>. Upon request by email, I will send the corresponding application to you. Completed applications must be completed and sent by email by **Monday, May 18, 2026 to jrhalama@comcast.net**.

Winners will be notified on May 25. Winners and families will be invited to attend a Mass at St. Irene's at a later date convenient for the recipients to be formally recognized and issued their award. If you have any questions, contact Jim Halama at 630-433-6240 or jrhalama@comcast.net.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic men's organization dedicated to Family, Church and Community. Our Council is proud to provide manpower and grants to assist St. Irene's students and faculty in any way we can. We recognize the importance of a Catholic education. This year the scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased Brother Knights Sam Vitale and Harold Bollweg.



Application Page
QR Code



NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Call the Parish Office or register on-line on our website.

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.

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 annasaake1960@gmail.com/ text or call 630.456.0644

FREE WILL DONATIONS WELCOMED



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

- April 28 – Closing Mass/Cupcake Potluck
- April 30 – First Communion Practice (6PM in Church)
- May 2 – First Holy Communion (10AM in Church)
- May 3 – May Crowning (10AM Mass)



WEE WORSHIP

use the form
available on hymnal
rack in church



STORIES



CRAFTS



GAMES



MUSIC

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

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

St. Irene Parish-Wide BOWLING EVENT

SUNDAY
APR 26
3-5 PM

FREE LANES
FREE SHOES

FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE

LUCKY STRIKE

1515 Aurora Ave, Naperville

Join the Women of Faith, Knights of Columbus and members of St. Irene Parish for an afternoon of fun! Food and beverage available for purchase.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thanks to Damian from Lucky Strike Naperville for donating the lanes and shoes for the event. All are welcome - even non-bowlers if they want to stop by, buy a snack, and socialize with others.

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:

- + **What makes today so special?**
- + **What does it mean that Jesus rose from the dead?**
- + **What does Jesus' resurrection mean to us?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- Try to imagine that you were there at the tomb.
- How would you have felt to see the tomb empty?
- Do you think that Jesus' apostles and followers reacted the way that you would expect?
- This was a day that was prophesized about for a very long time, so we wonder why everyone was so surprised.
- We are blessed because Jesus sacrificed himself so that we can have eternal life in heaven.
- He showed everyone that he is God!!!!

Our Mission:

- We are called to worship God because of the great sacrifice that he made for us!
- We feel happy on these special feast days because we know God is always with us.
- How do you plan on letting God know that you love him and want to be with him always?



Easter Sunday Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies April 2026



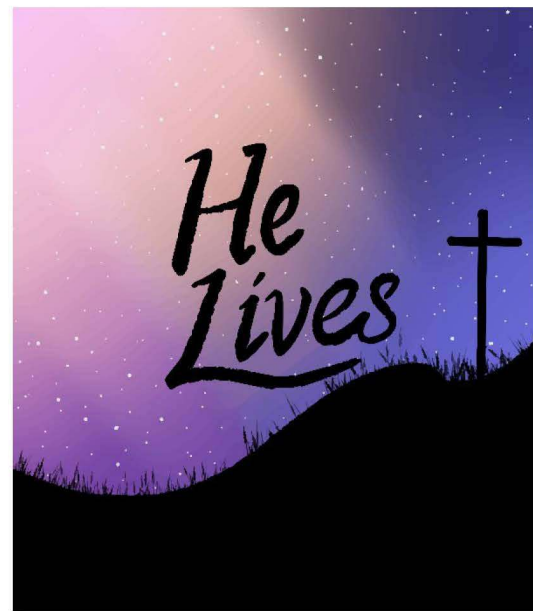
Happy Easter everyone! This is the greatest of all the celebrations. Everything we celebrate all year culminates Easter Sunday. Have you ever considered that the whole point of Christmas is that Easter Sunday needs to happen?

Sometimes we forget in our life that Easter Sunday is real. We think a lot about the passion that Jesus had to go through on Good Friday and how we participate in it. When life is difficult and we're struggling, we sometimes forget about Easter Sunday during the year. It's important for us to remember that any time we're going through something and we're struggling, and then somehow we get through it, and it's extraordinary afterwards—that's Easter Sunday in your life.

Our Lord Jesus participated in Easter Sunday to let us know that he has power over life and death. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it away—the same with rising from the dead. He chose to rise from the dead. Why would he do that? To let us know that we're next. We get to participate in this resurrection when we follow Him throughout our whole life. And the whole point of the resurrection is the proclamation of eternal life, that we will rise from the dead when we die. Thanks be to God that He saw fit to give us such an example.

This witness is apparent as we enter into this Easter season when we see the apostles boldly testifying to the resurrection from the dead—most of them with their lives. They were martyred on account of their testimony, so it's not just an expression. Jesus actually rose from the dead, and they gave their lives to testify to it.

So, this year, remember that celebrating Easter is about celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead, and the hope that he gives us. Rather than filling up on chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs because you gave up chocolate for Lent, celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in your life, rising out of the many challenges you face to give you hope in this life and in the life to come. Thanks be to God.



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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



Did you know you can make your donations automatically?
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or by contacting Fred Schlick at
630-393-2400 x114



businessmanager@st-irene.org
or by clicking on the QR Code.

Thank you for supporting
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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.

WALK TO MARY

United in Step from Shrine to Shrine

Save the Dates!
Registration Now Open!

The 122th Anniversary Walk to Mary pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday, May 2**, near Green Bay, WI. The pilgrimage hike starts at several locations in the area to accommodate walkers of various abilities and ends at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, WI. At the walk on Saturday, Confession will be offered as well as numerous Masses at participating churches along the route. On **Sunday, May 3**, the Shrine will host a May Crowning of Mary ceremony. Information and registration can be found at <https://walktomary.com/>.



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!

Invite Our Lady of Fatima Into Your Home

Pray the Rosary every day, for conversion of sinners, for peace in the world, and for your personal intentions. Even if you've hosted our Lady in the past, you may welcome her again.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. For more information contact the Parish Office.



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!



March for Kids Fundraiser Summary



We wish to thank all those that participated in the 2026 Mercy Home for Boys and Girls' "March for Kids" Fundraiser. As a result of your generosity and that of the St. Irene Knights of Columbus, a total of **\$535** was collected to support the children of Mercy Home. Again, a sincere thank you for your help.

Upcoming Events

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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.

April 8 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

April 9 | 11:30am

Senior Lunch Bunch Luncheon: Join us for lunch and a presentation on Old Warrenville – Pre-WWI.

April 9 | 6:00pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights monthly meeting in the ACL.

April 11-12 | All Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses: Do you have a birthday or anniversary in April? Join us to receive a blessing at Mass. No Hospitality this weekend. Join us for the Chili Cook-Off on April 11!

NOTES: Parish Offices will be closed for the Easter Holiday Monday April 6. There will be no hospitality on the weekend of April 11-12.

Weekday Masses:

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

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil – 4:30pm
Sunday – 8:00am
Sunday – 10:00am

Confessions: Every Saturday at 3:30pm

Church Open for Prayer:

Monday – Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm; Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

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630-393-2400



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Regular Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday 8:30am-3:00pm



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