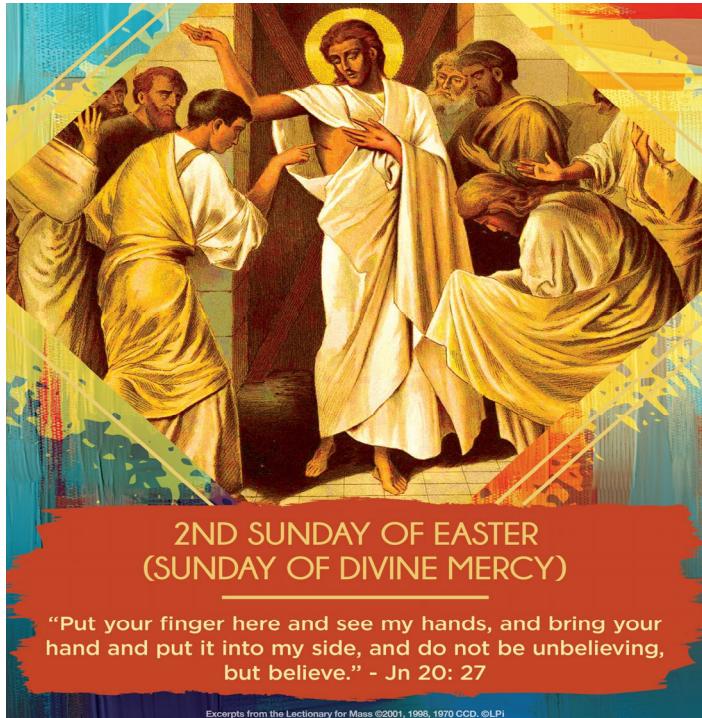


April
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St. Irene Catholic Parish



Welcome!

Join us for Mass!

Weekday Mass

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

Weekend Mass

Saturday | Vigil 5:00pm
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am

Confessions

After any Mass, by Appointment, or on the
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Mon. & Wed. 8:30am-4:00pm, Tue. & Thu.
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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 6, 8PM

†Karen Schrimpl / Bev Scott
†Anne T. Staub / Carl & Alexandra

Sunday, April 7, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Shirley Donnellan / Mary Donnellan

Sunday, April 7, 10AM

†Shirley Cosgrove / Annette Kubalanza
†Ro Heller / Alice Tinnes

Tuesday, April 9, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, April 10, 12PM

†Connie Mazur / Duquette Family

Thursday, April 11, 7AM

†Virginia Kompare-Kubal / Kubal Family

Friday, April 12, 7AM

†Catherine Jurkowski / Kristen Kocan

Saturday, April 13, 5PM

†Bob Farmer / Farmer Family

Sunday, April 14, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Dee Dieter / Joanne Mlsna

Sunday, April 14, 10AM

†Karen Schrimpl / Jim Finn
†Vaclavas Lescimskas / Loretta's Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

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

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/
Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/
Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/
Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15,
17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Patti (Conley) Kras
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Augie Juricic, III
Ken Di Julio
Marco Inserro
Jennifer Wingelnik
Liam Kracky
Joyce Havemann
Bill Hughes

Jean Roe
Gina LaRocco Goddard
Terri Juricic
Rachel Jarasius
Diane Kroll
Bob Mudge
Robert Parker
Sam Vitale

Dcn. Bob True
Augie Juricic, Jr.
Katie Kennedy
Chuck Detwiler
Rosemary Maher
Rebecca Aranda
Bernie Niewoehner
Alan Jarasius

***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 7

Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Thursday: St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday: St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Easter





Written in the Wounds

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

For all the condemnation Thomas the Doubter has received in 2000 years of homilies, I think there's something to admire in him.

Thomas is not unique. We all waver at some point, overcome by hesitation, distracted by the clamor of the world which seeks at every turn to shout above the whisper of the divine.

Thomas knows what he saw on Good Friday: his friend nailed to a cross, a sword driven through his body. He saw the blood and the water. He saw these things with his own eyes, eyes given to him by God, eyes which have never failed him before. And God doesn't ask us to suspend reality to believe in Him. He only asks us to be discerning about how that reality is interpreted in our hearts.

Thomas knows the man before him is either a fraud, preying on the hopes and anxieties of the traumatized disciples, or he is the Christ, the Savior of the world, accomplisher of impossible things. But where to look, to tell the difference?

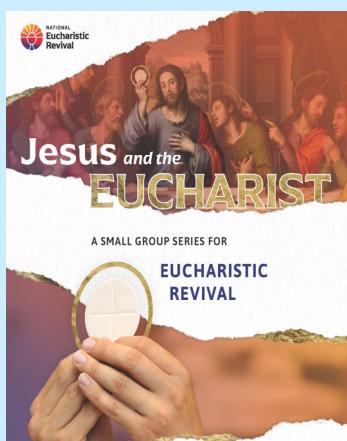
Satan once appeared to the great mystic saint, Teresa of Avila, disguised as Jesus. She knew instantly that he was a fraud. Enraged, he demanded to know where his deception had failed. "You have no wounds," she told him simply.

Could we have accepted a savior who did not bleed? I don't think we could, because sooner or later, we would all stand before him and say, "Here is where the world hurt me. Here, and here, and here. What about you?" Christ can point to his hands, his feet, his side. "Here, and here, and here," he can say. "And I overcame them all."

It's the wounds, you see. The truth is in the wounds.

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" — John 20:28

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Jesus and the Eucharist - Small Group Series

This seven-session series will immerse participants in the kerygmatic proclamation (Sessions 1–4) and unveil God's saving work in the Eucharist (Sessions 5–7). Each session opens with an exhortation from a different bishop, followed by lectio divina prayer with scripture. The main lesson is drawn from content created by the Augustine Institute and will include personal testimonies from Catholics across the country. We will then transition into small group discussions. Each session will be 2 hours or less:

- Session 1: What's Our Story?
- Session 2: Who Is Jesus?
- Session 3: Am I Saved?
- Session 4: Why a Church?
- Session 5: God Is With
- Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist
- Session 7: Bread for the Journey

Mondays 1:00PM	Wednesdays 7:00PM
April 8	April 3
April 15	April 10
April 22	April 17
April 29	April 24
May 6	May 1
May 13	May 8
May 20	May 15

See the website for more information and to register.

Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2024

FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES



CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.”

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Recently, my “movie whisperer” colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, “Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!”

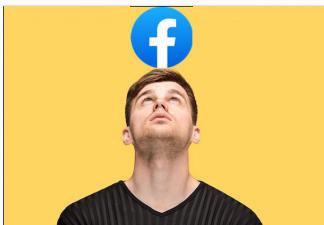
When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.

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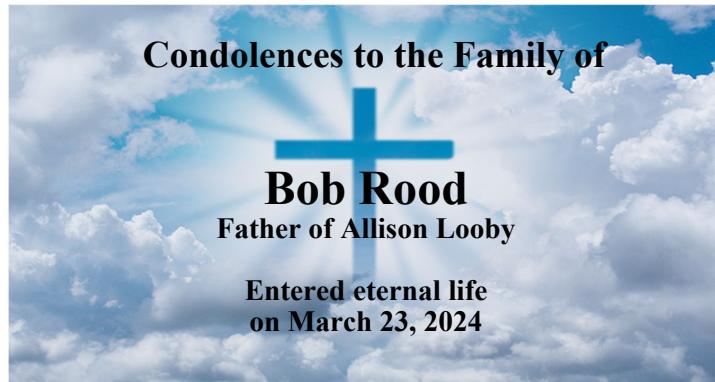
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Baptized March 17, 2024



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April 15, 22, 29, May 6

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BAPTISMS: Call Craig Mazur on x122.

MARRIAGES: Call the Parish Office to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

RECONCILIATION: After any Mass, on the Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm, or by Appointment.

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.



Congratulations to Austin Daniel D'Amore who was fully received into the Catholic Church at last weekend's Easter Vigil!

Do you, or someone you know, desire to find out more about Christian Initiation as an adult? The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults or OCIA, (formerly called "RCIA") is the process through which one becomes a full member of the Roman Catholic Church. Full membership in the Catholic Church involves a whole formation process, which includes the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Most Holy Eucharist. While coming to know Jesus and His invitation to become a disciple, the OCIA process involves the journey of faith and conversion. A person is introduced to the beliefs, life, liturgy, and apostolic work of the Catholic Church.

Contact Craig Mazur for more information at 630-393-2400 x122 or craig@st-irene.org



Men's 143rd Weekend: May 2-5, 2024

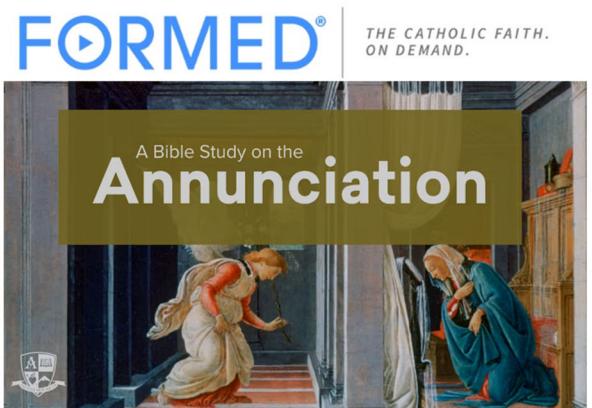
Contact Laurie Schmitz for information
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**Classes for 1st–8th
grades meet on Tuesdays
from 5:30–7:00 PM
beginning in September
*Early Registration Tuition
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**High School Formation is also available
Register online at www.st-irene.org**

Contact Craig Mazur for more information at craig@st-irene.org



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and Ignatius Press

Faith Formation

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Catholic Kids Column

WHO ARE THE THOMAS' AMONG US?

In today's Gospel, the disciples were hiding in fear of being caught and persecuted by the Jews after the death of Jesus. After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to them, showed them the wounds in His hands and side, and blessed them with the Holy Spirit so that they will go forth to spread the Word of God. Jesus specifically said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained," to emphasize that as servants of God, the apostles will have the power to forgive sins. However, Thomas, one of the twelve apostles was not there when Jesus had come and did not believe the other disciples when they told him they had seen the risen Lord. So Jesus appeared to Thomas, who doubted His power, and showed Thomas His wounds so that he would believe. Thomas only believed because he had seen physical proof. Jesus wanted to teach us that those who are able to believe in God's power without seeing are truly blessed and will be rewarded in the Kingdom of Heaven.



As humans, our natural tendency is to seek hard evidence to believe in Jesus when we can't see Him with our own eyes. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, if we believe in Him even though we don't see. As the Body of Christ, our challenge is to open our eyes to see the presence of the risen Lord Jesus in our lives and in others and to live our lives so that others see Jesus' presence in us.

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June 24-26, 2024

Theme and details
coming soon!

Save the Date!

A Bible Study on the Annunciation

This year the Solemnity of the Annunciation was transferred from its normal date of March 25th to April 8 due to Holy Week.

Dr. Ben Akers, associate professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School, leads us through a brief reflection on the scene of the Annunciation in Luke 1:26-38. He engages the scripture verses line by line highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by the angel Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's "yes" to the Lord in our own life, especially in times of suffering.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of March 25 - March 31 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 13,569.00	\$ 89.00



Thank you for your support. We collected **\$1,442** for the Holy Land.

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2024 FMSC Feed the Need Food Packing Event Summary

Thanks to all those who participated in the 2024 Feed My Starving Children "Feed the Need" food packing event held at Benedictine University this year on the weekend of March 2-3. Overall, a total of **2,954 volunteers** assisted in packing **3,708 boxes of food** totaling **800,926 individual meals**. That effort helped provide food for a year for **2,190 impoverished children**. We are anticipating participation in the event again next year and hope that you may be able to join us in 2025. Again, many thanks.



Our beloved Santa Bill Hughes needs your prayers!

As some of you may know Bill sustained a "hemorrhagic cerebral vascular" injury while vacationing in New Zealand. We do not know the neurological ramification nor the financial consequences of this happening outside the U.S.

In an effort to help alleviate some of the financial distress, a good friend of the family has setup a GoFundMe page.

Let's show the Hughes family that we love them just as much as Bill has loved everyone at St. Irene!

#PrayforSanta #santastrong
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2024 Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive



Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church. Eyeglasses will be forwarded to the Lions Club International local chapter for renovation and reuse by those in need. The collection box will be available the **weekends of April 20-21 and 27-28** for drop off.

Email Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com if you have questions. Thank you for your support.



2024 Mercy Home Fund Drive

With a donation of \$100 from our own St. Irene Knights of Columbus Council, a total of **\$507.58** was raised for Mercy Home for Boys and Girls in Chicago during the 2024 "March for Kids" fund drive over the recent St. Patrick's Day weekend.

Since 1887, Mercy Home has operated a place free from fear and provides shelter, food, and clothing for young people facing adversity as well as televise Mass at 9:30 am every Sunday for shut-ins on WGN-TV. A special thanks goes out to all of you that donated to this most worthy cause.

Upcoming Events

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April 7 | 3:00pm

Divine Mercy Service: Join us for Sunday prayer service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

April 8 | 12:00pm

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord: Join us for Mass to celebrate the Annunciation.

April 8 | Mondays 1:00pm

Jesus and Eucharist: Join us for the afternoon session of the small group study series.

April 13-14 | All Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:

Do you have a birthday or anniversary in April? Contact the Parish Office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality!

April 15 | Mondays at 6:00-7:00pm

Wee Worship: Stories, Crafts, Music, Games for children ages 2-5 and parents.

April 21 | 10:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Join us for Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00am Mass.

April 27 | 6:30pm

BUNCO: St. Irene Women of Faith will be hosting a night of Bunco in the ACL.

April 28 | 11:00am

May Crowning: Join us as the Woman of the Year crowns the Statue of Mary.

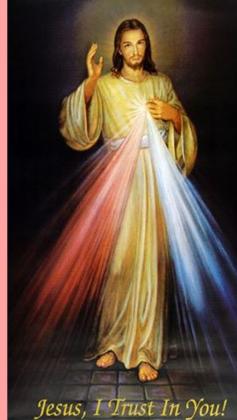
April 28 | SAVE THE DATE

Woman of the Year Luncheon: Celebrate our 2024 Woman of the Year with a luncheon hosted by the St. Irene Women of Faith.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Prayer Service with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, April 7 at 3:00PM.



The Gospel of the Second Sunday of Easter (Jn 20, 19-31) narrates the wonderful things Christ the Lord accomplished on the day of the Resurrection during his first public appearance.

To ensure that the faithful would observe this day with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff established that this Sunday be enriched by a **plenary indulgence** so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

I. The usual conditions for every plenary indulgence:

- sacramental confession [within about 20 days before or after. *Reconciliation will be offered at St. Irene during prayer service*]
- Eucharistic communion [preferably on the day, or the days before or after]
- prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff

II. The specific conditions for this Indulgence

On Divine Mercy Sunday

- in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy



Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

The Annunciation celebrates the coming of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary and announcing to her that she is to be the mother of the Savior.

**Join us for Mass on
Monday, April 8, 12:00pm**

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