

April
14
2024

St. Irene Catholic Parish



May God Bless our 2024 Confirmation Candidates

Pedro "St. Paul" Arguello
Cristel "St. Catherine of Siena" Camacho
Ryan "St. Thomas the Apostle" Coop
Ingrid "St. Catherine of Siena" Correa
Charlie "St. Andrew" Gilligan
Tanner "St. Christopher" Gilligan
Declan "St. Sebastian" Griffin
Hailey "St. Olivia" Guida
Jake "St. Andrew the Apostle" Hagene
Brissa "St. Mary" Huerta
Melanie "St. Catherine of Alexandria" Huerta
Natalie "St. Catherine of Siena" Huerta
Matthew "St. Isaiah" Marotto
Samantha "St. Rose of Lima" Marwedel
Julius "St. Ignatius" Nevins
Daniel "St. Sebastian" Nunez
Alan "St. Michael the Archangel" Perez
Wendy "St. Perpetua" Reyes
David "St. Michael" Ruiz
Alana "St. Barbara" Schille
Madison "St. Mary" Semp

*Please remember these young men
and women in your prayers. They are
being Confirmed on April 14 at 2 PM
at St. Daniel the Prophet in Wheaton.*

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
Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm

Church Open for Visiting

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

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 13, 8PM

†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

Tuesday, April 16, 7AM

†Joseph Slater / 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, April 17, 12PM

†Jeanette Kubal / Family

Thursday, April 18, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, April 19, 7AM

7AM Mass Group

Saturday, April 20, 5PM

†Jeffrey Doe / Leslie

†Beatrice Stoga / Judi Lovelace

Sunday, April 21, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family

†Josephine Mary Carter/Aunt Nancy Sugrue

Sunday, April 21, 10AM

†Bob Johaneck / Fran Crossley

†Tom Conley / Irma Conley

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = *Deceased*

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Patti (Conley) Kras

Mary Ann True

Augie Juricic, III

Ken Di Iulio

Marco Inserro

Bob Mudge

Robert Parker

Sam Vitale

Jim Lytle

Jean Roe

Gina LaRocco Goddard

Terri Juricic

Rachel Jarasius

Rosemary Maher

Rebecca Aranda

Bernie Niewoehner

Alan Jarasius

Dcn. Bob True

Augie Juricic, Jr.

Katie Kennedy

Chuck Detwiler

Jennifer Wingelnik

Liam Kracky

Joyce Havemann

Bill Hughes

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/

Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/

Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/

Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and

8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/

Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/

Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/

Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/

Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/

Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/

Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/

Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/

Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,

29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

***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 14

Monday: Tax Day

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations

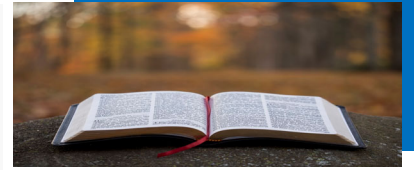
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The Twist Ending

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorma

Any reader of psychological thrillers will come across the “dead main character trope” fairly often. This is the famous Sixth Sense twist ending (I would say “spoiler alert,” but the movie is older than most of the people who work in Youth Ministry at your archdiocese, so you’ve probably seen it by now) where the reader finds that the main character has been dead for all or most of the story.

I’m always a little disappointed when this happens. It delivers shock value, sure, but it also undermines everything that happens in the story. You’ve come on a journey with this character, only to find out that nothing you saw transpire was real in the way you thought it was. You feel a little stupid, because the whole time you only had part of the truth.

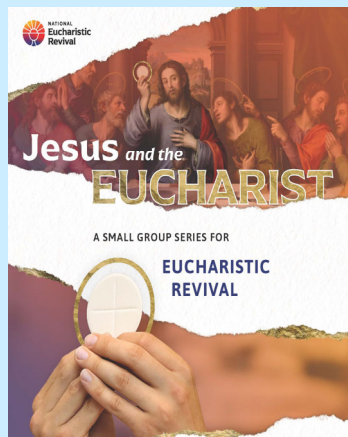
I suspect Jesus knows this about us. He knows we don’t like to have the rug pulled out. It’s why he is so up-front about his humanity following the resurrection. See how Jesus, resurrected, shows the disciples his feet, his hands. See how he asks them for food and lets them watch him eat it. See how this creates in them an understanding, a belief.

The humanity of Jesus Christ is absolutely crucial. It’s what bridges the divide between the sons of Eve and the God she defied. Our reconciliation with God cannot happen unless human flesh pays the price that will balance the scales. Human flesh: skin that can tear and bleed, bones that can break, a mouth that can thirst, a stomach that can ache with hunger.

The passion and death of Jesus Christ is not a thriller with a twist ending: he was a ghost the whole time! The twist, if anything, is this: he was human the whole time.

“Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:39

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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

- April 8
- April 15
- April 22
- April 29
- May 6
- May 13
- May 20

Wednesdays 7:00PM

- April 3
- *April 17
- *May 1
- *May 15
- *May 29
- *June 5
- *June 19

* New Date

See the website for more information and to register.

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Parish Community



WOMAN OF THE YEAR LUNCHEON APRIL 28 after 10:00am mass in the ACL

We cannot do it without your help!!
Please consider bringing a dish to share
(hot vegetable casserole, salads of any type, cheese
tray, baked beans, bread rolls, ice, water, tea,
lemonade, relish tray) or help setup
or serve or cleanup on Sunday.

Contact either Shannon Ryson at
swryson@gmail.com or
Bonnie Di Iulio at bonnied.18@yahoo.com



2024 WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Sue Wolfe

She grew up in a family where faith and family were really important. She attended St. Mary College. On a student tour of Europe, she met the love of her life and future husband Phillip. They started attending St. Irene in 1995, and joined a Small Christian Community in 1999. In 2014, St. Irene became partners with Bridge Communities. Ever since, Sue has been committed in that ministry as Treasurer and a mentor for two families. With the support of the parish and community, we are now welcoming families #12 and #13 in April. Sue considers giving of time, talent, and resources as living the love of Christ. Whatsoever you do for the least of my brothers, that you do unto me.

St. Irene Information:

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Phone - 630-393-2400

email - parishoffice@st-irene.org

Website - www.st-irene.org

Online Giving - <https://st-irene.churchgiving.com>

Facebook - www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch

YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

Regular Office Hours - M-Th 8:30am-4:00pm;
Friday 8:30am-3:00pm

NEW PARISHIONERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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

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.



“We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!”
-St. Augustine of Hippo Regius

Encounter Night with a Holy Hour for Eastertide

Come to a special evening of **Eucharistic Adoration**. During Eastertide, the liturgy relives the luminous appearances of its Risen Lord as they are presented to us in the four Gospels. They are not only “the many convincing proofs” (Acts of the Apostles 1:3) of his glorious resurrection from the dead, but also our inspiration and encouragement to a full Christian life.

Thursday, April 18,
6 PM—8 PM

- ◆ 6 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour for Eastertide
- ◆ 7 PM The Holy Rosary



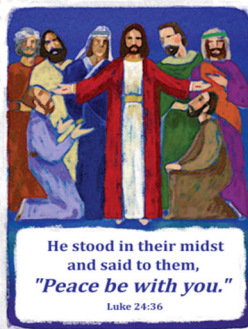
Flames of Faith

You may have a votive candle placed on the altar with the Blessed Sacrament during our Encounter Night of Adoration, and request a specific intention which will be labeled on the candle. To request an intention, return one of the envelopes found on the information table in the Narthex to the parish office or in the Sunday collection with your donation (suggested \$5).
Intentions will be published in the bulletin on April 21.

Catholic Kids Column

EXPERIENCING JESUS' PRESENCE

While the two disciples shared about their experience of how Jesus appeared and revealed Himself to them on the road to Emmaus with the other disciples, Jesus appeared and stood among them. His appearance was totally unexpected. They thought He was a ghost and were afraid. Jesus asked them why they doubt that He is Jesus in the flesh and when they realized who was really in front of them, they were overjoyed. Jesus asked for something to eat and the disciples gave Him a baked fish. He ate it in front of them to prove that He isn't ghost since a ghost doesn't eat. He then spoke to them about the scriptures and opened their minds to understand all that the scriptures said about Him. Jesus finished by telling the disciples that they are witnesses to all of it.



The disciples were witnesses of Christ, and instead of keeping what they witnessed to themselves, they decided to spread the good news. We, too, are witnesses of Christ, but how many of us share the good news like the disciples did. It is our duty, as witnesses of Christ, to spread the good news to everyone. For example, we can do the Sign of the Cross before we eat lunch at school or showing kindness and generosity to those who have less than we do. Think of all the other ways we can show that we're a witness of Christ to spread the good news to those around us in our daily lives.

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Classes for 1st—8th grades meet on Tuesdays from 5:30—7:00 PM beginning in September

Early Registration Tuition is in effect through May 31!

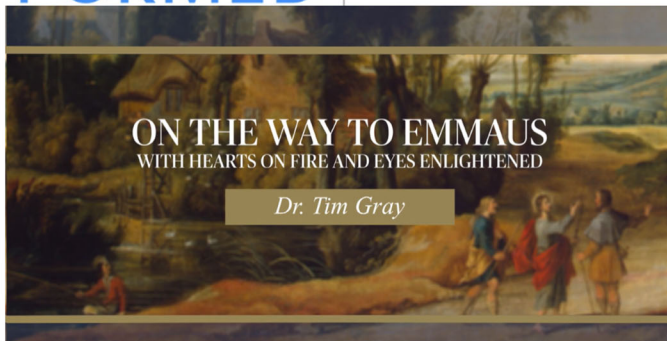
High School Formation is also available

Register online at www.st-irene.org

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



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ON THE WAY TO EMMAUS

WITH HEARTS ON FIRE AND EYES ENLIGHTENED

In this second episode of the Augustine Institute's Bible Conference: SOURCE AND SUMMIT, Dr. Tim Gray opens up the Scriptures, highlighting Jesus' Eucharistic teaching in the Gospel of Luke. Additional episodes include:

- The Bread of Life: Jesus and John 6 by Dr. Brant Pitre
- Love Broken and Poured Out: Living a Eucharistic Life by Dr. Mary Healy
- Panel Discussion: Questions & Answers

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of March 31 - April 7 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,648.00	\$ 1,137.00

Easter Collection—All Sundays

Contributions
\$15,383.00

Fun loving, friendly, faithful, volunteers are needed for **St Irene's Hospitality Ministry**

If you have a passion for people and are looking for a joyous group to join and serve God and our parish, then I have the answer for you, **HOSPITALITY!** Come meet and join our merry group of volunteers.

Contact Pam Moseley
Mobile: 630-293-4955
E-mail: pjm9923@yahoo.com



Catholic Home Missions Appeal April 27-28

Did you know that nearly 40% of U.S. dioceses need help with essential pastoral services?

For more information go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>



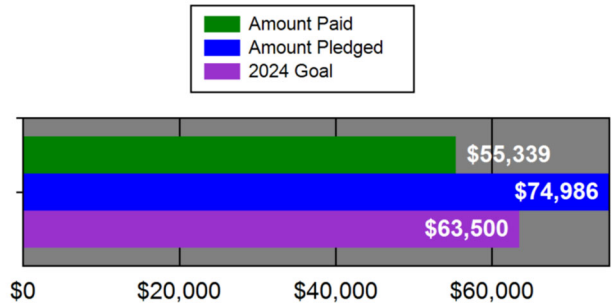
2024 Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive



Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church 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.

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Update Through April 7, 2024



Thank you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815-838-8515.



Johnson Family Children's Clothing Drive April 13-14

We are collecting children's clothing for the Johnson School. At the monthly dinners, the Johnson School family can choose clothes free of charge.

Please deposit clothing in the bin in the vestibule of church.

Also to sign-up to help at the next dinner on April 18 go to

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AEA623A4F49-48930371-april>



Our beloved Santa Bill Hughes needs your prayers!

As some of you may know Bill had a medical emergency while vacationing in New Zealand. A GoFundMe page has been setup to help the Hughes family. For more information and to donate - <https://www.gofundme.com/f/santa-bill-hughesprayforsanta?qid=46d67ff13bc5fa5bc42a763b98620452>
#PrayforSanta #santastrong

Upcoming Events

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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 15 | 6:00-7:30pm

Little Flowers Girls' Club: Learn about Catholic Heritage, faith and traditions.

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 | After 10:00am Mass

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

May 4 | 7:00am

Walk to Mary Pilgrimage: Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin only church-approved Marian Apparition site.

May 11 | 9:30am

Mother Cabrini Pilgrimage: Catholic Church Tours developed a tour to Cabrini sites in the Chicagoland. Carpooling will be available.



Hospitality this Weekend!!!

Join us for hospitality after weekend Masses!

Coffee and donuts on Sunday
and
Pizza on Saturday Evening



WEE WORSHIP



STORIES



CRAFTS



GAMES

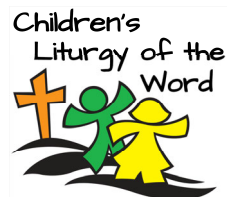


MUSIC

Mondays, 6 - 7 PM
April 15, 22, 29, May 6

register online or
use the form
available at the
Information Desk

- for children ages 2-5 & parents
- led by St. Irene music ministry



Children's
Liturgy of the
Word

Join us for
Liturgy of the Word
for Children

April 21,
10:00AM Mass

Interested in volunteering,
contact

Pamela Keating - pamela@st-irene.org



ST. IRENE WOMEN OF FAITH

BUNCO

Funds earned will support:

ST. IRENE'S BRIDGE COMMUNITY

No need to know how to play
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SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024

St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level)

28W441 Warrenville Road
Warrenville, IL 60555
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Admission Paid prior to event \$20.00

Admission at the Door \$25.00 (if seats are available)

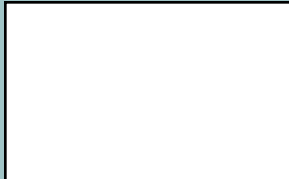
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