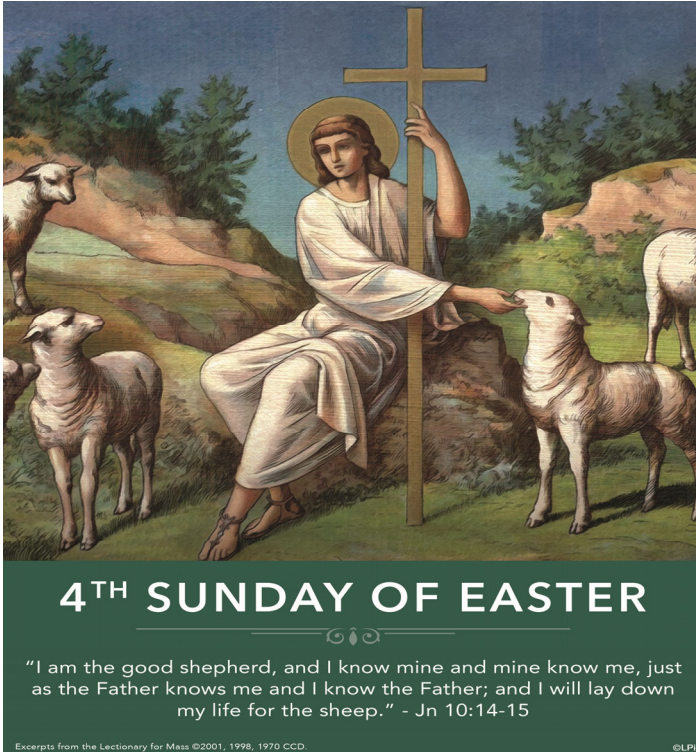


April  
21  
2024

# St. Irene Catholic Parish



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15



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**Regular Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm  
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## 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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# 2

## Prayer & Worship

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 20, 5PM**

†Jeffrey Doe / Leslie  
†Beatrice Stoga / Judi Lovelace

**Thursday, April 25, 7AM**

†William Baker / Family

**Sunday, April 21, 8AM**

St. Irene Parish Family  
†Josephine Mary Carter/Aunt Nancy Sugrue

**Friday, April 26, 7AM**

†John J. Trant, Jr. / 1st Anniversary

**Sunday, April 21, 10AM**

†Bob Johaneck / Fran Crossley  
†Tom Conley / Irma Conley

**Saturday, April 27, 5PM**

†David Seguin / Nancy & Frank Mores  
†Bob Mores / Nancy & Frank Mores

**Tuesday, April 23, 7AM**

†Stelle Tremback/Christine Pando

**Sunday, April 28, 8AM**

St. Irene Parish Family

**Wednesday, April 24, 12PM**

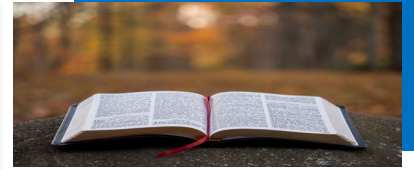
†Eugene Wydajewski/Mazur Family

**Sunday, April 28, 10AM**

†Craig Farmer/ Farmer Family  
†Marie Schmidt / Mom

*Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.*

† = *Deceased*



### WEEKLY READINGS

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/  
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/  
Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/  
Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24 -  
13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14/  
Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/  
Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/  
Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/  
Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/  
Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/  
Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32  
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/  
Jn 15:1-8

### 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  
Tyler O'Malley

Dcn. Bob True  
Augie Juricic, Jr.  
Katie Kennedy  
Chuck Detwiler  
Jennifer Wingelnik  
Liam Kracky  
Joyce Havemann  
Bill Hughes

*\*\*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 21

**Monday:** Earth Day

**Tuesday:** St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert,  
Bishop and Martyr

**Wednesday:** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and  
Martyr; Administrative Professionals' Day

**Thursday:** St. Mark, Evangelist

**Friday:** Arbor Day

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Easter







For those who have not heard, our own Fr Clive has been assigned as the new Pastor of St Mary Nativity Parish and school and the Mission of Holy Cross in Joliet effective July 1,2024.

St. Irene will be getting a new Pastor assigned.  
We will miss you Fr. Clive!





# 4

## Parish Community



### 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 3: Am I Saved?** — Monday, April 22, 1PM or Wednesday, May 1, 7PM

**Session 4: Why a Church?** — Monday, April 29, 1PM or Wednesday, May 15, 7PM

**Session 5: God Is With** — Monday, May 6, 1PM or Wednesday, May 29, 7PM

**Session 6: The Story of the Eucharist** — Monday, May 13, 1PM or Wednesday, June 5, 7PM

**Session 7: Bread for the Journey** — Monday, May 20, 1PM or Wednesday, June 19, 7PM

*See the website for more information and to register.*



### Crowning of Our Blessed Mother

There will be a crowning of our Blessed Mother statue after 10:00am Mass on **April 28.**

Children who received their First Sacraments are invited to attend wearing their Communion clothes!



### St. Irene’s Lunch Bunch

Thursday, May 2, 11:30am – 2pm in ACL

#### Deli Luncheon

**Speaker: Deacon Joe Urso**

**Topic: His Spiritual Journey**

Please join us for a good old fashion deli luncheon as we welcome Deacon Joe Urso as he shares his spiritual journey towards becoming a deacon.

If anyone is interested in bringing a dessert to share, please let me know.

Beverages/Coffee/Hot Tea Supplied

**RSVP by April 26th to Anna Saake**

[annasaake1960@gmail.com](mailto:annasaake1960@gmail.com) or text/phone 630.456.0644.

This is our last luncheon as we are off for the summer enjoying our families and friends. We will be back in September with our annual picnic.

Free Will Offering

### Condolences to the Family of

## Ann Mulcahy

Entered eternal life  
on April 14, 2024



### 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.

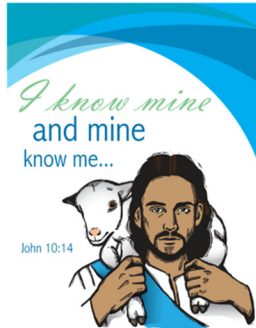
**RECONCILIATION:** After any Mass, on the Third Thursday of the Month at 6:30pm, or by Appointment.

**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.



## Catholic Kids Column THE GOOD SHEPHERD



Contrary to a popular belief, sheep are not simple-minded animals. Sheep will band in large numbers in an attempt to protect themselves as they graze in the field. When a predator comes near, they will try to move away from that source of danger. Using that same instinct, sheep will move towards another sheep or a friendly person - such as their shepherd - in a trusting manner that the friend would lead them to a new pasture to

feed. The sheep and the shepherd become familiar to one another so that even when two flocks mix together when grazing, a shepherd will call out to his flock and his flock will follow him. The sheep and shepherd relationship is so strong that even when danger presents itself, the shepherd will willingly defend his sheep.

In that same way, Jesus is the Good Shepherd, and we are His flock. When the danger of sin enters our lives, Jesus is the sacrifice that protects us from the evils of Satan. When Jesus calls, we should follow as He leads us. As the Good Shepherd, Jesus freely lays down His life for His flock.

*Dear Jesus, in those times when we stray far from You, let us be attentive to hear Your voice calling out to us. You call us by name and lead us back to You. Amen.*

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### INVITE OUR LADY OF FATIMA INTO YOUR HOME

*Welcome our Lady for a two week period. 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.*

**More information and sign up at [www.st-irene.org](http://www.st-irene.org)**



### Eucharistic Adoration Flames of Faith Intentions

**Flames of Faith burned next to the Blessed Sacrament this month for:**



*Danny's healing  
Carol Ann Harrington  
In memory of Jenna Marie Keating*

*Rev. Clive Otieno  
RE Catechists and Aides  
Prayer of Thanksgiving*

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).

*The next Encounter Night is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 6-8 PM.  
Candle intentions will be published in the bulletin on May 19.*



### See Flocknotes for more pictures of Confirmation

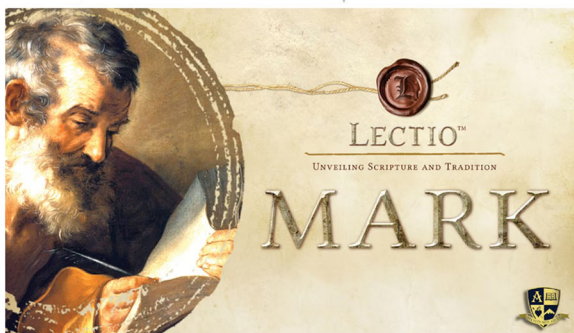


**Classes for 1st–8th grades meet on Tuesdays from 5:30–7:00 PM beginning in September**  
*Early Registration Tuition is in effect through May 31!*

**High School Formation is also available**  
**Register online at [www.st-irene.org](http://www.st-irene.org)**  
Contact Craig Mazur for more information at [craig@st-irene.org](mailto:craig@st-irene.org)

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## Saint Mark the Evangelist

**"Just who is St. Mark, the author of this short but action-packed Gospel?"**

In this Lectio Bible study series, Dr. Tim Gray uses outside sources, other books of the Bible, and the Gospel itself to take a closeup look at St. Mark, and his connection with St. Peter and the Christians of Rome.

**We celebrate the Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist on April 25.**

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



# 6

## Stewardship & Liturgical Life

### Stewardship of Treasure Week of April 8 - April 14 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 11,463.09	\$ 355.00

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  
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E-mail: [pjm9923@yahoo.com](mailto:pjm9923@yahoo.com)



### Catholic Home Missions Appeal April 27-28

Many U.S. dioceses do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. For more information go to <https://www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions>



### 2024 Knights of Columbus Eyeglass Drive

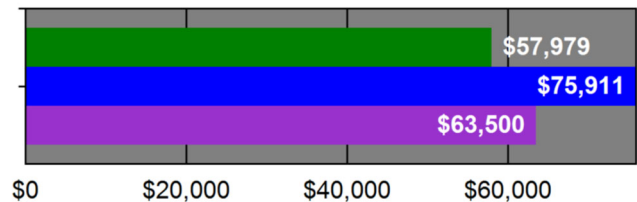


Please bring and donate your old or unwanted eyeglasses and drop them off in the collection box in the back of the church available the **weekends of April 20-21 and 27-28** for drop off.

Email Joe at [jdrk4715@aol.com](mailto:jdrk4715@aol.com) if you have questions. Thank you for your support.

### Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Update Through April 14, 2024

Amount Paid  
Amount Pledged  
2024 Goal



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



### 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 St. Irene Parish community as a registered parishioner, member of a registered family, or grandchildren of a registered family. Students who had attended St. Irene Grade School are also eligible.

Students must be enrolled and plan to attend in Fall 2024. The scholarship is to be used to help defray tuition costs and is awarded based on the student's service to the Church, School, and Community.

The scholarship applications are available online at <https://st-irenekofc.org>. Completed applications must be sent by email to [jrhalma@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalma@comcast.net) by **Friday, May 17, 2024**

If you have any questions, contact Jim Halama at 630-433-6240 or [jrhalama@comcast.net](mailto:jrhalama@comcast.net).

This year the scholarships will be awarded in honor of deceased Brother Knights Eric Fladeland and Rev. Thomas Dieter.



### 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

# 7



**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, Sue Wolfe, 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 2 | 11:30am**

**Lunch Bunch Luncheon:** Join us for a good old fashion Deli Lunch. Dcn Joe Urso will be talking about his Spiritual Journey.

**May 4 | 7:00am**

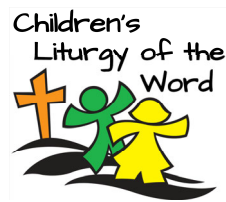
**Walk to Mary Pilgrimage:** Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin only church-approved Marian Apparition site.

**May 11 | 9:30am**

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

**May 18-19 | All Masses**

**Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:** Do you have a birthday or anniversary in May? Contact the Parish Office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality!



Join us for  
**Liturgy of the Word  
for Children**  
April 21,  
10:00AM Mass

Interested in volunteering,  
contact

Pamela Keating - [pamela@st-irene.org](mailto: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  
Everyone will be able to join in the FUN!

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

**St. Irene's Activity Center (Lower Level)**  
28W441 Warrenville Road  
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6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Admission Paid prior to event \$20.00

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For information, contact Michele Kemp at [missyree2004@yahoo.com](mailto:missyree2004@yahoo.com) or 630-460-3704



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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](mailto:swryson@gmail.com) or  
Bonnie Di Iulio at [bonnied.18@yahoo.com](mailto:bonnied.18@yahoo.com)

**May 19 | 10:00am**

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

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