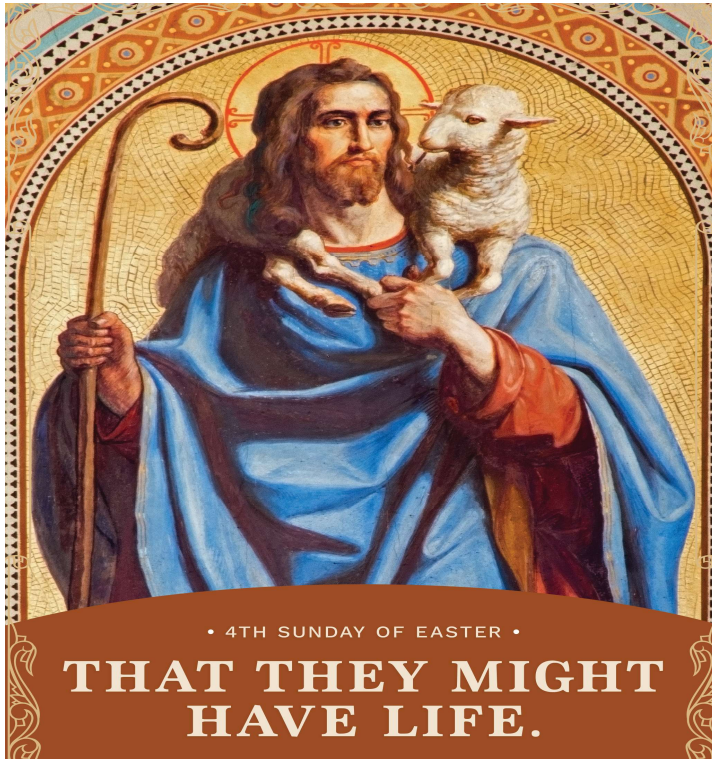






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Welcome!

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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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25, 4:30PM

†Bernice Siele / Karen Ernst & Family
Mary Kay Colgan for healing / Kevin Colgan

Sunday, April 26, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, April 26, 10:00AM

†David Hoffmann / Merry Rothfuchs
†George & Elsie Simon/Simon Family

Monday, April 27, 8:00AM

†Imelda Nilges / Cathy Kott

Tuesday, April 28, 8:00AM

†Fr. Tom Dieter / 5th Anniversary

Wednesday, April 29, 12:00PM

†Dorrie Kometz / Marty & Susan Kometz

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, April 30, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, May 1, 7:00AM

†Joan Nowak / Diaconate of DOJ

Saturday, May 2, 4:30PM

†Stephen Lundell / Church Ladies
Mary Kay Colgan for healing / Kevin Colgan

Sunday, May 3, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, May 3, 10:00AM

†Jim Intihar / Jeff & Mary Terese
†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/
Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/
Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

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: Acts 13:13-25/
Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and
27/Jn 13:16-20

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 6:1-7/
Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/
1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

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 26

Tuesday: St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

Wednesday: St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Pius V, Pope

Friday: St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer

Saturday: St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter





Mass of the dedication of the New Crucifix with Bishop Conlon

More pictures in the flock notes.



Do you want to grow in holiness and take your faith life to new heights? Come pray with us at a Legion of Mary meeting on Wednesdays. Next meeting is April 29, 6:00pm in the Parish Center Holy Family Room.

We meet for about an hour per week and start with a rosary, then discuss works of mercy or other Catholic related activities we have done over the prior week, then consider new works for the upcoming weeks.

For more information contact

Bill Anthony at williamw.anthony@gmail.com

Please do consider attending one of our meetings, all are welcome.

St. Irene Parish-Wide BOWLING EVENT

SUNDAY APR 26 3-5 PM	FREE LANES FREE SHOES	FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE
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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.

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Parish Community

7TH MAY

WE ARE JUST DYING FOR YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR FUNERAL PARTY

11:30AM THURSDAY ST. IRENE ACL

LEARN ABOUT PLANNING A FUNERAL, CREMATION, THE LITURGY, AND ANYTHING ELSE YOU ARE DYING TO KNOW

All of your favorite funeral foods will be served!

DRESS CODE: WEAR BLACK

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/>.

See information for carpooling at:

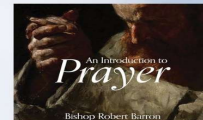
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Want to join a newly formed Small Christian Community?

We have formed a new small Christian Community that meets twice a month on Mondays next meeting is April 27 from 7pm to 8pm in the Mobile classroom.

We are discussing the book, "An Introduction to Prayer" by Bishop Robert Barron.



If you are interested in joining us, please email Maggie Detwiler at maggie@st-irene.org

First Friday Holy Hour with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction

May 1, 7:00pm

with Rosary at 6:30pm



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.



Questions:

- + Do you have a pet like a cat or dog?
- + Does your pet come to you when it is called?
- + Why do you think your pet comes to you whenever you call it?
- + Do you think your pet knows you care about it?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's scripture story, Jesus is talking about something that's a lot like pets going to their owners when they are called.
- But instead of talking about pets and their owners, Jesus talks about sheep and their shepherd.
- He says that sheep follow the shepherd because the sheep know the shepherd's voice and will follow the shepherd wherever the shepherd goes.
- The reason that sheep do this is because they have learned that when they go where the shepherd goes, then they end up in places where they can eat, drink, sleep, and be safe (these are all things that sheep really like, by the way).
- In other words, the sheep trust the shepherd because the shepherd cares for them and wants to help them live a better way.

Our Mission:

- The reason Jesus is talking about shepherds and sheep is because he's saying it is the same sort of thing with him and us: That he is like a shepherd, and we are like his sheep.
- Because, if we choose to follow Jesus, we will learn what he does, what is important to him, and what he says by reading the Bible stories about him.
- As we learn those things about Jesus by following him, we will see how Jesus shows us how to live God's better way.
- And the reason why he will do this is because Jesus cares for us, just like a shepherd cares for his sheep and an owner cares for his pet.
- When we choose to follow Jesus, then Jesus shows us how to live God's life and live it abundantly.



Special Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies April 2026



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County.

On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection the weekend of May 2–3 or May 9-10, 2026.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

Where to Send Collections

Collections should be sent to:

Diocese of Joliet
c/o Finance Office
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

+ Dennis E. Spies

Sincerely in Christ,
Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of April 6-April 12
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 10,075.93	\$ 390.00



Bishop Dennis Spies in support of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County who were impacted by the destruction of the severe storms and tornadoes which occurred in March is requesting that each parish in the Diocese of Joliet take up a special second collection May 9-10. Proceeds from the collection will provide direct assistance to families in need through Catholic Charities of Joliet, and support recovery efforts at Bishop McNamara Catholic School.



2026 St. Irene Knights of Columbus Memorial Educational Scholarship

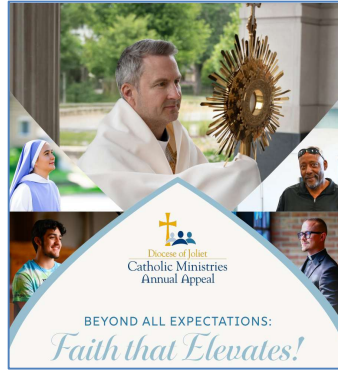
We are pleased to announce that up to two \$1000 scholarships are available to benefit students attending a Catholic High School or College. Eligible students must be affiliated with the St. Irene Parish community as a registered parishioner, member of a registered family, or son, daughter, grandchild 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.

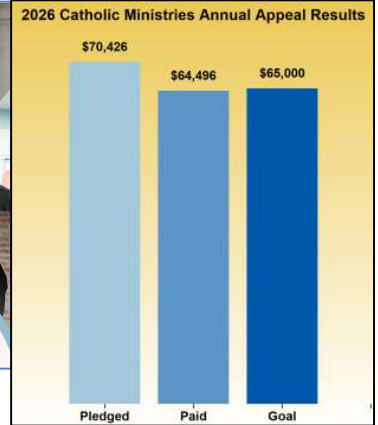
The scholarship applications are available online: <https://st-irenekofc.org>. Upon request by email, I will send the corresponding application to you. Completed applications must be completed and sent by email by **Monday, May 18, 2026** to jrhalama@comcast.net.

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.



April 19, 2026



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.



Plan Today for Peace of Mind Tomorrow

It's difficult to think about, but pre-planning your Catholic cemetery arrangements today protects your family from the heartbreak and financial worry of having to make these decisions tomorrow.

Look for special savings in your mailbox soon and visit diojoliet.org/cemeteries for more details.

We're here to help!



Upcoming Events

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April 26 | 10:00am

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

April 26 | 3:00pm

Bowling at Lucky Strike: Join us for a fun afternoon of bowling and camaraderie!

April 26 | 6:30pm

Glorious Mysteries Musical: Join us for an evening of music of the Glorious Mysteries. Contact Ellen Coman for information.

April 27 | 6:00pm

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

April 27 | 7:00pm

Small Christian Community: Join us to discuss "An Introduction to Prayer" in the mobiles.

April 29 | 6:00pm

Legion of Mary: Join us in the Parish Center Holy Family Room to pray and discuss works of mercy.

April 29 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

April 29 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

Handbell Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.

April 30 | 6:30pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Gathering: Join the women of the Parish for the monthly gathering. All are welcome!



Join us for
**Liturgy of the Word
for Children**
April 26,
10:00AM Mass

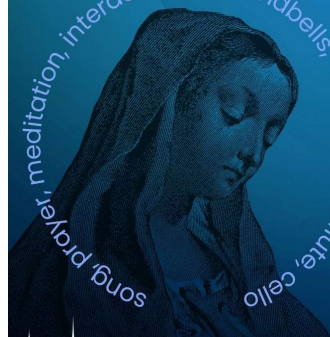
Interested in volunteering, contact
Pamela Keating - pamela@st-irene.org

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



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)*
May 4 – *Confirmation Practice (6PM in Church)*
May 5 – *Confirmation (7PM in Church)*

May 1 | Fridays 1:00pm

Daytime Small Christian Communities: Join us to read and discuss the scriptures for the weekend.

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