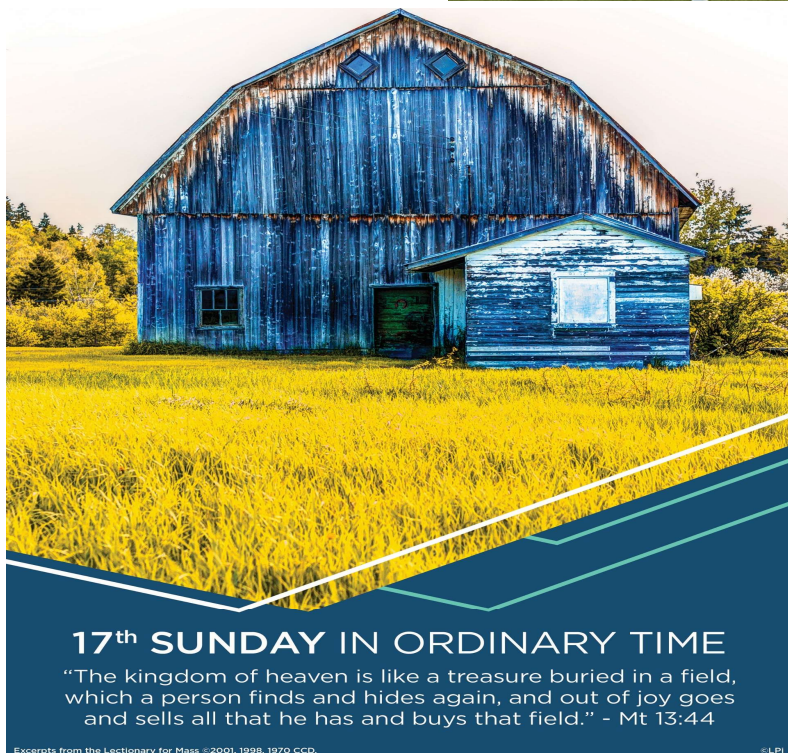


July
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2026



17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm – starting May 26



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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-3:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-3:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-12:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25, 4:30PM

†Matthew Palys/Berning & Siele Families

†Joanna Tapia / Young Family

Sunday, July 26, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, July 26, 10:00AM

†Michael & Philip Adler / Family

†Joan Nowak / Pete & Eileen Pointner

Monday, July 27, 8:00AM

†Lucy Schmidt/Connie & Michael Schmidt

Tuesday, July 28, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, July 29, 12:00PM

†Elenora & Andrew Madura / Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, July 30, 7:00AM

†Bill Heipp / Bob Heipp

Friday, July 31, 7:00AM

†Mary Kay Colgan / Kevin Colgan

Saturday, August 1, 4:30PM

†Franklin Carman IV/Kevin & Allison Looby

†Mary Kay Colgan/Davalyn & Jeff Bridginski

Sunday, August 2, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 2, 10:00AM

†Parker Bolton / Church Ladies

†Bernice Siele / Karen Ernst & Family



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Jer 13:1-11/

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/

Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/

Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/

Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10,

16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11,

17, 18/Jn 11:19-27

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/

Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/

Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5,

8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16,

24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,

33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Is 55:1-3/

Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/

Rom 8:35, 37-39/

Mt 14:13-21

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Kelsey Woods

Brad George

Mary Hefertepe

Hannah Kelley

Gary Naberhaus

Fr. John Ouper

Carol Helms

Arlene Grossi

Mauro Flores

Paula Peterson

Jim McDermott

Christopher Kennedy

David Peterson

Theo Reed

Doreene Camardo

Chris Boettcher

Sylvia Rivera

Dennis Knell

Joan Moran

Rachel Jarasius

Don Clevenger Sr.

Ron Dieter

William Hawkins

Veronica Munoz

Farfan family

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

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Jul 26

Wednesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

Saturday: St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time





WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Annemarie Elizabeth Crook
To be Baptized July 26, 2026

Annemarie, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Grace Louise Crook
To be Baptized July 26, 2026

Grace, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.



St. Irene - sponsored Pilgrimage to
**The National Shrine of
Our Lady of Champion**

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

*For a complete itinerary, cost breakdown and registration, go to
<https://stirene.flocknote.com/signup/262245>*

Space is limited. Register now to guarantee your spot.

Deadline to register is September 17.

For more information contact Ellen Coman ellen@st-irene.org



Members of the Prayer Shawl and Capture the Spirit Ministry will meet in the Mobiles on **Tuesday, August 18 from 6:30pm-8:00pm** to gather as we work on our crochet/knitted projects for the ministry and share patterns. All are welcome - bring along a project you are working on and join in the fellowship.

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Parish Community



Youth Ensemble

for singers and instrumentalists
in grades 5 - 12

Rehearsing Sundays, August 2 and 9,
following 8 AM Mass
Sing at the 8AM Mass on Sunday, August 16

contact ellen@st-irene.org



THE DATE HAS BEEN SET!

Put this date in your calendar so you can attend
the Parish event to kick off the new year
Competition and comradery is always in
abundance when we participate.

Interested in competing, let Jeff Schmitz know
at lcschmitz1@comcast.net.

St. Irene Music Ministry

MUSIC READING CLASS



- 8 weeks of beginner level lessons
- Mondays, 7-7:30 PM
- August 24 – October 26
(excluding Sept. 7 & Oct. 12)
- For adults and youth ages 12+

contact ellen@st-irene.org

New *Potential* Hymnal Sing Along

Sunday, August 16, 11 - 11:45 AM

St. Irene ACL

All are invited to explore and provide feedback about new
hymns offered in the recently published Glory & Praise IV
hymnal. Help us decide whether this hymnal would serve
as an excellent resource for our community's sung prayer
and praise now and for decades to come.

Not able to attend but curious?
Listen online and provide feedback
on 18 new hymns.



SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

Please remember that neither
Fr. Greg nor the staff will ever
ask for financial help, gift
cards, Square Account, etc.
through email or text.



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:

- + Have you ever been told that you were receiving a really special gift?
- + Did that gift ever confuse you because you did not understand what it was really for?
- + How did you learn why the gift was so special?

Tie it to the Gospel:

- In today's Gospel, Jesus is trying to explain what the kingdom of heaven is like.
- He knows that it is difficult for us to understand something that we cannot touch or feel.
- Jesus compares heaven to a beautiful treasure or pearl to help us realize how much we should want to go heaven.
- He uses these parables to help us understand what a special gift Heaven is for us and what will happen if we do not follow God's teachings - we could be the bad fish caught and not kept with the good fish.

Our Mission:

- We are seeing that Jesus thinks it is so important to teach us about the kingdom of heaven that he continues to talk to his followers about it.
- The use of parables really helps us to understand something that we cannot touch.
- Jesus wants each of us to join him in heaven but it is our responsibility to live our lives as God calls us to.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of July 13 – July 19
(Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 10,551.95	\$ 350.00

SAVE THE DATE



Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless
Mt. Hoy, Blackwell Forest Preserve,
Warrenville, IL
September 26, 2026

Heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Or participate virtually - complete the race anytime between
September 23rd – 30th

Challenge yourself to run/walk up Mt. Hoy as many times as you can in the 30-minute heat. All proceeds from the event will go to house a family experiencing homelessness for 2 years as they transition to self-sufficiency in partnership with the Bridge Communities program.

Cost is \$30 per person or \$25 per person with a team of four or more. Race Day Registration - \$35

To register or for further information go to hustleupthehillforthehomeless.com or scan the QR Code to register.



Prayer for the election of a new Bishop:

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church of Joliet
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

From the Roman Missal

St. Irene Annual Golf Classic

Proceeds benefit St. Irene Parish

Friday, September 11th, 2026 – Registration at Noon

Shotgun start 1:00 Scramble

Bliss Creek Golf Club – Sugar Grove, IL

Register before September 4th!

\$125 gets you Golf, Cart, Camaraderie and a GREAT Steak Buffet Dinner!

Fill out your Foursome(s)

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to Bob LaDeur 30w132 Arlington ct., Warrenville, IL 60555

Make check payable to St. Irene Mark the envelope "Golf Outing"

Sponsorship Opportunities

Soft Drink/Water \$500 1 round of golf with tee box sign

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Hole Sponsor \$100 Tee Box Sign

Contact Bob LaDeur 630-918-5121 (rladeur@hotmail.com)

Long time friend and supporter Bill Hughes plans on attending!

Are you looking for a home for a First Communion Dress? Would you like to help those in need?

Rest in His Arms conducts a First Communion Dress Closet annually to enable all girls to have a beautiful dress to wear on their very special day.

Drop off you donation in the bin located in the church vestibule August 1-30

1st Communion DRESS DRIVE

Support the Communion Closet housed at
Rest in His Arms Angel Gowns

Collecting clean, gently used First Communion dresses & veils to help girls who otherwise could not afford them

325 N. Milwaukee Ave., Suite J in Wheeling (in the back of the building)

Drop off any time in our dropbox

*Dresses must be less than 20 years old

Upcoming Events

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July 26 | 10:00am Mass

Grandparents Blessing & Ice Cream Social:

Come celebrate Jesus' grandparents, Joachim & Anne, with a blessing for all grandparents and then enjoy an Ice Cream Social after Mass in the ACL sponsored by St. Irene's Women of Faith!

July 27 | 7:00pm

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

July 29 | Wednesdays 6:00pm

Legion of Mary: Join us in the Parish Center for rosary, faith sharing and works of mercy.

July 31 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 5 | Wednesdays 6:00pm

Legion of Mary: Join us in the Parish Center for rosary, faith sharing and works of mercy.

August 7 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 7 | 7:00pm

First Friday Holy Hour: Join us for Holy Hour with exposition of the Holy Eucharist and benediction with rosary at 6:30pm.

August 8-9 | After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:

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



Grandparents fill the world with love!
We will celebrate and bless our grandparents at
10:00am Mass on July 26

*Bring your Grandparents to Mass and join us for
an Ice Cream Social after Mass in the ACL!
Hosted by the St. Irene Women of Faith*



**The St. Irene Women of Faith
will be hosting an
Ice Cream Social
for Grandparents Day!
July 26 after 10:00am Mass
in the ACL**



**Registration Now OPEN for
2026-27!**

To enroll your child in St. Irene Religious
Education scan the QR Code

**August 11 - Catechist Meeting in
the Mobiles at 6:00pm**

August 9 | 10:00am Mass

Back-to-School Blessing: Kids and Teachers join us to start off the new school year with a blessing.

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