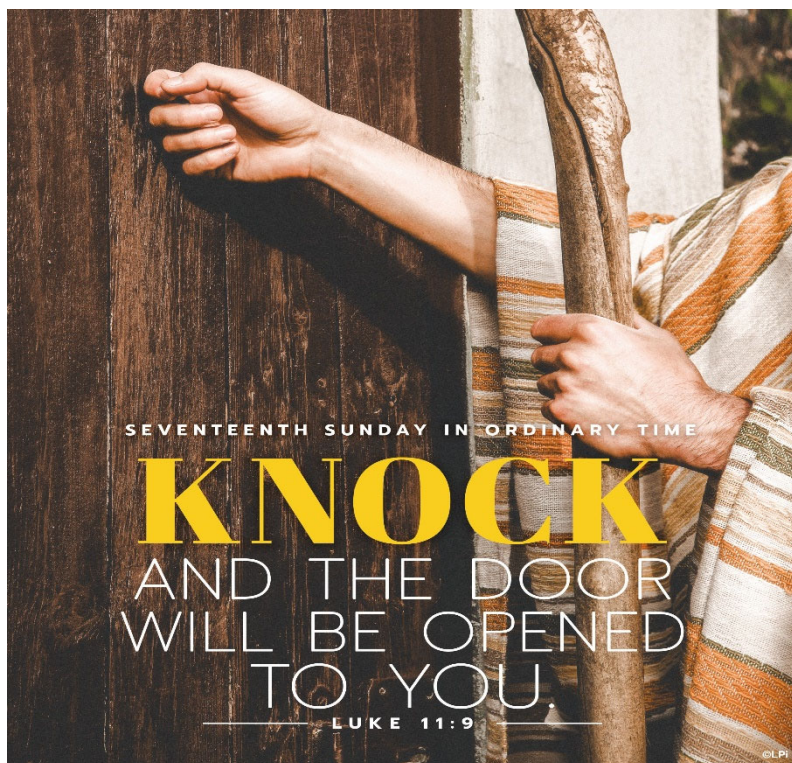


July
27
2025



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Summer Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm
Friday 9:00am-12:00pm



www.st-irene.org



https://st-irene.churchgiving.com



www.facebook.com/StIreneChurch



FB for Live Stream - <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556292389237>



https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMels6yHjTJD98ZZb_VcA

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 (summer)

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 26, 4:30PM

†Matthew Palys/Berning & Siele Families
†Dianne Wilson/Jerry & Theresa Frederick

Sunday, July 27, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, July 27, 10:00AM

†Jake Kernan / Bob & Beth Jansen

Monday, July 28, 8:00AM

†Maryann True / Cathy Kott

Tuesday, July 29, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Wednesday, July 30, 12:00PM

†William Baker / Family

Thursday, July 31, 7:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Friday, August 1, 7:00AM

†Ted Mlsna / Joanne Mlsna

Saturday, August 2, 4:30PM

†Peggy Meale / Yvonne

Sunday, August 3, 8:00AM

†Helene Wells / Barb Sevenich

Sunday, August 3, 10:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Robert Parker
Alan Jarasius
Tyler O'Malley
George LaRocco
Chuck Dutton
Katie Stanutz
Tom McNelis
Kelsey Woods
Dennis Knell
Joan Moran

Bernie Niewoehner
Bill Hughes
Andrea Olsen Martin
Jim Stoudt
Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe

Joyce Havemann
Jim Lytle
Baby Parker
Carlos Contreras
Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
Donna Bernstein
Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott

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



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Ex 32:15-24,
30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22,
23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11;
34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9,
10-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/
Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21,
34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and
8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16,
27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6,
10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/
Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
(1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/
Lk 12:13-21

OBSERVANCES for the Week of July 27

Tuesday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

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

Thursday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

Saturday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; St. Peter
Julian Eymard, Priest

Sunday: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Bridge Transitional Housing Program at St. Irene Update on Family #12

Family #12 has left the program after 14 months of learning how to budget expenses and savings. During our 14 months together, we were able to work together to reduce the credit card debt, pay off loans from family, pay all bank defaults, set up a payment plan for back taxes owed and establish some savings. While the mentor team would like to have finished the entire 24 month program, some differences arose and the best plan was to move on and have the client move back with family (who is very supportive).

We are working with Bridge to onboard a new client soon. We are all so grateful to our generous donors who make this program a success.



HELP WANTED ST. IRENE'S LUNCHBUNCH MINISTRY !!

We are looking for ministers to help

- coordinate/organize
- find speakers or entertainment
- setup (Wednesday afternoon before the lunch)
- bake desserts
- cleanup

The luncheons are scheduled the first Thursday of the months of September – May/June. Please find it in your hearts to minister to this wonderful group of our faith community. If interested and need more information contact Pamela Keating pamela@st-irene.org 630-393-2400 x120 or Anna Saake annasaake1960@gmail.com 630-456-0644.



Sacred Heart Holy Hour

"When we think of the human heart, we call to mind the admirable qualities of love and devotion, as well as courage, faithfulness and sacrifice. When we think of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we see all these virtues and many others raised to perfection ..." (Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight)

The late Pope Francis' encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), and our new Pilgrim Icon Program coincide with the Church's commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the visions of the Sacred Heart received by the French nun St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who has given us the Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart and the First Friday devotions.

There is a strong connection between the Knights of Columbus and devotion to the Sacred Heart, beginning with our Blessed Founder, Father Michael McGivney.

Sacred Heart Holy Hour

Saint Irene Catholic Church

August 1, 2025, 7:00pm

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 6:30pm

Confessions will be available throughout the Holy Hour

Brother Knights, your family, neighbors and friends are encouraged to participate in this special devotion.

Early Access with Exclusive Content TRIUMPH of the HEART The Untold Story of St. Maximilian Kolbe's Passion



SAVE THE DATE
August 10 | 3:30 P.M.

Hollywood Palms Cinema

Tickets will go on sale 1-2
weeks before the event (\$20)



For Grades 5 - 12
sing or play your instrument
at 10 AM Mass
on Sunday, August 17



Rehearsing 9 - 9:25 AM
Sundays, August 3, 10

contact ellen@st-irene.org

SAVE THE DATE

for the homeless

Hustle Up The Hill**For The Homeless****Mt. Hoy, Blackwell Forest Preserve,
Warrenville, IL****September 20, 2025**

Heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Or participate virtually - complete the race anytime
between September 20th – 27th

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 use the QR Code to register.

**SAVE THE DATE****St. Irene
Summer Picnic!**

**Join us on August 17
after 10:00am Mass
for food, fun, and more!**

Please bring your own blankets and chairs

**Guide Book Publishing – Our New Guide
Book and Directory**

You should have received the new directory in the mail. Our advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to our Parish.

An electronic PDF version of the Guide Section of the book is available for downloading:

1. Go to www.guidebookpublishing.com/congregations/online-guide-sections
2. Click on our state followed by our city
3. Click on VIEW GUIDE to download the book



**Clothing Drive and
Small Household Items
for the St. Vincent DePaul Society
August 16-17 in church parking lot**

**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:

- * In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus teaching his disciples about how they should pray using the Our Father.
- * **What are some of the gifts that you've received from your family that you really like and remember?**
- * **Why do you think your family gave those gifts to you?**
- * **What are some of the gifts that God has given to you?**



Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells the disciples about some of the gifts that God offers us.
- Some of those gifts that Jesus mentions are fulfillment (aka *daily bread*), forgiveness, and God's wisdom (aka *do not bring us to the time of trial*).
- Jesus tells the disciples that God offers these gifts to us for the same reasons why your parents give you gifts. Those reasons Jesus gives are:
 - o 1. Because we want these gifts and keep asking God for them.
 - o 2. And, because God really loves and cares for us.
- Jesus then tells his disciples that the way to ask God for these gifts and to receive the gifts that God offers is by praying.
- Which is why, in today's story, Jesus teaches the disciples one way to pray.

Our Mission:

- The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray in today's reading is one version of the prayer we call, "The Lord's Prayer"
- We pray it together in worship every Sunday here at St. Irene.
- One of the reasons we pray this prayer every Sunday is because of Jesus' reminder that when we really want something, we should keep asking for it.
- The things that are in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples seem like pretty good things to want.



Mayslake Ministries

BIBLICAL INSTITUTE CLASSES

The Biblical Institute is registering new students for:

- **Year One** classes at St. Michael Catholic Church (Wheaton) Thursday evenings 7-9 p.m.
- **Year Two** classes at Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church (Oakbrook Terrace) Saturday mornings 9-11 a.m.

This is a comprehensive program and covers every book of the Bible with an emphasis on both scriptural scholarship and the faith development of the program's participants. The focus in Year One will be Old Testament Foundations and Year Two will be New Testament Foundations. Classes begin mid-September. Register by phone 630- 852-9000 or on line at www.mayslakeministries.org before the **September 30 deadline!**

Representatives will be at St. Irene to answer questions after Masses on July 26-27 and on Thursday, July 31 at 7:00pm in the ACL.



Religious Education Registration for 2025/2026 is now open!

To register visit www.st-irene.org "Faith Formation" then "Youth Religious Education." Full tuition (or a \$50 deposit) is due at time of registration.

Contact the Faith Formation Director to make a confidential arrangement for a scholarship or payment plan option.

**Classes meet September-April
1st through 8th grades meet on Tuesdays
from 5:30-7:00pm**

Both First Holy Communion, typically 1st & 2nd grade, and Confirmation, 7th & 8th grade are two-year preparation programs. Special Sacrament class available if other arrangements are needed.

Catechists, Classroom Aides and Volunteers Needed!

Are you being called to minister to the children of God in the religious education program? Prayerfully consider joining the team and sharing your time and talent!

Contact the religious education office if interested at 630-393-2400 x 116

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 7-13 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 9,941.12	\$ 5,355.00



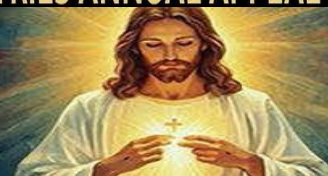
Boys Bike Needed for Bridge Family

One of our Bridge families is in need of a boys/men's bike. Do you have a boys bike in your garage or basement that you don't need? We are looking for a 26" bike. We have a family that would put it to good use. Please call Sue Wolfe at 708-606-6233 if you can help us out. Thank You!

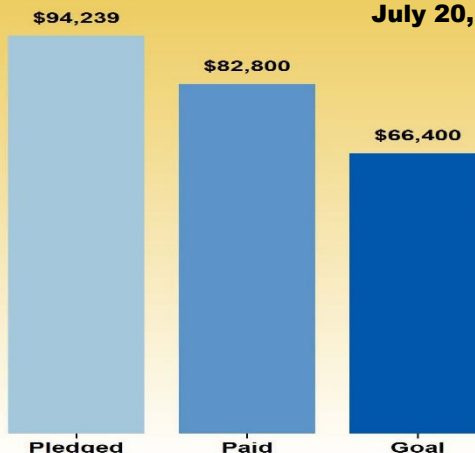
2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Open your heart to

*God's
Goodness*



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Results July 20, 2025



SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

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

ANNOUNCING THE 47TH ANNUAL

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

August 17, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N Raynor Ave., Joliet, IL

Registration Required

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, are welcome to attend. Bishop Ronald A. Hicks will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 8, 2025. Scan the QR code or website link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/qu9fbEp8kr>



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jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org
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Prayer for Pope Leo XIV



*O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built upon blessed
Peter, whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favor, we pray, on Leo our Pope
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's
successor, may be for your people
a visible source and foundation
of unity in faith and of communion.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.*
Magnificat

Upcoming Events

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July 27 | 10:00am Mass

Grandparents Blessing: Join us to celebrate the Feast of Joachim & Anne with a blessing for grandparents.

July 27 | 11:00am

Ice Cream Social: St. Irene Women of Faith are hosting an Ice Cream Social in the ACL!

July 28 | 6:15 pm

Hand-bell Choir Rehearsal: Contact Ellen Coman to join.

July 31 | 7:00 pm

Biblical Institute: Representatives will be in the ACL to answer questions.

August 1 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 1 | 7:00pm

Sacred Heart Holy Hour: Join us for a special exposition of the Holy Eucharist and Benediction.

August 3 | 9:00am

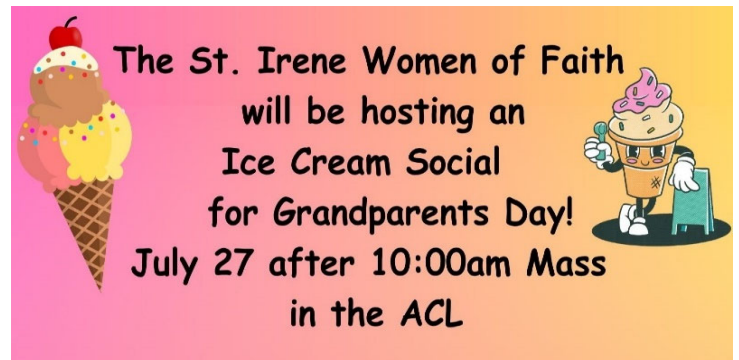
Youth Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman to join.

August 4 | 6:15pm

Hand-bell Choir Rehearsal: Contact Ellen Coman to join..

August 7 | 6:00pm

Parish Council Meeting: The Parish Council will meet in the Parish Center to discuss church activities. In case of changes, call the parish office to confirm.



August 8 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 9-10| 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!

August 9-10 | All Masses

Back to School Blessing: Join us for Mass to receive a back-to-school blessing.

August 10 | 9:00am

Youth Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman to join.

August 11 | 7:00pm

Bridge Communities Meeting: The Bridge Communities Group will meet in the Parish Center – Holy Family Meeting Room to discuss activities.