

July
23
2023

St. Irene Catholic Parish



16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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



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Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 22, 5PM

†Craig Farmer / Joy Farmer
†Bob Farmer / Family

Sunday, July 23, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Jack Radicker / Family

Sunday, July 23, 10AM

†Matt Palys / Berning & Siele Families
†Florence Chambers / St. Irene Family

Tuesday, July 25, 9AM

†Dorrie Kometz / 1st Anniversary

Wednesday, July 26, 12PM

†Connie Mazur / Aranda Family

Thursday, July 27, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, July 28, 7AM

†James Sterner / Cathy Kott

Saturday, July 29, 5PM

†Blanche Krizek / Looby Family
†Suzanne Cirock / Chuck & Debbie Ingram

Sunday, July 30, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Connie Mazur / Den Joe & Diane Urso

Sunday, July 30, 10AM

†Barbara Seaberg / Carl Seaberg

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

†= Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/

Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/

Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/

Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5,
6/Mt 20:20-28

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5,

9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24,
25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11,

16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55,
56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/

Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/

Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/

Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/

Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/

Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-128, 129-130 (97a)/

Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52
or 13:44-4

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Rebecca Aranda

Ann Lynch

Patti (Conley) Kras

Fr. Don McLaughlin

Gina LaRocco Goddard

Terri Juricic

Connie Dyas

Pat Wehner

Mary Hafertepe

Jean Roe

Mary Ann True

Augie Juricic, Jr.

Katie Kennedy

Rachel Jarasius

Ann Mulcahy

Jim Lytle

Dcn. Bob True

Gloria Kilboy

Augie Juricic, III

Ken Di Julio

Dan Sorenson

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

OBSERVANCES for the Week of July 23

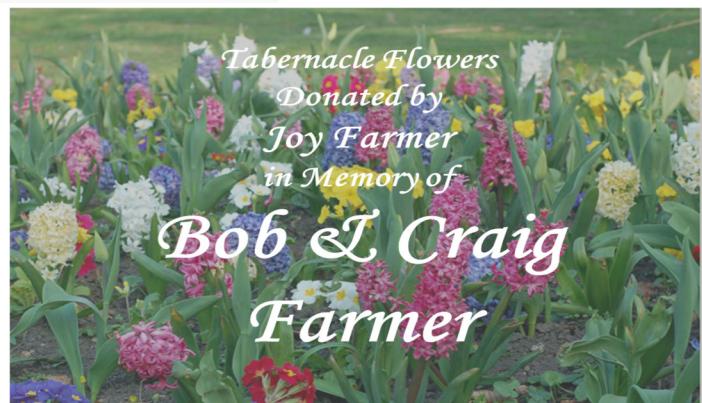
Monday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest

Tuesday: St. James, Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Holding God in My Hands

Two Sundays ago, when I left the house to go to the Church for the 10AM Mass, there was a tiny bird that landed next to me. It was a hummingbird! It didn't fly off but stayed on my path. It is a rare sight to see one so still. I didn't want to bother it so I rushed off to Mass and later when going back to the rectory, it was still right there in front of the rectory. I went to check on it and I couldn't see any injuries so I thought that it was just tired and thirsty. I picked it up and after a little struggle, it snuggled in my hand. Such a tiny creature! I gave it sugar water and watched it lap it for a long, long time before it flew away.



Holding that tiny bird in my hand, I couldn't help but think of how God has often held me in His hand. What a privilege! How blessed we are that we have the honor of holding God in our hands every time we come to receive Holy Communion, the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist! What a privilege!

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great).

Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free. —Father John Muir ©LPI



Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation.

Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear “suitable ecclesiastical garb” according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a “black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric.” Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all. ©LPI



Church Ladies With Typewriters ...

“The sermon this morning: ‘Jesus Walks on the Water.’ The sermon tonight: ‘Searching for Jesus.’”



A cartoon illustration of a person wearing a black balaclava and holding a laptop. The laptop screen shows a URL and the words "YOUR PASSWORD".

SCAMMERS ARE AT IT AGAIN!

Please remember that neither Fr. Clive 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: For information, call Craig Mazur on x122.

MARRIAGES: Call the Parish Office to arrange preparation at least 6 months in advance.

SICK CALLS: Call the Parish Office.

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

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.

Catholic Kids Column Weeds Among the Wheat

In today's gospel, Jesus once again uses seeds to help us understand the Kingdom of God. In the parable, weeds try to choke out the good seed, but the sower does not get rid of the weeds right away. The weeds are allowed time to change. The good seeds represent the faithful and the weeds are evil doers. Jesus is the sower. This story shows how God wishes to allow time for the sinner to repent and grow in faith. In the end the weeds get separated out and thrown away and the faithful ones, the wheat, enjoy the harvest. Jesus teaches that judgment is reserved for the Lord alone in the final days.

The readings today are about God's mercy. God is the most powerful of all, but instead of destroying sinners He wants to give them more chances. When you think about it, you will realize God has already been merciful to all of us—because we have all sinned. We should thank God for His mercy, and if we do sin again we should show Him we are sorry by going to Confession.

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HOW TO HAVE FAITH

How to Have Faith in Jesus
(Even When It's Hard)
w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz

What is faith, and what does it mean to have true faith in Jesus Christ? In this engaging talk, Fr. Mike Schmitz answers these questions so that our faith in Jesus might increase and be shared with others.

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An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and IGNATIUS PRESS



Vacation Bible School on July 10-14 was a Wilderness Adventure through the Sacraments!

Twenty pre-k – 5th grade campers, guided by nine Jr. High and High School leaders and five adult camp counselors, discovered the mystery and graces of the seven Sacraments! Each day they would explore a Sacrament (or two), while also learning about a Saint who modeled the Sacrament, and how different virtues could help us grow in our faith! With prayer and song, games and crafts, and even a snack that connected to the theme of the day, fun and faith formation came together!

A slide show with more pictures and some of our songs is on the VBS page of www.st-irene.org.

Save the date – VBS 2024 is scheduled for the week of June 24!

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 10 - July 16 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 9,954.06	\$ 980.00

St. Irene Giving Report Sunday Contributions

Offering - June	Budget - June
\$ 48,516	\$ 54,167
YTD Offering (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	YTD Budget (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)
\$ 625,358	\$ 650,000

Building Fund

Contributions - June	Budget - June
\$ 2,622	\$ 6,250
YTD Contributions (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)	YTD Budget (7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023)
\$ 51,850	\$ 75,000



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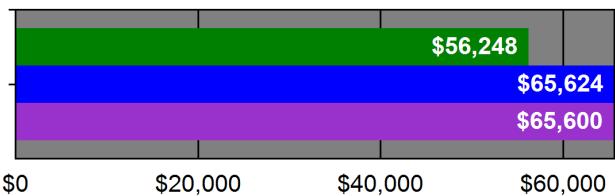
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Thank you for
supporting our
Parish!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Update Through July 16, 2023

Amount Paid
Amount Pledged
2023 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.



HELP OTHER STUDENTS

The churches of Warrenville will collect school supplies for the needy children in our community for the back to school fair on Saturday, August 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

24 Count Crayola Crayons

Pink pearl erasers

Pre-sharpened Ticonderoga wood pencils

Elmer's Glue

Fiskar Scissors

Pencil Bag

Glue sticks

Headphones

8 Count Crayola Washable Broad Tip Markers

Post-it Notes

Spiral Notebooks Wide Ruled 70-page

Yellow Highlighters

Package of index cards

Pencil Sharpeners

Vinyl pocket folders various colors

Black Sharpies

Colored pencils

Wet Wipes

Black Expo dry erase markers

Bin available in the vestibule for your donations.

We will sort and pack supplies on
Wednesday, August 2 at 9:00AM in the ACL.

If you can help distribute supplies or man our treat

table on August 5, please contact Pamela at

630-393-2400 x120

Thank you for your generosity!

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Upcoming Events

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August 2 | 9:00am - 12:00pm

School Supplies Sort & Pack: Come to the ACL to help sort and pack school supplies for the needy children of Warrenville. Contact Pamela Keating 630-393-2400 x120

August 5 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

Back to School Fair: Come to help distribute supplies to the children or man our treat table! Contact Pamela Keating 630-393-2400 x120

September 15 | 1:00pm

Annual Golf Outing: St. Irene, be a part of a great tradition! Contact Bob LaDeur at 630-918-5121 or rladeur@hotmail.com.

September 23 | 9:00am

9th Annual Hustle Up The Hill: We have added a 1K flat route walk this year for those looking for a lower impact option. Contact Bob LaDeur at rladeur@hotmail.com.

October 14 | 12:00pm

Fatima Public Rosary Prayer Rally: Once again St. Irene and St. Thomas will be joining prayer chains across the country. Contact Jeannette Clark at 630-292-9349.

November 4 | 9:00am - 3:00pm

Heavenly Handmade Craft Fair: St. Irene Women of Faith will host a craft fair. Contact Loraine Nemo at lorainequilts@yahoo.com.

Grandparents

are a delightful blend of
Laughter,
Caring deeds,
Wonderful stories,
and Love!



**Grandparents fill the world
with love!**

**We will celebrate and bless our
grandparents at all Masses on the
THIS WEEKEND**

**If you are a grandparent,
bring your grandkids!**

**If you have a grandparent,
invite them! But wait ...**

**Bring your
kids and
grandkids!**

**"I scream, you scream, we all
scream for Ice Cream!"**

Who remembers that song from their childhood? Well, here's the opportunity to feel like a kid again!

St. Irene Women of Faith is sponsoring our annual Ice Cream Social celebration after the
10:00 mass on Sunday, July 23rd

Please join us in the Activity Center to enjoy a refreshing treat and a chance to meet more parishioners at the same time.

Interested in helping?

Please contact Leslie LaBelle:

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**Bring your smiles
and make
memories!**

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