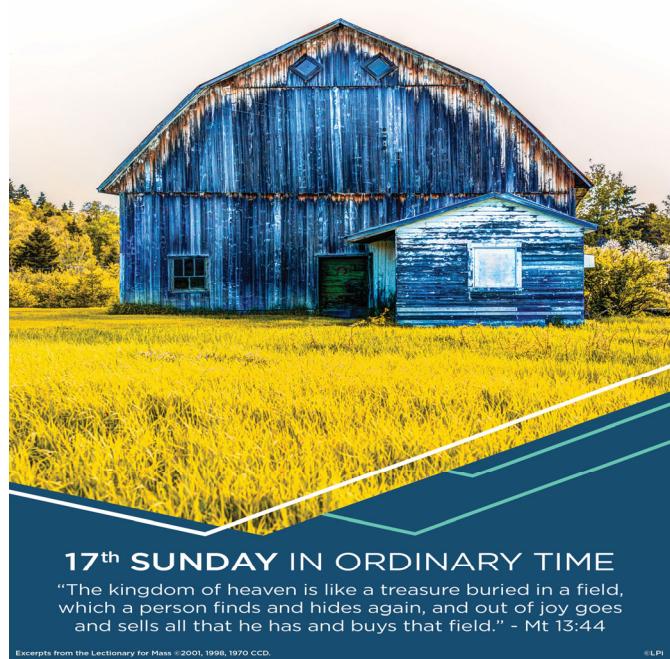


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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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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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 29, 5PM

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

Sunday, July 30, 8AM

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

Sunday, July 30, 10AM

†Barbara Seaberg / Carl Seaberg

Tuesday, August 1, 7AM

†Ella Garrison / Cathy Kott

Wednesday, August 2, 12PM

†Connie Mazur / Pat Jackowiak

Thursday, August 3, 7AM

†Carol Baxter / St. Irene Faith Community

Friday, August 4, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Saturday, August 5, 5PM

†Beatrice Stoga / Judi Lovelace
†Sue Cirock / Judi Lovelace

Sunday, August 6, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Dyran Cyrus / Chuck & Debbie Ingram

Sunday, August 6, 10AM

†Peggy Meale / Yvonne

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

†= Deceased

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 30

Monday: St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

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

Friday: St. John Vianney, Priest

Saturday: The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord



WEEKLY READINGS

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/Mt 13:36-43

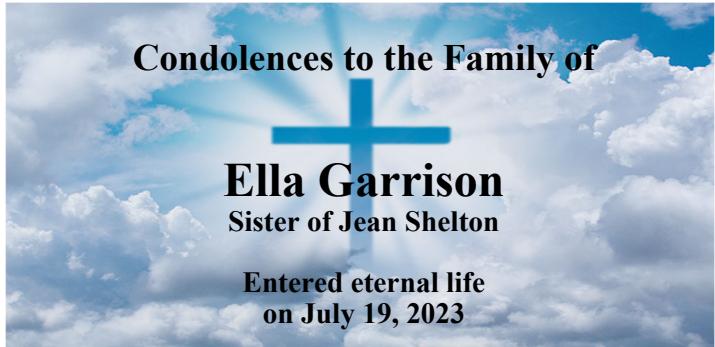
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/ Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

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: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/ Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/ 2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9





The Falling Action and the Field

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/

zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after: searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field: we have found the treasure. But we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

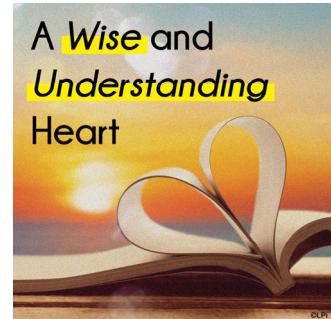
"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple." — Psalm 119

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Our culture seems more polarized and divided than ever. Into this wounded situation, our Catholic faith has a healing remedy to offer: the gift of wisdom. When the Lord offers to give King Solomon anything the monarch desires, he requests "an understanding heart" (1 Kings 3:9). In his polarized situation, the King doesn't ask for power to defeat his enemies. He asks for a wise and understanding heart to judge right from wrong. This wisdom is elevated and fulfilled in Jesus who teaches us to bring forth "both the new and the old" (Matthew 13:52).

In our fractured society, we Christians should stop pining for political power to crush our perceived enemies. That often just makes things worse. Rather, it's much more useful to beg for the grace of true wisdom which transcends both sides of the aisle. This places us in a fresh position from which we can help our culture see what is true and good all across the ideological spectrum. Sometimes we'll look like liberals (e.g., in our love for the poor and marginalized) and other times like conservatives (e.g., in our sexual ethics and views on religious freedom). Because this wisdom is free from ideological narrowness, it will help to heal these painful fractures. Lord Jesus, this week, pour into us your healing wisdom. —Father John Muir ©LPI



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Parish Community

Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why do priests kiss the Altar at the start of Mass?

Answer:

Our churches and chapels are filled with symbols. We might think of the more common symbols (like the crucifix, statues, stained-glass windows, vestment color and altar cloths) as well as major symbols (such as the paschal candle and the baptismal font). But there are some things that we can take for granted in our sacred spaces, because unfortunately, they seem to just be part of the building, including three of the main symbols of our liturgy: the ambo (lectern), the chair for the priest celebrant, and the altar.

These three objects are placed in a specially designated area called the sanctuary. They are the places where the Word of God is proclaimed, where the priest prays and presides at the celebration, and where the bread and wine are offered by the priest during the Eucharistic Prayer. Although each of these objects is sacred because of the role they play in our worship, the altar holds a special place. In a document containing the rules and instructions for the Mass — the “General Instruction of the Roman Missal” — we read: “The altar on which the Sacrifice of the Cross is made present under sacramental signs is also the table of the Lord to which the People of God is called together to participate in the Mass, as well as the center of the thanksgiving that is accomplished throughout the Eucharist” (no. 296).

One of the ways that we recognize the importance of the altar is when the priest and deacon kiss the altar at the beginning of Mass. Kissing is an ancient act of devotion. Remember, we also kiss the cross on Good Friday, and the deacon or priest kisses the “Book of the Gospels” after the Gospel is proclaimed. This act of devotion reminds us that the altar is a symbol of Jesus, the “living stone” (see 1 Peter 2:4), the foundation stone of our faith. It is a symbol gesture, but it is a powerful reminder of the One on whom our faith is built and in whose name we gather as the “household of faith” (see Galatians 6:10).

To learn more, see the “Catechism of the Catholic Church (no. 1382-1383).” ©LPI



St. Irene Parishioners Prepared a Delicious Dinner for the Ronald McDonald House Residents on Tuesday July 18th!

Seventeen people were served in person and 10 other guests received a dinner to go. Grilled pork loin, peach salsa, mashed potatoes, bean salad, rolls and a banana split dessert were served.

Ronald McDonald House is in need of volunteers to prepare and serve dinners.

Give them a call 630-517-8678 to find out more!



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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

The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's gospel, Jesus continues to teach about the Kingdom of God with parables. Each of the three stories in today's passage reveals something about God's kingdom. The man who finds the buried treasure must be willing to risk everything he has. The parable of the pearl is similar, but it is not a poor man but a rich man who seeks the treasure. This shows that God's kingdom is available to all, rich and poor alike. The first two parables teach that the kingdom of God is so valuable that one must risk everything for it. The result is complete joy in finding what is most valuable in life.

In the final story of the fishermen hauling in the net, we once again find the presence of those who seem unfit for the kingdom. This parable teaches that God's reign is open to rich and poor, good and bad; but at the end there will be a sorting out of those who are worthless and those who are just.

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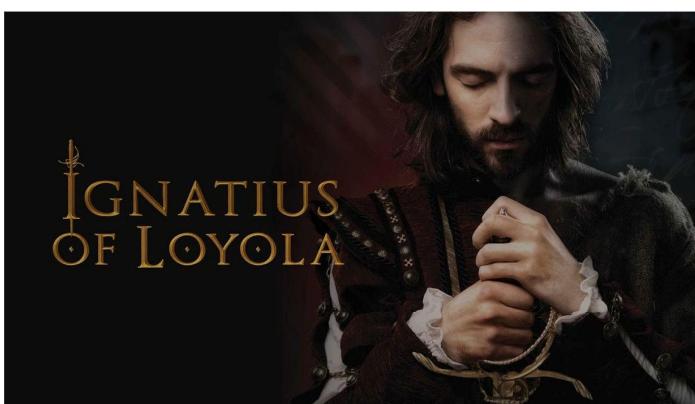
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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 17- July 23 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
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Do you have a vehicle that you may wish to donate to a family in the St. Irene/St. Tim's Transitional Housing Program? Our newest family has spent considerable expense trying to keep her vehicle running. She has a good job and three children. Reliable transportation is critical to her family and financial growth. She is paying off old debts, establishing a budget and moving forward. The next step is to try to find a reliable vehicle. Any donation would actually go to Bridge Communities a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization and then the vehicle would go to our family.

If you have any questions about this possibility please contact Bob LaDeur at rладeur@hotmail.com or 630-918-5121.



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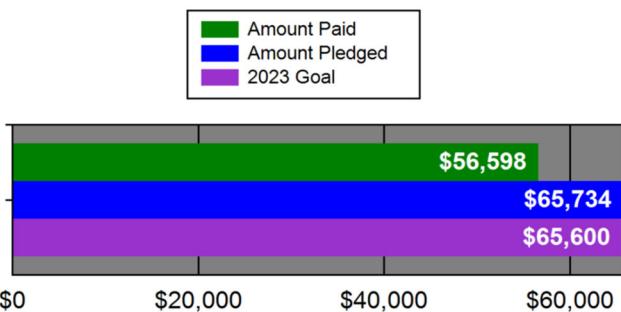


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The churches of Warrenville will collect school supplies for the needy children in our community for the back to school fair on Saturday, August 5, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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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!

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 rладeur@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 rладeur@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

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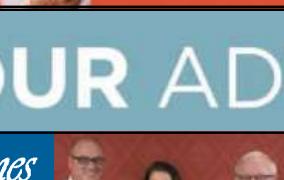
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