

August
9
2026



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



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/UCmMels6ydHjTJD98ZZb_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:

Mon., Tue. & Wed. 8:30am-3:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-3:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-12:00pm

STAFF DIRECTORY

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MAINTENANCE: call Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 8, 4:30PM

†Donna Skrede / 1st Anniversary

†Carl T. Staub, Sr. / Alex & Carl Jr.

Sunday, August 9, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 9, 10:00AM

†Bruce Viertel / Maggie Callaghan

†Bob Sender / Pete & Eileen Pointner

Monday, August 10, 8:00AM

†Anita Benson / Mary Kuliaras

Tuesday, August 11, 8:00AM

†Mary Kay Colgan / Jason & Allie Stepzinski

Wednesday, August 12, 12:00PM

†June Bubar / Marge Steinhoff

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, August 13, 7:00AM

†Mary Kay Colgan/Justin & Agatha Stepzinski

Friday, August 14, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Saturday, August 15, 4:30PM

†Stephen Lundell / Church Ladies

†Dick Duquette / Kevin & Allison Looby

Sunday, August 16, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 16, 10:00AM

†Raymond Steinhoff / Marge Steinhoff

†JoAnn Berning / Berning & Siele Families



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/

Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/

Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4/

Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111,

131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7;

10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4,

5-6/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Ez 12:1-12/

Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or

16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd,

5-6/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: 1 Chr 15:3-4,

15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7,

9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/

Mt 15:21-28

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 Aug 9

Monday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Tuesday: St. Clare, Virgin

Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Thursday: Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus,
Priest, Martyrs

Friday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Saturday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Tabernacle Flowers

Parishioners have the opportunity to sponsor the tabernacle flower arrangement in someone's honor or memory. The donation is \$30 and the arrangement is displayed for a week starting on Saturday. A card with the intention is displayed with the flowers and published in the bulletin and flocknotes. Please call the Parish Office if interested.



Happy Anniversary!

Lisa and Claudio Cortez
Brian and Shelly Meiers
Karen Menconi and Dave Cappa
Trish and Randy Patterson
Kathy and Rich Planek
Scott and Dolly Pointner
Matt and Ann Rychel
Keith and Dorothy Stanley

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



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.

ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH HILLY COOK-OFF 36th ANNUAL January 30, 2027

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 lschmitz1@comcast.net.



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

Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

Give honor to the Lord Jesus and invoke the intercession of his Blessed Mother at the only Church-approved Marian apparition site in the U.S. in Champion, WI, only a 3.5 hr. drive from Warrenville.



Departing via coach bus
from St. Irene at 7 AM.

Returning
to St. Irene at 8 PM

Stopping for meals in Milwaukee

Connecting to God

through Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, the Rosary Walk, Stations and more.



Suggested donation to St. Irene covers transportation, and optional breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Sponsorships available if cost is prohibitive.

Adult \$133.15
Child (2-12) \$67



Space is limited. Register now to guarantee your spot.

Deadline to register is September 17.

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

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

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Parish Community

Save the Date!



Saturday evening,
September 26, 2026 to see
Wayne Messmer perform in
a one person play as
"St Damien of Molokai"
Hosted by the Knights of
Columbus at St. Irene

St. Irene Women of Faith

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Two Brothers Tap House
30W315 Calumet Avenue
Warrenville

Wednesday, September 16
6:00-8:00pm
Appetizers provided
Beverages for purchase

ALL ARE
WELCOME



St. Irene Parish Picnic!

Join us on August 23
after 10:00am Mass
for food, fun, and more!



ST. IRENE EUCHARIST ADORATION



Summer is here and the pace of life slows down, please consider spending some quiet time with Jesus. Every Thursday after 7:00am Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered in the chapel until 12:00pm. Whether it be 5 minutes or as long as you would like, Jesus welcomes you. Grow closer to Our Lord in prayer, thanksgiving, and worship.

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.



Questions:

- + Have you ever looked at one of the Magic Eye optical illusions?
- + Was it easy or difficult to see the hidden image?
- + Were there distractions that got in the way of you seeing the image?

Tie it to the Gospel:

- In today's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus walking on the water.
- The disciples are frightened to see a man walking on the water because it was not something familiar to them.
- Jesus tries to comfort their fears by telling them that they are seeing him, not a ghost.
- Peter still is unsure so he tells Jesus to call him out of the boat to prove it is Him.
- Peter joins Jesus on the water but then becomes distracted by the wind and other things.
- As soon as he takes his eyes off of Jesus, he begins to sink, but Jesus catches him.

Our Mission:

- Our world makes it difficult for us to always keep an eye on Jesus.
- We know that we are to follow Jesus always.
- If we do not keep our focus on God in all areas of our lives, we will "sink".
- Thankfully, Jesus will always be there to catch us.
- Try to think about the distractions in your life that make it difficult for you to walk with Jesus on the "water".

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure
Week of July 27 – August 2
 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 21,864.51	\$ 2,634.00

SAVE THE DATE



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

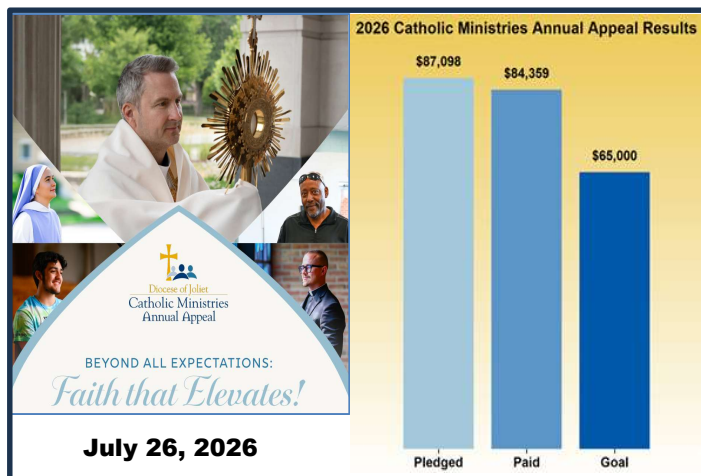
Heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM

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.



Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive September 18-20

The Knights will be soliciting for donations on the street
 corners in Warrenville and at weekend Masses at
 St. Irene. Also a GoFund.Me page has been setup for
 donations September through October
 scan the QR code to donate.



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

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.

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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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!

August 9 | 10:00am Mass

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

August 9 | 2:00pm

Handbell Workshop: Contact Ellen Coman if you are interested.

August 12 | Wednesdays 6:00pm

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

August 13 | 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus Meeting: The Knights monthly meeting in the ACL.

August 14 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 16 | 11:00am

New Potential Hymnal Sing-Along: All are invited to explore and provide feedback about new hymns. Come to the ACL after Mass.

August 16 | 1:30pm

Lay Carmelite Meeting: Monthly meeting held in Mobiles, for info contact Debbie at 708-363-1753.

August 17 | 7:00pm

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



Join us for a
**Back-to-School
Blessing**
August 9 at
10:00am Mass



Hospitality this Weekend!!!
Join us for hospitality after weekend Masses!
Coffee and donuts on Sunday
and
Pizza on Saturday Evening



**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 18 | 6:30pm

**Prayer Shawl Meeting & Cap'ture Ministry
Meeting:** Like to crochet or knit, join us in the
mobiles to share ideas.

