

August
10
2025



19th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival. Amen, I say to you, he will gird himself, have them recline at table, and proceed to wait on them." - Lk 12:37

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



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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 (summer)

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

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MAINTENANCE: call Parish Office

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 9, 4:30PM

†Carl T. Staub, Sr. / Carl & Alexandra

Sunday, August 10, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 10, 10:00AM

†Jean DeLuco / Sharon Kobe

†Jim Intihar / Ken & Barb Intihar

Monday, August 11, 8:00AM

†Dianne Kroll

Tuesday, August 12, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, August 13, 12:00PM

†Mary Schlick / Fred

Thursday, August 14, 7:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Friday, August 15, 7:00AM

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Saturday, August 16, 4:30PM

†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family

†Frederick Smith / 1st Anniversary

Sunday, August 17, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 17, 10:00AM

†Tim Mason / Mary Donnellan

†JoAnn Berning/Berning & Siele Families

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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Jim Stoudt
Kathy Aranda
Rich Planek
Fr. Gerald Riva
Bev Murphy
Brad George
Mary Hefertepe
Ken Intihar

Jim Lytle
Baby Parker
Carlos Contreras
Jennifer Tomashek
Rob Siebert
Donna Bernstein
Paula Peterson
Jim McDermott
Christopher Kennedy

***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 10

Monday: St. Clare, Virgin

Tuesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

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

Thursday: St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Friday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/

Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/

Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8/

Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and

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

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/

Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11,

13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4,

5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,

10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/

1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/

Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/

Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/

Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/

Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

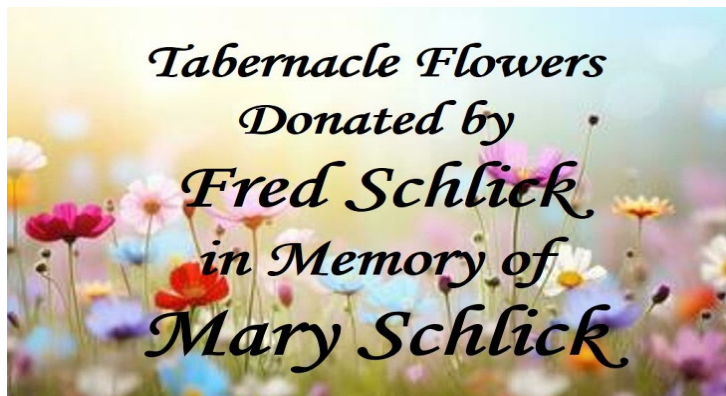
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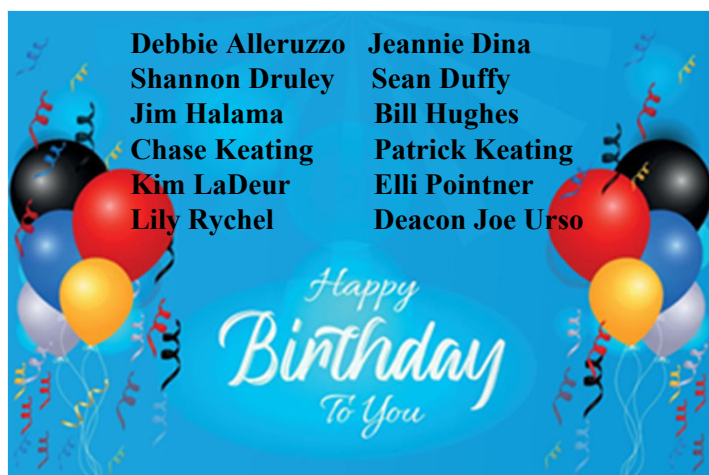
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PREVIEW THE BIBLE SCHOOL IN OUR DIOCESE!

The acclaimed **Biblical Institute in the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years 1 and 2 this Fall: Attend in person classes at **St. Michael's Catholic Church** in Wheaton for Year 1 on Thursdays 7-9 p.m. Year 2 in person classes will be held at **Ascension of Our Lord Catholic Church** in Oakbrook Terrace for Year 2 on Saturdays 9-11 a.m. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

In Person Preview Events in August:

- **August 7 (Thursday)** at John the Baptist (Winfield) 7-8:30 p.m.
- **August 9 (Saturday)** at Christ the King (Lombard) 9-10:30 a.m.
- **August 21 (Thursday)** at St. Michael's (Wheaton) 7-8:30 p.m.
- **August 23 (Saturday)** at Ascension (Oakbrook Terrace) 9-10:30 a.m.
- **August 30 (Saturday)** at St. Pius X (Lombard) 9-10:30 a.m.

In Person Preview Events in September:

- **September 4 (Thursday)** at St. Michael's (Wheaton) 7-8:30 p.m.
- **September 6 (Saturday)** at Ascension (Oakbrook Terrace) 9-10:30 a.m.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class!

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- Web site mayslakeministries.org

St. Irene Family Faith Formation

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



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Join us for Mass on August 15 at
7:00am or 7:00pm**

SAVE THE DATE!

**ST. IRENE ANNUAL GOLF OUTING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2025**



**BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove
Noon check in and
1 pm Shotgun Start (best ball scramble)**



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or at 630-918-5121 for more information

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



Come play games and win prizes!



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.

St. Irene Annual Golf Classic

Proceeds benefit St. Irene Parish

Friday, September 12th, 2025 – Registration at Noon

Shotgun start 1:00 Scramble

Bliss Creek Golf Club – Sugar Grove, IL

Register before September 6th!

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

Fill out your Foursome(s)

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3. _____

4. _____

**Drop this form off at in the collection basket at Church, email or mail
to Bob LaDeur 30w132 Arlington ct., Warrenville, IL 60555**

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

Sponsorship Opportunities

Soft Drink/Water \$400 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!

FAMILY TIME: HOW TO DISCUSS THE GOSPEL WITH YOUR CHILDREN!!!!



Questions:

- + In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus teaching his followers that the kingdom of God can never be lost - we are given this gift daily.
- + **What is your greatest possession?**
- + **How would you feel if someone took it or broke it?**

Tie it to the Gospel

- Jesus begins his teaching from today's scripture story with this line, "Be not afraid. It is God's good pleasure to give you the kingdom"
- God's kingdom - which is God's better way for us to live, right here, right now - is an even better gift than our most prized possessions.
- AND, this is not a gift that God gives just once, but ALL the time.
- God never stops offering us God's better way to live, even when we make a mistake and crush a ping pong ball.
- In other words, we can't lose God's better way to live because God keeps offering it to us.

Our Mission:

- The best gift that God can give us, the kingdom of God, cannot be lost or stolen from us or broken by us.
- Because it can't be lost, stolen, or broken, that means we can share God's gift with those around us - over and over again.
- We are called to share this good news with all we meet.



“We’re Going to Sell Out!” Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference

“We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!” That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: [Father Mike Schmitz](#) had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our [2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet](#).

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His [Bible in a Year](#) and [Catechism in a Year](#) podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural [Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference](#). Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by [Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio](#). The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27 - 29, 2025, at [Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois](#). The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, “It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years.” And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night’s Eucharistic Adoration that left the deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too. Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course [Partnership For Youth](#) who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: [June 26 - 28, 2026, again at Benedictine University](#). Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 21-27 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,494.80	\$ 1,134.00



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



Who are the Lay Carmelites?

Would you like to strengthen your friendship with Jesus? Deepen your relationship with Mary? Perhaps you are being called to be a Lay Carmelite.

The Lay Carmelite Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary (also known as the Third Order of Carmel) are lay Catholics who strive to follow the path of Carmel, a religious order of the Catholic Church that is more than 800 years old. With Blessed Virgin Mary and the prophet Elijah as our models, we seek to live in allegiance to Jesus Christ through prayer, community, and service.

A Lay Carmelite community meets monthly at St. Irene Parish. Anyone who is interested in learning more can contact Debbie Andrlé at 708-363-1753 or by email at debbie.andrle24@gmail.com.

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August 3, 2025

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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.



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Upcoming Events

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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.

August 12 | 6:00pm

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

August 15 | 7:00am or 7:00pm

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Join us for Mass to celebrate the Assumption.

August 15 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 16-17 | After all Masses

St. Vincent DePaul Clothing Drive: The truck will be in the church parking lot unlocked for you to load your donations. Bags will be passed out at all Masses on August 3-4.



August 17 | After 10:00am Mass

Parish Picnic: Join us for fellowship, food, fun, and more! Come play games for prizes!

August 20 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

August 22 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

August 27 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

Choir Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join voices with our choir.

August 28 | 6:30pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Gathering: Join the women of the Parish for the monthly gathering. All are welcome!

August 29 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

September 1 | 9:00am

Labor Day Mass: Join us for Mass to celebrate Labor Day.

September 1 | 6:00pm

Little Flowers Girls Club: Girls 5 and up and their Moms join us to learn about our Catholic heritage, faith, and traditions.

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