

August
16
2026



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Friday 9:00am-12:00pm – starting May 26



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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:

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

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Prayer & Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 17, 8:00AM

†George & Mercia Hardy

Tuesday, August 18, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, August 19, 12:00PM

†Jim Baird / Family

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased

Thursday, August 20, 7:00AM

†Donna Skrede / 1st Anniversary

Friday, August 21, 7:00AM

†Mary Kay Colgan/Davalyn & Jeff Bridginski

Saturday, August 22, 4:30PM

†George & Elsie Simon / Simon Family
†John LaDeur / Friend

Sunday, August 23, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, August 23, 10:00AM

†Raul Rosalez / 1st Anniversary
†Chuck Lohenry/Pete & Eileen Pointner



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Ez 24:15-23/

Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/

Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30,

35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/

Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/

Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ez 37:1-14/

Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/

Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,

13-14/Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/

Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and

8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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.**



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Parish Community

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Chase Keating and Jillian Horvatin
Married on August 15, 2026



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Mila Elizabeth Kalinin
To be Baptized August 16, 2026

Mila, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Juliana Yaretzi Orozco
To be Baptized August 16, 2026

Juliana, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Liliana Naomi Pacheco
To be Baptized August 16, 2026

Liliana, may God bless you on your special day and may He guide your family through the years as they share His love with you.

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St. Irene - sponsored Pilgrimage to
**The National Shrine of
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Saturday, October 3rd, 2026

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

Space is limited. Register now to guarantee your spot.

Deadline to register is September 17.

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



St. Irene Music Ministry
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- 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



ST. IRENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Parish Volunteer
Information Session
Sunday, September 13
6:30 p.m. in the ACL**

St. Irene Parish will be celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2027 and we need your help to make this a celebration to remember!! We're planning a year's worth of activities, from parade floats to picnics, service projects to a 100th Anniversary Gala. We're seeking people with a wide range of skills for small jobs to leadership roles, all to make this year a success.

Be part of our Centennial Celebration!





Questions:

- + Have you ever really wanted something?
- + Did you ask your parents for it?
- + If they did not answer you, would that surprise you?

Tie it to the Gospel:

- The story begins with a woman asking Jesus to heal her daughter.
- Instead of saying "Yes" or "No," Jesus ignores her, which is the first unexpected thing that he does. Jesus doesn't usually ignore people.
- Then, when she keeps asking him for help, he tells her that he can't be bothered with her request because there are other people he is supposed to help instead. And – he doesn't even say that very nicely.
- What Jesus says and how he says it to this woman are not what we would expect of Jesus. And, most likely, the woman did not expect this response from Jesus, either.
- But, the woman does not give up after Jesus' unexpected words. Instead, she gives Jesus reasons why he should help her.
- And did you hear what happened? Jesus decides he *does* want to help the woman. He changes his mind and heals the woman's daughter.

Our Mission:

- What is special about this story is that the woman doesn't give up asking Jesus for help.
- And eventually that help is offered to her.
- She is a model for us. We may ask God for help and feel that he is ignoring us.
- But, we need to be persistent in asking if it is something we really need.
- Even if we feel we are being ignored, we should not give up on prayer.
- When we do that, when we keep asking for help, just like the woman kept asking for help, then we are more likely to receive the help we're asking for.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



St. Irene/Bridge Transitional Housing Program Family #16 Update

This is a family with a Mother and her 7 year old. St. Irene and St. Timothy Lutheran (Naperville) supply the mentor team members and all costs are split between the two congregations.

This family started the program in November 2025 and have made fantastic progress. Mom is employed as a medical assistant and accepted a position with a new employer for more money and responsibilities.

Her debt load consists of a car loan payment and a few more monthly payments on her last credit card. Her credit score has risen 45 points! Family has been a huge help in managing daycare and after school care. She lives very frugally and her savings is \$5,000. That will grow as the last credit card debt payment is made in September.

This client receives feedback very well and changed her lifestyle tremendously. She has followed all the guidelines and exceeded expectations due to her ability to fully embrace the programs goals.

We look forward to the next 15 months with the goal of saving enough for a purchase of permanent home by programs end.

Our thanks to all who have donated to this program thru We Share or at Christmas! Our only other request is that you consider participating in the Hustle Up the Hill in September as this is our main fundraiser!



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.



Help Our Neighborhood Pantry

Our Neighborhood Pantry serves all of Warrenville.

Drop donations off at 29W260 Batavia Road, on Tuesdays 11:00-1:00pm or Sundays 1:00-3:00pm.

If you would like to volunteer for 2 hours on a regular basis, please contact Bill France at france74usma@yahoo.com. Thank you!



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.

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 your donation in the bin located in the church vestibule August 1-30



Upcoming Events

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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.

August 18 | 6:30pm

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

August 19 | 6:00pm

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

August 19 | Wednesdays 6:15pm

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

August 19 | Wednesdays 7:30pm

Handbell Practice: Contact Ellen Coman if you would like to join the group.



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.



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.



Registration Now OPEN for 2026-27!

To enroll your child in St. Irene Religious Education, scan the QR Code

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.



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

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