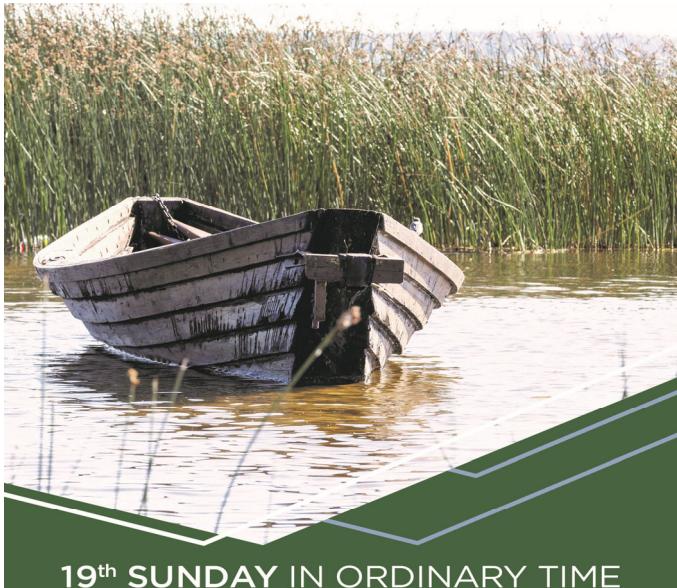


August
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2023

St. Irene Catholic Parish



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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, August 12, 5PM

†Carl Staub Sr./Carl & Alexandra
†Phil Palczynski/ Chuck & Debbie Ingram

Sunday, August 13, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Irene Rudik Costisick / Family

Sunday, August 13, 10AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Tuesday, August 15, 7AM

†Mary Schlick / Fred Schlick

Wednesday, August 16, 12PM

St. Irene Parish Family

Thursday, August 17, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, August 18, 7AM

7AM Mass Group

Saturday, August 19, 5PM

†Al Lucci /Carl & Alexandra
†Joan Berning / Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, August 20, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Daniel Cyrus / Dcn. Joe & Diane Urso

Sunday, August 20, 10AM

†Norah Torres / Young Family
†Harriett Devillers/Dcn. Joe & Diane Urso

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/
Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Rv 11:19a;
12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11,
12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/
Lk 1:39-56

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: Jos 24:1-13/
Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/
Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/
Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11/
Mt 19:13-15

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-2

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

Rebecca Aranda
Ann Lynch
Patti (Conley) Kras
Mary Ann True
Augie Juricic, Jr.
Katie Kennedy
Rachel Jarasius
Marco Inserro

Pat Wehner
Mary Hafertepe
Jean Roe
Gloria Kilboy
Augie Juricic, III
Ken Di Julio
Dan Sorenson
Diane Kroll

Ann Mulcahy
Jim Lytle
Dcn. Bob True
Gina LaRocco Goddard
Terri Juricic
Connie Dyas
Chuck Detwiler
Helen Martinez

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

Condolences to the Family of

Fr. Don McLaughlin

Entered eternal life on August 6, 2023

Visitation, August 10, 4:00pm-7:30pm at
Our Lady of Mercy in Aurora

Visitation, August 11, 9:00am-10:45am followed by
Funeral Mass at 11:00am at St. Michael in Wheaton

Condolences to the Family of

Carol Bollweg

Entered eternal life
on August 3, 2023

Visitation at 9:00am on Friday, August 18
followed by Funeral Mass at 10:00am
at St. Irene



Being Human is to Doubt

By Tracy Earl Welliver

Humans doubt. It's what we do. We doubt ourselves and we doubt others.

Before any of us say anything about Peter's doubting the words of Jesus that told him he could get out of his boat and walk on water, we need to get real with ourselves: How would I respond in the same situation? I remember when I was child taking swimming lessons. One day I simply tightened up my muscles and sank. The lifeguard pulled me up and asked what happened. I said I did not know.

The truth is that I was sinking under the weight of my own doubt. I did not believe I could do what clearly, I was told I could. That was only in five feet of water in a pool! Now that I'm older, I can look back and laugh. But as an adult, the swimming pool is life, and I would be lying if I said that there are no longer times I find myself sinking due to new doubts.

Much of our doubt comes about because of a lack of trust in God. We place our trust in material things, wealth, or imperfect people instead of the One who is worthy of our trust 100 percent of the time. Our stewardship is often hampered by our doubt that God will provide all that we need. If I give more, I may not have enough to survive! When we place all our trust in God, not only do we find that we have been given all we need – our doubt that causes us to sink in the pool of life fades away. We don't suddenly become perfect in our trust, and there will be times when we find ourselves with concerns again. However, it is in those moments we find that He is still there, speaking the words we need to hear: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A man at my parish was struggling to overcome a habitual sin. He said to me, "Father, I know the chance that I will commit sin again is really high. Why should I keep confessing my sins? Isn't that dishonest?" Anyone who has felt the tyrannical power of sin — and who hasn't? — has pondered this kind of question.

I responded to him, "What was the probability Peter would walk on the stormy water?" After some silence, he said, "Zero. But when Jesus called, he did it." I could tell my penitent friend was re-framing the question from his own weakness to the greatness of the Lord's love for him. The question for us should not be one of human probabilities about our sin, but rather whether or not we will trust the Lord's grace in our lives.

This week the Lord is calling you and me to do the impossible: overcome sin with love. The only way to do that is to trust he is calling, and then to walk with the eyes of faith locked on him. And if we sink, he will raise us up again and again. Of that, we can be 100% sure.—Father John Muir ©LPI



Bishop Hicks' Column

August 2023

TRAVEL LESSONS



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"WHAT I DID THIS SUMMER" is usually the first essay of the school year for students. My own essay would include a trip to El Salvador, staying at Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters"). NPH was originally founded in Mexico, by Father William Wasson in 1954, as a home to care for orphaned,

abandoned and at-risk children. He created a safe place where children could thrive within a culture of unconditional love and faith at its core. Currently, NPH nurtures children and transforms lives in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

With permission from Cardinal George, I worked as a priest as the Regional Director of our NPH homes in Central America from 2005 until 2010. Last month, I returned to El Salvador, and as I walked through the enormous doors, the aromas of handmade tortillas mixed with the cow farm next door instantly filled me with memories from five years of service there. I instantly smiled and thought to myself, what a blessing to be back here! I knew, of course, I would be sacrificing many of the creature comforts of home during my visit.

While I was there, NPH celebrated its 24th anniversary of operating a home in El Salvador. We began the day with an early Mass, and I was uplifted knowing the tradition of full and active participation in the liturgy still exists there, as over 500 children enthusiastically sang and responded to the prayers.

After Mass, everyone changed out of their "church clothes" and into their "play clothes." By 9 a.m. it was already 95 degrees, so I, too, decided to change out of my black suit and roman collar and into a T-shirt and sandals. It was a good decision because the day's next activity was an hour-long Zumba/salsa class! Did the bishop Zumba and salsa? Yes! However, trust me when I say that I lacked all skill and grace while doing it—it was an exercise in true humility that also got my heart pumping.

The rest of the day was filled with games and soccer tournaments as we basked in each other's warm friendship and lively conversation. The highlight for the children was being served hotdogs, a bag of chips and a can of pop for lunch. While you may think this is rather basic food, these children are accustomed to eating rice and beans daily, so this was a wonderful and welcomed treat.

After my morning holy hour the next day, I waited for the daily ritual of the water trickling on at 6 a.m. After showering, I dressed in my black suit, roman collar and pectoral cross and got into a pickup truck to drive across the border to Guatemala—a trip that should have taken about two-and-a-half hours. However, because of the condition of the roads scattered with potholes and fallen trees, the drive took almost four hours.

I arrived in the town of Santa Rosa de Lima to ordain Juan Carlos Pirir. For the past four years he has been a seminarian studying for the Diocese of Joliet. After completing his studies, I ordained him a priest there in his hometown as he was surrounded by his parents, siblings, relatives and just about everyone else from the town.

Before and after the Mass, fireworks were launched. And outside of the church, with its large choir and sacred music, the spirit of fiesta filled the air with booming music along with colorful balloons, banners and decorations. It was an amazing celebration and reflected the deep faith in that community, which formed Father Juan Carlos Pirir and fostered his vocation.

Back in El Salvador, a strong storm came through and knocked out the power my last night there. But instead of being upset by this inconvenience, I was thankful for the rain which cooled everything down, including me.

As I went to bed, I thanked God for keeping me safe during my travels. I asked for special blessings upon the dear children of NPH and upon Father Juan's proud family and supportive community. My "summer essay" would thank God for the comforts we enjoy "back home" and often take for granted: our safety, food, water, electricity and our parish communities.

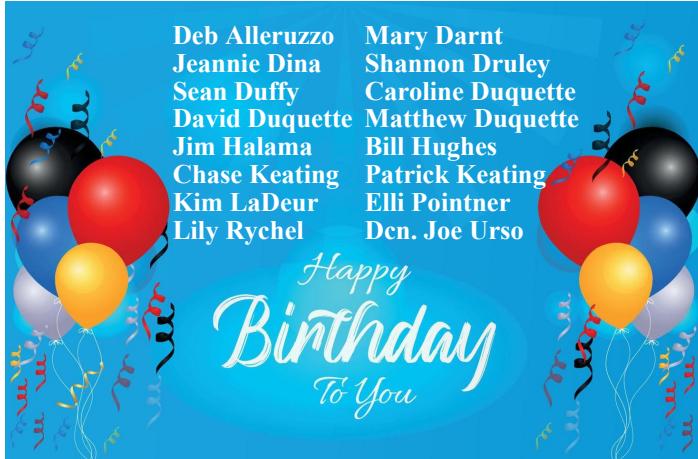
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Parish Community



Happy
Birthday
To You

Deb Alleruzzo Mary Darnt
Jeannie Dina Shannon Druley
Sean Duffy Caroline Duquette
David Duquette Matthew Duquette
Jim Halama Bill Hughes
Chase Keating Patrick Keating
Kim LaDeur Elli Pointner
Lily Rychel Den. Joe Urso



Mike & Lois Hitchcock
Brian & Shelly Meiers
Karen Menconi & David Cappa
Trish & Randy Patterson
Kathy & Rich Planek
Scott & Dolly Pointner
Matt & Ann Rychel
Keith & Dorothy Stanley



WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Natalie Pioquinto
Baptized August 12, 2023

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



Marmion Academy is pleased to announce that the following student from our parish has made the 2022-2023 2nd Semester Honor Roll at Marmion Academy: Highest Average Award (5.00 GPA or above)

2025 Matthew Sullivan
Great Job Matthew!!!



**The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday, August 15
Join us for Mass at 7am & 7pm

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 Walking on Water!

In today's gospel the disciples get in a boat and go out to sea on a stormy night. Matthew is writing for his community who is facing the storms of persecution. The early church can relate to the disciples finding themselves in a storm-tossed boat. Maybe you feel like that sometimes.

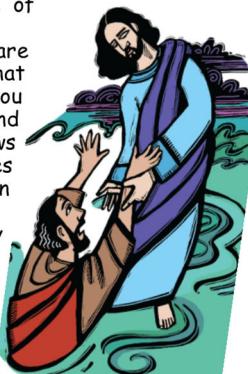
In the dark of that stormy night, Jesus comes toward the rocky boat. He calms the forces of the raging sea. Peter comes out of the boat and starts walking toward Jesus, but when the winds come he becomes scared and starts to sink. Jesus reaches out his hand and Peter grasps it.

Sometimes we too become distracted by things happening around us and we lose faith in what we believe. Things you see on television, movies, or social media; or things that society tells you are true do not always follow Jesus' teachings. Sometimes something happening in your life will make you think that Jesus is not taking care of you.

These distractions and feelings are not from God, and they are not what God wants for you. Just like Peter, you can become afraid or overwhelmed, and begin to falter. Today's gospel shows how important it is to keep your eyes on Jesus, and to reach out to Him in faith.

In the coming week, pay attention to the times when you feel like you are sinking—when problems begin to overwhelm you. Remember that Jesus is there with you, reaching out his hand to lift you up.

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**Classes for 1st–8th
grades meet on
Tuesdays from
5:30–7:00 PM
starting Sept. 5, 2023**

**High School Formation
is also available**

Register online at www.st-irene.org

Contact Craig Mazur for more information at craig@st-irene.org

A BIBLE STUDY ON:

The Glorious Mysteries

PART 4

The Assumption of Mary

WITH TAYLOR KEMP AND DR. JOHN SEHORN

FORMEDNOW



Pope Francis recently urged that Catholics need to recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist, knowing that it is "the real and loving presence of the Lord...Indeed, the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life because in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey."

www.usccb.org/news/2023/adore-jesus-real-presence-eucharist-pope-tells-us-catholics



Eucharistic Adoration This Thursday, August 17

Exposition on the Altar after the 7 AM Mass;
Eucharistic Adoration continuing throughout the day.

6:30 PM The Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 PM The Holy Rosary

Benediction following the Rosary



The Year of Parish Revival

WELCOME OUR LADY OF FATIMA INTO YOUR HOME

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may welcome her again.*

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**Our Lady is at the home of the
Gilligan Family. Please pray with
them for their special intentions.**

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A Bible Study on the Glorious Mysteries: Assumption (Part 4 of 5)

What do you know about the Assumption? Join Dr. John Sehorn and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the theology behind this dogma of the faith.



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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 24 - July 30 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 12,200.00	\$ 15.00

Stewardship of Treasure Week of July 31 - August 6 (Includes on-line contributions)

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 11,567.79	\$ 476.00

St. Irene Sunday Offertory Collection

Offertory - July	Budget - July
\$ 51,919	\$ 54,167
Fiscal YTD Offertory (7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023)	Fiscal YTD Budget (7/1/2023 - 7/31/2023)
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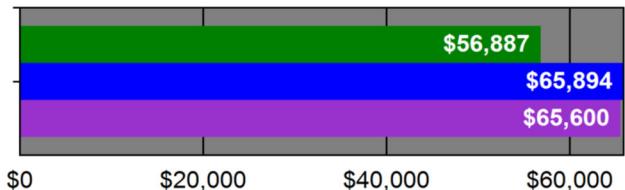
Building & Maintenance Fund

Contributions - July	Budget - July
\$ 3,729	\$ 4,583
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\$ 3,729	\$ 4,583



Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Update Through August 6, 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.



Thank you to all our volunteers that helped sort and pack the School Supplies and helped at the School Fair!



Upcoming Events

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September 7 | 11:30am

Lunch Bunch Annual Picnic: Picnic lunch will be provided at Cerny Park Pavilion! **RSVP by September 1** to Anna Saaake 630-456-0644 or annasaake1920@gmail.com.

September 9-10 & 16-17 | All Masses

Bread Tag and Key Collection: The Knights of Columbus are collecting unused keys and bread tags. Contact Joe Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com for info.

September 15 | 1:00pm

Annual Golf Outing: St. Irene, be a part of a great tradition! **Registration form available on St. Irene website.** For info, contact Bob LaDeur at 630-918-5121 or rладeur@hotmail.com.

September 16-17 & 23-24 | All Masses

Shoe Drive: The Knights of Columbus are collecting gently used shoes for "Share Your Soles" charity. Contact Joe Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com for more information.

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

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



Join us for a
back to school
and RE classes
blessing at the
weekend
Masses on
August 26-27!

November 26 | After 10:00am Mass

Church Cleaning Day!: Bring your family, there is something for everyone to do! Contact Katie Augustynowicz at 630-772-3171.

St. Irene Annual Golf Classic

Proceeds benefit St. Irene Parish

Friday, September 15th, 2023 – Registration at Noon

Shotgun start 1:00 Scramble

Bliss Creek Golf Club – Sugar Grove, IL

Register before September 9th!

\$110 gets you Golf, Cart, Camaraderie and a GREAT Steak Buffet Dinner!

Fill out your Foursome(s)

1. _____

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

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

Sponsorship Opportunities

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