

August
20
2023

St. Irene Catholic Parish



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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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 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

Tuesday, August 22, 7AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Wednesday, August 23, 12PM

†Anita Masters / Family

Thursday, August 24, 7AM

†William Baker / Family

Friday, August 25, 7AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Saturday, August 26, 5PM

†Bob Farmer / Family
†Craig Farmer / Joy Farmer

Sunday, August 27, 8AM

St. Irene Parish Family
†Mary Yracheta/Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, August 27, 10AM

†Glen Kussman / Terri Kussman

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/
Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40,
43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/
Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/
Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/
Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16,
22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a,
9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;
4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/
Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/
Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

HEAVENLY FATHER, WE PRAY FOR...

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

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.*

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Aug 20

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

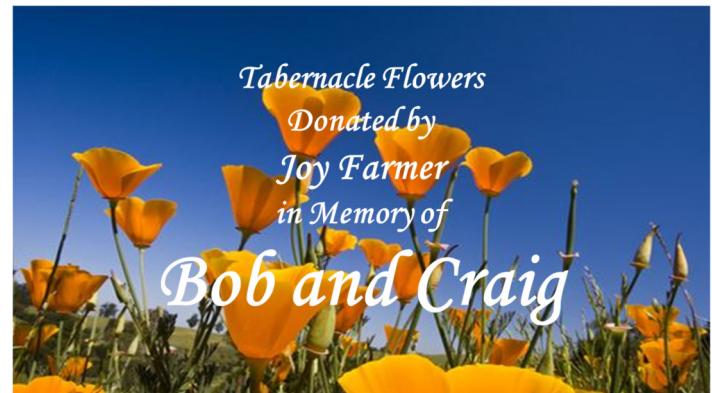
Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest

Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time





The Challenge of Stewardship

By Tracy Earl Welliver

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word “no” used to be one of our favorites.

If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say “yes.” We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love he gives us will be plenty to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for his own sake. He calls us because the world he created and the Church he instituted need us. They wait just as he does for our response.

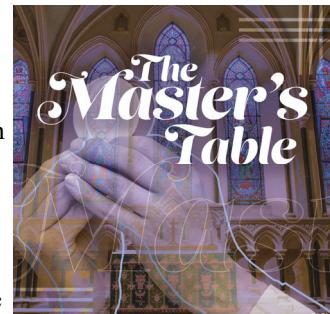
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The suffering of a child symbolizes uniquely terrible evil as well as despair about the future. This week's Gospel gives a "limit" case in which Jesus encounters this evil in the form of a mother with a suffering daughter. What he does is stunning and massively helpful for us if we bravely ponder the details.

The Canaanite woman comes to Jesus and begs his mercy. "My daughter is tormented by a demon," she declares to him. Shockingly, he responds first with silence, then with a dismissive comment, and only then finally accedes to her third request. Is this simply a lesson in perseverance in our petitions to God, who is like a genie in a bottle? Does that justify the humiliation and pain this woman suffers? Is the Lord cruel?

I don't think so. Notice how the encounter ends. She compares herself to a dog at the table of a master. Jesus responds by praising her great faith and fulfills her deep desire. Somehow this non-Israelite woman intuits that this harrowing situation is not dumb suffering. She senses that the door of God's family is, in Jesus, being opened to her and her loved ones. She trusts she is at the Lord's table, and her desires will be fulfilled and that all her sufferings — and her daughter's, too — will lead a great banquet. In our sufferings this week, the Lord wants us to treat him less like a genie in a bottle and more like the Master who has taken us — lost little dogs that we are — into his home forever. Trust that and keep praying in the face of evil. —Father John Muir ©LPI



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Parish Community

Big thank you to our Knights of Columbus, St. Irene Women of Faith, Hospitality Ministry, and all our volunteers for lots of fun and yummy food at the Parish Picnic!



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 Anointing of the Sick

In today's gospel a Canaanite woman persistently asks Jesus for help. Matthew wrote this passage at a time when the Jewish people disliked the Canaanites. The disciples want to get rid of the woman because she is bothering them. At first Jesus' response is unsettling. He tells the woman that he has come to save only Israel. But the woman continues to ask Jesus to help her daughter. She does not give up.

Jesus cures the Canaanite woman's daughter of a demon. Jesus holds up the woman's faith as reason for the healing. By this miracle Jesus shows that faith in him is most important. With his act of healing, Jesus teaches his followers that God's saving love is for all people. The healing miracle in today's gospel is also a sign of the coming of God's kingdom.

Throughout the gospels we are given examples of how Jesus reaches out to people in need with God's healing touch. This ministry of healing continues in the Church today through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament of Anointing of the Sick helps to strengthen our faith in Jesus when we are ill. We receive the grace to face our sickness or dying with courage and hope.



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great is your faith!"

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**Our Lady is at the home of Veronica
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thanksgiving for blessings; and
conversion of family.**



QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On the 11th of October 1954, Pope Pius XII established the Feast of the Queenship of Mary to be celebrated throughout the world, and commanded that on that day each year, the world should renew its consecration to her. The Feast came to be celebrated on 22nd of August.

"The purpose of the Feast is that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and motherly sovereignty of her who bore God in her womb" (Ven. Pius XII, Ad. Coeli Reginam).

On the day of her Assumption, Mary our Mother was solemnly crowned by Christ and received by the whole court of Heaven as Queen. What Christ has done in Heaven and the Church has done on our behalf we should now do individually, that is, we should recognize Mary's Queenship, enthrone her in our homes, consecrate ourselves to her and, by this means, establish in our lives the reign of Mary Immaculate Queen of the Universe.

O Mary Immaculate Queen, look down upon this distressed and suffering world. You knowest our misery and our weakness. O Thou who are our Mother, saving us in the hour of peril, have compassion on us in these days of great and heavy trial.

Jesus has confided to you the treasure of His Grace, and through you He wills to grant us pardon and mercy. In these hours of anguish, therefore, your children come to you as their hope.

We recognize your Queenship and ardently desire your triumph. We need a Mother and a Mother's Heart. You are for us the luminous dawn which dissipates our darkness and points out the way to life. In your clemency obtain for us the courage and the confidence of which we have such need.

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, You Who did crown with glory in Heaven the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Savior, grant that all her children on earth may acknowledge her as their Sovereign Queen, that all hearts, homes, and nations may recognize her rights as Mother and as Queen. Amen.

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The Bible and the Virgin Mary Episode 7: The Promised Mother

On August 22, we celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This session examines the role played by the queen mothers of the Davidic Kingdom in the Old Testament and how they point forward to Mary's role as Queen Mother. As we're about to see, Mary's queenship is alluded to in Matthew's genealogy, which opens the entire New Testament.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life

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

Sunday Offertory	Building/Maintenance Fund
\$ 9,794.79	\$ 380.00

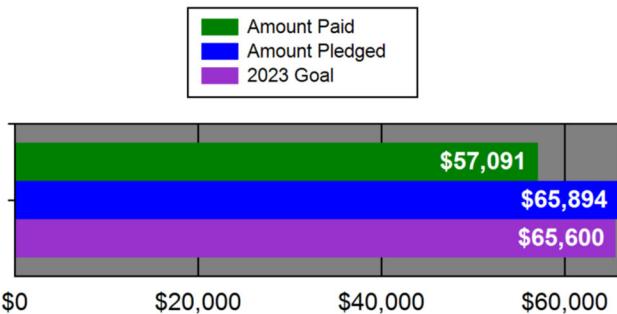


Bread Tag and Key Collection September 9-10 & 16-17



The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the "Danielle Cares for Chairs" charity which recycles bread tags to acquire wheelchairs and mobility assistance devices for those in need. Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling. Tags and keys can be dropped off at the church entrance collection box. If you need further information, contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Update Through August 13, 2023



Thank you for your support. Please contact the Diocesan Development Office with any questions you may have about your pledge at 815-838-8515.



9th Annual Hustle Up The Hill or 1K Flat Route Walk
For The Homeless
Mt. Hoy, Blackwell Forest Preserve,
Warrenville, IL
September 23, 2023
Heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Or participate virtually - complete the race anytime! Challenge yourself to run/walk up Mt Hoy or new this year complete the 1k flat route walk for this cause. All proceeds from the event will go to house a homeless family 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



**WELCOME to the St. Irene Family!
Jackson Riley Lockett
To be Baptized August 20, 2023**

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

Upcoming Events

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September 4 | 9:00am

Labor Day Mass: Please join us for Mass to celebrate our working men and women on Labor Day!

September 9-10 | All Masses

Birthday and Anniversary Mass: Do you have a birthday or anniversary coming up in September? Fr. Clive will give a blessing at these weekend Masses. Contact the Parish Office and indicate which Mass you will attend.

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

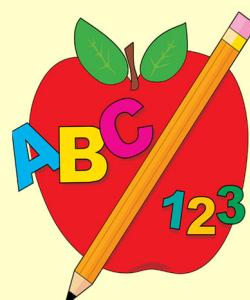
Shoe Drive: The Knights of Columbus are collecting gently used shoes for "Share Your Soles" charity. Contact Joe Kubal at jdrk4715@aol.com for more information.

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: We are seeking a variety of crafters and artists for our annual fair. Everything from paintings to potpourri, carvings to chocolates. Interested? Items must be homemade/handmade. 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!

A colorful illustration featuring a smiling sun with a face, two white clouds, and a blue background. Below the sun are picnic items: a basket filled with flowers, two chocolate cookies, a bowl of salad, and a red bucket containing chicken wings.

Lunch Bunch Annual Picnic

Thursday, September 7
Cerny Park Pavilion

11:30a.m. – 2:30p.m

*Picnic lunch will be provided!
Please bring your own beverages and preferred lawn chairs – there are picnic tables and seating available*

PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY SEPT. 1ST
Anna Saake 630.456.0644 or annasaake1960@gmail.com

Register Now for Handbell Choir!



Rehearsing Mondays, 6:15 - 7:15 pm

September 11-25

Playing at 5:00 pm Mass, Sept. 30.

Beginners who read music **ages 9+** welcome!

To register: contact ellen@st-irene.org

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

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