

September
7
2025



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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Friday 8:30am-3:00pm Starts September 2



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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmMeIs6ydHjTJD98ZZb_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-4:00pm, Thu.
7:30am-4:00pm, Fri. 7:30am-3:00pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 6, 4:30PM

†Rozalia Palys/Berning & Siele Families

Sunday, September 7, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, September 7, 10:00AM

†Alicia Torres / Young Family

Monday, September 8, 9:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Tuesday, September 9, 8:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Wednesday, September 10, 12:00PM

†Amelia Jung / Marge Steinhoff

Thursday, September 11, 7:00AM

†Dianne Kroll

Friday, September 12, 7:00AM

Morning Mass Group

Saturday, September 13, 4:30PM

†Deborah Coleman/Berning & Siele Families

†Jean DeLuco / Sharon Kobe

Sunday, September 14, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

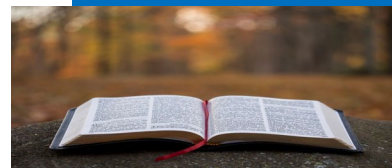
Sunday, September 14, 10:00AM

†Dee Dieter / 2nd Year of Passing

†JJ MacPhee / Papa & J

Contact the Parish Office for submitting Mass intentions.

† = Deceased



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: Mi 5:1-4a or
Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab,
6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or
1:18-23

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/
Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/
Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/
Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/
Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/
Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and
6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/
Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37,
38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

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

Bill Hughes
Olsen Martin
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
Leonardo Przybylek

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

Condolences to the Family of



Carol Schacht
Entered eternal life

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Maxwell Malesh



Remembering September 11 Ceremony

Thursday, September 11th
8:00 am
Warrenville Fire Protection District
35472 Batavia Rd.



Warrenville Will Never Forget

Warrenville will always remember the:
343 New York City firefighters and paramedics,
23 New York City police officers,
37 Port Authority police officers,
125 civilian and military personnel
at the Pentagon, and
the nearly 3,000 civilians who perished in the towers and four commercial airliners that fateful day of

September 11, 2001.



Save the Date! St. Irene Musical Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion

Saturday, October 4
(Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi)
8 AM depart St. Irene - 2:30 return to St. Irene

Walk the tranquil grounds that feature forty life-size bronze sculptures of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. Musical meditations along the way will be lead by St. Irene musicians. Enjoy a group luncheon in a private dining hall onsite. Sing songs inspired by prayers of St. Francis of Assisi. Transportation not provided but car pooling can be arranged.

Registration details coming soon



The Little Flowers Girls' Club is a program whose goal is to provide young Catholic Girls, ages five and up, with an opportunity to gather and learn about their Catholic heritage, faith, and tradition.

First meeting is September 15 at 6:00pm in the Mobiles.

For information visit <https://www.st-irene.org/little-flowers-girls-club>



2023 Convocation

The Diocese of Joliet Priest Convocation will be in September. It is a formal gathering of priests to foster prayer, fraternity, spiritual renewal, and professional development. To support our priests we will have **only Communion Service on September 16 8:00am, September 17 12:00pm, and September 18 7:00am.**



Bishop Hicks' Column
September 2025
The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The “Leo Effect,” as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our [Augustinian](#) priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in [Dolton](#), grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, “He listens more than he talks.” That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, [he celebrated Mass with the homeless](#) and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the [“fire of love” that must burn within us](#), not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, [formed as a missionary in Peru](#), and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the [moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence](#), reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. [He has called for peace in conflict zones](#), urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new [Mass for the Care of Creation](#), highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God’s earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter’s, [he reclaimed the use](#)

[of the mozzetta](#), a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived [the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium](#) on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like [baseball](#), [tennis](#), and [word games](#), and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us

that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit's work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame.

BE FORMED

A 90 DAY DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE
FOR MEN AND WOMEN

The Creed – Part I: The Father

This season will run from September 12th through December 10th and include weekly videos on The Creed – Part I: The Father using the Catechism of the Catholic Church. New videos are released each week and can be found right here on this page.

You are invited to follow along with us this season, utilizing our workbook download. Journal along each week reflecting on God's presence in your life each week, what struck you from this week's video, Lectio Divina and prayer with Sacred Art through Visio Divina and more!

Register at <https://beformed.net/register/>

Facilitator is Bob Heipp - (331)266-4422 for questions



Be Formed

Ring out your praise!



Join our handbell choir!

Rehearsals, Mondays 6:15 - 7:15

September 15, 22, 29

Play at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, October 4

[contact ellen@st-irene.org](mailto:ellen@st-irene.org)

FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

HIGH SCHOOL TEEN GROUP

BEGINNING ON SEPTEMBER 21ST
AFTER 10AM MASS

Come to 10 AM Mass and Join us for food,
fun and faith afterwards in the Mobiles!!!

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Invite Our Lady of Fatima Into Your Home

Pray the Rosary every day, for conversion of sinners, for peace in the world, and for your personal intentions. Even if you've hosted our Lady in the past, you may welcome her again.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex. For more information contact the Parish Office.



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.





Questions:

- + What does it take to become really good at something?
- + Is it easy?
- + Do you have to give up other things to become good at that thing?

Tie it to the Gospel

- In today's scripture story, we hear that Jesus is surrounded by crowds of people. This was not always the case – his disciples always followed him but not the crowds.
- Which is why, in today's scripture story, Jesus is telling the people in the crowd that if they really want to learn the skills that he, Jesus, knows, then they are going to have to put a LOT more time into learning and practicing what Jesus is teaching them.
- In fact, Jesus tells them that it will take so much time that they won't always have very much time for other things, including spending as much time with their family and friends.
- In other words, Jesus is telling the crowds that they can't just "be" his disciples.
- Instead, they will have to practice really hard at being Jesus' disciples.

Our Mission:

- It takes a lot of practice and time for you and me to be a disciple – to be a student – of Jesus.
- But, if we do take the time to learn what Jesus taught, then eventually, we will learn what Jesus knew and do things like he did.
- In other words, we will be better able to receive God's love, forgiveness, and healing and then be able to share God's love, forgiveness, and healing with the people around us – just like Jesus did.

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



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Knights of Columbus Bread Tag, Key, and Soda Tab Drive

The St. Irene Knights of Columbus are again partnering with SCARCE, a local environmental education group, to collect bread tags for the "Danielle Cares for Chairs" charity. Additionally, we will be collecting old, unused keys of all types for recycling. Finally, we will be collecting pull tabs or pop tops from soda cans to benefit Ronald McDonald House. All items can be dropped off at the church vestibule box on the two weekends of **September 6-7 and 13-14 only**. If you need further information, contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Thank you for your support!

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

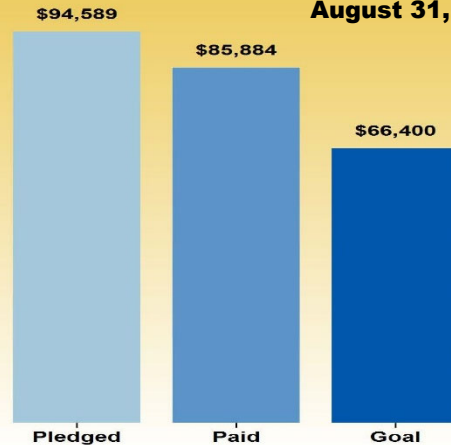
Open your heart to

God's Goodness



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Results

August 31, 2025



Prayer Shawl and Cap'ture the Spirit Ministry Meeting September 17, 6:30pm in the Mobiles

Anyone interest in knitting or crochet join us. We will share patterns and help with how to's. Bring any finished items to donate as well.

For more information, please contact
Paula Peterson 630-319-3998
ppeterson1085@gmail.com or
Cathy Kott 630-393-9543 cakott1210@att.net



Johnson Family Connection Meal September 18, 6:00pm

Whether you are a seasoned volunteer or a brand new volunteer, we welcome you to our 2025-2026 dinners!

If you are interested in this ministry and would like to help out, sign-up at link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090E49AEA623A4F49-58227137-september>

We are looking for greeters, servers, set up and clean up people, and bakers.



Knights of Columbus Intellectual Disabilities "Tootsie Roll" Drive September 19-21

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 at <https://gofund.me/1e93c5b5>

Upcoming Events

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September 9 | 7:00pm

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

September 9 | 5:30pm

RE Opening Mass: Join us for the start of Religious Education Classes with a Mass.

September 10 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

September 12 | 1:00pm

St. Irene Annual Golf Outing: Register to play golf at the Bliss Creek Golf Club in Sugar Grove.

September 12 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

September 13-14 | After all Masses

Birthday/Anniversary Masses & Hospitality:

Do you have a birthday or anniversary in **September**? Contact the Parish office and indicate which Mass you will be attending. Join us for hospitality too!

September 15 | 6:00pm

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

September 15 | 6:15pm

Hand-bell Choir Practice: Join our hand-bell choir! Contact Ellen – ellen@st-irene.org



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

September 9th – RE Opening Mass and First Day of classes 5:30-7:00pm

September 30th – 8th Grade Confirmation Meeting 5:30pm

SAVE THE DATE!

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



**BLISS CREEK GOLF CLUB, Sugar Grove
Noon check in and
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or at 630-918-5121 for more information

September 17 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

September 17 | 6:30pm

Prayer Shawl & Cap'ture Ministry Meeting:

Like to crochet or knit, join us in the mobiles to share ideas.

September 18 | 6:00pm

Johnson School Connection Meal: Volunteer to help at this very worthwhile community event. Contact Pamela Keating for information..

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