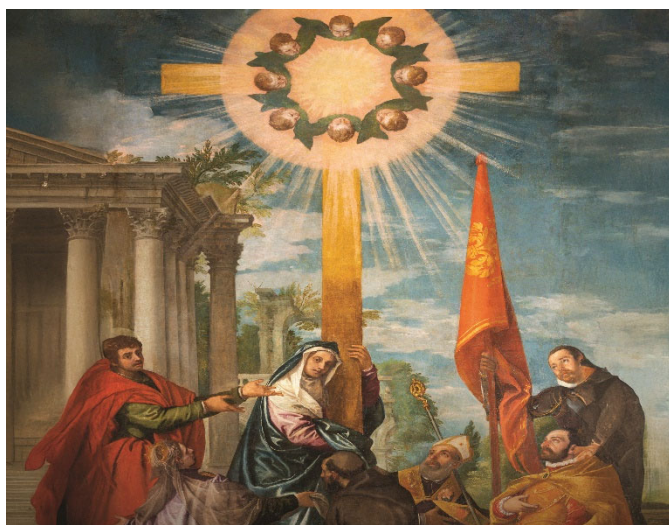


September
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2025



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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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

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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 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

Monday, September 15, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Tuesday, September 16, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Wednesday, September 17, 12:00PM

†Jim Baird / Family

Thursday, September 18, 7:00AM

†Ted Mlsna / Joanne Mlsna

Friday, September 19, 7:00AM

†William Baker / Family

Saturday, September 20, 4:30PM

†Bob & Craig Farmer / Farmer Family
†Walter Grych / Family

Sunday, September 21, 8:00AM

St. Irene Parish Family

Sunday, September 21, 10:00AM

†Angie Cabakec / Family
†Grace Rinaldi / Rinaldi Family

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

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.**

OBSERVANCES for the Week of Sep 14

Monday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Tuesday: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Friday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

Saturday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gõn, Priest, and Paul Chõng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday



WEEKLY READINGS

bible.usccb.org

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/

Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13/

Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5,
6/Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/

Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/

Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/

Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18,
19-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/

Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/

Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a,
7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or
16:10-1





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:**

Tuesday, September 16 8:00am, Wednesday, September 17 12:00pm, and Thursday, September 18 7:00am.



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



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

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.



Mother-Daughter and Friends Tea

October 1 is the Feast Day of St. Therese of Lisieux, the Little Flower. On **Sunday, October 5th at the 10:00 a.m. Mass**, Fr. Greg will bless a statue of St. Therese donated by the St. Irene Little Flowers Girls Club. The statue will be placed in the Chapel.

After Mass, the Little Flowers will host a Mother-Daughter Tea in the ACL; all ladies are welcome. A light lunch will be served, and a basket raffle will be held. Tickets for the Tea are \$20 per adult and \$5 for girls 16 and under. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Cathy Berning at 630-939-6111 or Roxanne Morello at 630-341-6682. If you are interested in donating a basket for the raffle, contact Cathy or Roxanne.



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.

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.

ONLY 2 WEEKS
UNTIL THE HUSTLE
REGISTER NOW!



11th Annual Hustle Up The Hill For The Homeless
Mt. Hoy, Blackwell Forest Preserve,
Warrenville, IL
September 20, 2025

Heats 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Or participate virtually - complete the race anytime
between September 20th - 27th



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 facing homelessness. The family will be provided assistance 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

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

St. Irene Women of Faith

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Two Brothers Tap House

30W315 Calumet Ave
Warrenville

Wednesday, Sep. 24

6-8 p.m.

Heavy appetizers provided.
Beverages for purchase.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**John Bivins
Jeannette Elderkin
Barb Intihar
Pat Jackowiak
Betty Knell
Jacqueline Miller
Lorraine Nemo
Jean Shelton**

**Sharon Bivins
Veronica Glodowski
Ken Intihar
Matt Jarzynski
Laura McGowan
Rick Nagode
Eileen Rader**

*Happy
Birthday
To You*

Happy Anniversary!

**Eloisa & Giuseppe Cerati
Julie & Mike Duquette
Rick & Maggie Nagode
Dave & Mary Nordmeyer
Joyce & Timothy Ressel**

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.



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



Questions:

- + Have you ever played hide and go seek with your family so well that they could not find you? And when they called out your name, you did not answer because you were asleep?**
- + Did they stop looking for you? Do you think that they would ever stop?**
- + And all along, you know where you are – so, it's not like you are lost – but you are separated from your family.**

Tie it to the Gospel

- It is that same type of "lost" we hear about in the stories Jesus tells in today's scripture passage about the lost coin and the lost sheep.
- The coin and the sheep are not with the people they belong to. The coin is not with the woman, and the sheep is not with the shepherd.
- And, once the woman and shepherd are successful in getting the coin and sheep back with them, then there is great rejoicing.
- This same thing sometimes happens to us with God.
- We sometimes stop paying attention to God because we are paying attention to something else.
- Then we forget that we belong to God; that is how we get separated from God and "lost."

Our Mission:

- However, when we're feeling separated from God, God doesn't ever forget about us or lose sight of us.
- That's one of the reasons we gather in worship every week, to remind each other that we are not lost – that we belong to God.
- Then, when we remember that we belong to God and start paying attention to God again, there is great rejoicing!

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Stewardship & Liturgical Life



Did you know you can make your donations automatically?
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or by contacting Fred Schlick at
630-393-2400 x114



businessmanager@st-irene.org
or by clicking on the QR Code.

Thank you for supporting
our Parish!



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.



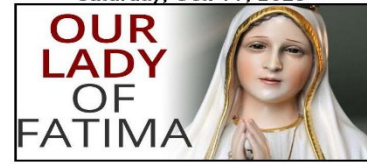
Knights of Columbus Bread Tag, Key, and Soda Tab Drive

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 weekend of

September 13-14 only. If you need further information,
contact Joe at jdrk4715@aol.com.

Thank you for your support!

9TH ANNUAL OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY RALLY Saturday, Oct. 11, 2025



Rosary Begins @ 12 Noon (Be at your Prayer Station by 11:45am)

WHAT TO BRING:

Rosary, Prayer Packet, (lawn chair if needed)
(Prayer Packet will be sent to you via email prior to the Prayer Rally date)

CONTACT/SIGN-UP INFO:

RALLY TEAM COORDINATORS:

Jeannette Clark ~ Annette Kubalanza ~ Lourdes Chew

Sign-up via Email at: FatimaRosaryRally@gmail.com

Include your Name / Phone# / Station# Choice / # of People in group

No Email? Then call Jeannette to sign-up: 630-292-9349

NAPERVILLE:

[Prayer Station #. // Station Location]

- 1) St. Thomas Apostle Catholic Church
(along Brookdale Rd by electronic sign)
- 2) St. Patrick's (Residents only)
- 3) NWC-Raymond Dr at Brookdale Rd
- 4) NWC-Raymond Dr at Redfield Rd
- 5) NWC-Raymond Dr at McDowell Rd

WARRENVILLE:

[Prayer Station #. // Station Location]

- 6) NEC-Ferry Rd at Raymond Drive
- 7) NWC-Ferry Rd at Curtis (en español)
- 8) NWC-Curtis at Townline Road
- 9) NWC-Curtis at Warrenville Rd
- 10) St. Irene Catholic Church (next to
Activity Center along Warrenville Rd)
- 11) Monarch Landing (Residents only)



Saturday
September 20
7:00AM - 11:30AM

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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 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

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..

September 19 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

September 20 | 7:00am

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive: Join us for a pint! ;)



Religious Education Schedule and Upcoming Events

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

September 20 | 9:00am

Hustle Up The Hill for the Homeless: Join us at Blackwell Forest Preserve to run/walk up Mt. Hoy

September 21 | 10:00am

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Join us for Liturgy of the Word for Children at 10:00am Mass.

September 22 | 6:15pm

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

September 24 | Wednesdays 7:00pm

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

September 24 | 6:00pm

St. Irene Women of Faith Ladies Night Out: Join us for appetizers at Two Brothers Tap House.

September 26 | Fridays 1:00pm

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

September 28 | 1:30pm

Lay Carmelite Meeting: Monthly meeting held in ACL, for info contact Debbie at 708-363-1753.

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