The Catholic Family of St. Irene Parish strives to become the people of the Gospel we are called to be by our Baptism. Therefore, we will serve the community by sharing our faith as we proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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St. Irene Parish is a cluster partner with St. Joseph Parish in Ida, MI.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Saturday: Private Reconciliation at 3:30 p.m.
Mass at 4:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph in Ida)
Sunday: Mass at 10:30 a.m. (8:30 a.m. at St. Joseph in Ida)
Holyday/Weekday: Holyday and Weekday Mass times are listed in “Worship This Week” inside this bulletin.

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Rectory Office and Religious Ed. Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage: Call 529-2160 first, before you make any other arrangements. Six months minimum notice is required for the marriage preparation process.

New Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by stopping by the Rectory or calling 529-2160. We want to acquaint you with our Parish and help you feel at home.

Baptism: Please call 529-2160. Baptisms are normally celebrated at Sunday Mass; no baptisms during Lent. One month’s notice and a pre-baptism session are required.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call 529-2160; the Sacrament can be celebrated at church, home or hospital.

Bulletin Copy Deadline is Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., eight days prior to distribution.
Worship This Week

**Monday, May 13**
9:00 Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory)

**Tuesday, May 14**
(7:00 p.m. Mass in Ida)

**Wednesday, May 15**
9:00 Mass (Floyd Perry)

**Thursday, May 16**
NO MASS

**Friday, May 17**
9:00 Mass (Laura Dettloff, Birthday Remb.)

**Saturday, May 18**
3:30 NO Confessions
4:00 Mass (Leta Brabow, req. by Tina & Matt Schultz)

**Sunday, May 19**
10:30 Mass (Parishioners of St. Joseph & St. Irene)

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**Ascension of the Lord**

**Cycle C**—Lk 24:46-53

**With Great Joy**
by Fr. Jeffrey Day

There is a great contrast between the reactions of the disciples in Good Friday’s Gospel from just a few weeks ago, and how they react today. In both Gospel passages, Jesus is taken away from them. The Cross took Him away on Good Friday, and His Ascension took Him into Heaven today. On Good Friday the disciples reacted by running away in fear, while Peter, their leader, denied the Lord. Look at what a difference the Resurrection made for the disciples. After the Ascension, the disciples reacted “with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.”

The Resurrection cast away their fears and so they were freed up to joyfully approach their daily lives. This freedom and joy is what is offered to us as well. At times, especially when we are aware of our own sinfulness, we can tend to become saddened and think that Jesus is far away. We could act like the disciples did on Good Friday and become fearful. Or we can recall the Resurrection, which changes everything. Even though we may think Jesus is far away when we sin, we know that He is actually quite close. Jesus has ascended into Heaven, but Heaven is not so much a place as it is a relationship with Him. As long as we remember that, He is never far away. He is resurrected, and that joyful knowledge changes everything.

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**Readings for the Week of May 12, 2013**

**Sunday:** Ascension:
Acts 1:1-11/
Lk 24:46-53

**Monday:**
Acts 19:1-8/
Jn 16:29-33

**Tuesday:**
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

**Wednesday:**
Acts 20:28-38/
Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:**
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:**
Acts 25:13b-21/
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday:**
Morning:
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/
Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday:**
Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a
16-20b
Day: Acts 2:1-11, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17
Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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**Office of Priestly Vocations**

**Motherhood: A Vocation of Love**

Mothers have answered God’s call to the vocation of marriage and selflessly and lovingly brought children into the world. They are one of the first witnesses of God’s unconditional love to their children. Mothers are also one of the greatest influences in a future priest’s vocation. If you think your son, grandson or someone you know may have a calling to the priesthood, have them contact Fr. Tim Birney, Director of Priestly Vocations at 313-237-5875 or visit our website for more information: www.detroitpriest.com. Follow us on Facebook: Office of Priestly Vocations or Twitter @DetroitPriest.

Vocations, one of the seven mission priorities for the Archdiocese of Detroit!
Pray For Our Sick
David Wielfaert, Helen Janus, Mary Schall, Elaine Johnson, Frank Lake, Darlene Bowles, Colleen Rauch, Jean DeBruyne, Harold Straub, Robert Katanski, Lori Meinke, Doreen DeLisle, George DeBruyne, John DeBruyne, Sr., Bill DeBruyne, Martha Rais, Joyce Wright, Kristen Meinke, Louis Krasci, Bishop Francis Reiss, Troy A. Miller, Peggy DeBruyne, Katie McCracken, Elizabeth Cone, Monique Baber, Perry Castelnero, Sandy Yount, Amanda Williams, Lily Schmidt, Brennan Panzl, Nancy Scharboneau, Pat Helle, Lorena DeBruyne, Janet Schuler, Tammie Antrim, Brit Antrim, Charlene Loop, Richard Burke, Marilyn Riter, Paul Gerweck, Doris Rogers, Clair Rigel, Craig Edmonds, Vicente Perez, Gloria Mannlein, Dennis Lay, James Moore, Lynn Tester and Marian Ternes.

If God writes opportunity on one side of the door, he writes responsibility on the other side.

Ida Area Garage Sales
Ida Area Garage Sales on May 18 are again sponsored by the Friends of the Ida Branch Library in connection with our May 18 book sale. In addition to newspaper ads, the Friends will furnish complete list of sales and numbered maps which will be available at the Ida Branch Library beginning Thursday, May 16, and at the book sale on the 18th.

Book Sale: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Books will not be priced and are available for whatever the reader cares to donate.
Anyone who wishes to donate books to the book sale is asked to bring them to the Ida Library at any time but not later than 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 18. Sorry, we cannot accept encyclopedias, textbooks, movies, CDs, Magazines, or Readers Digest Condensed books.

May
Month of
The Blessed Mother

Attention Class of 2013!!
The parishes of Saint Joseph and Saint Irene wish to congratulate our high school/college graduates. A special Baccalaureate Mass will be held in your honor next Sunday, May 19, 2013 at Saint Joseph Church at 8:30 a.m.
The Christian Mothers will be honoring you and your families with a breakfast to be served following this Mass.
Please e-mail Linda at lindamichelene@yahoo.com or call her at 734-457-9833 if you have any questions or are planning to attend. This breakfast is intended for immediate family members.

K of C Scrap Metal Drive
The Fr. Bowers Knights of Columbus Council #8698 will collect scrap metal on Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 8295 Van Aiken St., Ida. No residency requirement. Any metal objects will be collected, such as: copper, aluminum, wire, steel, and cast iron.
Do you have these objects that need to be disposed of? For more information and pickup, call Tony at 823-5286, Gary at 734-790-2205, Bob at 269-6852.
Proceeds to be used for charitable community projects and support of seminarians.
Did you miss your Township clean-ups? Here's your chance to clean up that garage, barn, or back yard.

Caring/Sharing
May is our month to provide personal care items to the Dundee Interfaith Caring and Sharing Program.
Personal care items include: toothpaste and brushes, toilet tissue, deodorant, soaps, combs, diapers, Q tips, band-aids, sanitary napkins, baby items and shaving items.
Place your donations in the lobby of the church.