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.

Parish Email: stirene@frontier.com

Religious Education Office
Mary Mead, Religious Ed. Director  (734) 529-2097

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, July 1  
9:00 Mass (Floyd Perry)  
**Tuesday, July 2**  
(7:00 p.m. Mass in Ida)  
**Wednesday, July 3**  
9:00 Mass (Poor Souls in Purgatory)  
**Thursday, July 4**  
NO MASS  
**Friday, July 5**  
9:00 Mass (For Peace & Justice)  
**Saturday, July 6**  
3:30 Sacrament of Penance  
4:00 Mass (Parishioners of St. Irene & St. Joseph)  
**Sunday, July 7**  
10:30 Mass (Lola Labert, req. by Eugene & Alice Poupard)

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**Readings for the Week of June 30, 2013**

**Sunday:**  
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62  
**Monday:**  
Gn 18:16-33/ Mt 8:18-22  
**Tuesday:**  
Gn 19:15-29/ Mt 8:23-27  
**Wednesday:**  
Eph 2:19-22/ Jn 20:24-29  
**Thursday:**  
Gn 22:1b-19/ Mt 9:1-8  
**Friday:**  
**Saturday:**  
Gn 27:1-5, 15-29/ Mt 9:14-17  
Next Sunday:  
Is 66:10-14c/ Gal 6:14-18/ Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

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**Auction Coordinator Needed by SMCC**

St. Mary Catholic Central High School seeks an energetic, creative, organized, and detail oriented person to fill the role of Auction Coordinator.

The Auction Coordinator is responsible for development, management and execution of the school’s annual Auction...A Celebration for Students. S/he is part of SMCC’s Advancement Team and reports to the school’s President.

The selected candidate would spend one year in paid training under the current Auction Coordinator before her retirement after the April 2014 event. The position is a part-time, primarily seasonal, role with some work required in the late summer through fall, building through the winter and then full-time in the weeks leading up to the annual event.

Prior experience in event management, planning, or volunteer administration preferred. Applications should be sent to: Auction Coordinator Position, St. Mary Catholic Central, 108 West Elm Avenue, Monroe, MI 48162 or sjorgensen@smccmonroe.com.

For more information, including a complete job description, please visit the News section on the SMCC website at www.smccmonroe.com.

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**Peter’s Pence Collection**

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter’s Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity—please be generous in today’s Collection.

*Kind words do not wear out the tongue.*

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**A Family Perspective**  
by Bud Ozar

Today’s Gospel reminds us that once we set our “hand to the plow” of parenting and marriage, we “cannot look back.” That is what a commitment is: we have said “yes”, not to what was or could be, but to the unknown. Follow Jesus, who was “resolutely determined” to live his commitment, even to death.

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**Our Weekly Giving**

June 23  
Envelopes ..................... $1235.00  
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**Liturgical Ministries**  
July 6—7, 2013

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Evangelization: Evangelization Leads to a Civilization of Love

As the Gospel Message is spread, its values and virtues will permeate all of society—the media, the workplace, the laws of the land, raising the dignity of the human person and the value of life. “The New Evangelization must strive to incarnate Christian values and open the Gospel message to human cultures. Evangelization should lead to “a civilization of love.”” (Redemptoris Mission, 51)

Take Action! Defend Life in Michigan

Michigan has long prohibited tax dollars from paying for or subsidizing abortion. Due to recent federal health care reform, a signature gathering effort is underway to ensure health plans on the newly created exchange abide by this same tradition. To participate in the drive and to sign the petition, visit MichigansVoice.com today. Your participation is vital to the petition’s success!

Help Wanted with RTL Parade Float

Monroe Right to Life is planning a float for the Monroe County Fair parade July 28, 2013. See the bulletin board in the church vestibule for more details or contact Grace at 734-529-2739 as soon as possible.

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cycle C - Lk 9:51-62

Don’t Look Back by Fr. Jeffrey Day

Jesus’ reactions to those who want to follow Him may seem rather harsh in today’s Gospel. Jesus says to the man whose father just died, “Let the dead bury their dead.” Jesus was just as abrupt with the man who wanted to say farewell to his family before following Him. We shouldn’t allow these abrupt sounding remarks to obscure the point that Jesus is trying to make: working for the Kingdom of God requires a total commitment and no looking back. Think of it in terms of a change in jobs. You can’t be totally committed to a new job if you continually visit the old job and the old boss. The same is true when working for the Kingdom of God. When we follow Jesus, He wants our total commitment because that’s what we need. We’ve probably met people who live their lives constantly looking back and wondering, “What if?” These are usually not very happy people. The same is true of Christians. The happiest Christians are the ones who put everything—all their energy, time and talent—at the service of the Kingdom. Holding back and looking back are temptations, but ones that don’t bring fulfillment. That’s why Jesus wants to make things very clear. If we keep looking back—and holding back—then we won’t be effective servants of the Kingdom. We also won’t be happy Christians.

Pray For Our Sick Communications

Thanks to your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal, you can learn more about the Archdiocese of Detroit 24 hours a day, seven days a week at www.AOD.org.

The website features information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services of the Departments of Communications; Parish Life and Services; Development and Stewardship; and Evangelization, Catechesis and Schools; as well as about Priestly Vocations, Sacred Heart Major Seminary, and the Metropolitan Tribunal.

The home page always features news and insights about goings-on in our local Church. You can also find listings of parishes and schools, and a CTND program schedule, and details about stewardship and the 2013 Catholic Services Appeal.

To Thank You

“Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered”

Thank you so much for the prayer blanket. I’m hoping that it works and I will be healed soon.

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