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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*January 10, 2010 The Baptism of the Lord*

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## Ramblings

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. At his baptism Jesus on his mission of proclaiming and living the Kingdom of God. Today we also celebrate our own baptism and recommit ourselves to continuing the mission of Jesus as we continue to live and build the Kingdom of God now in 2010.

At the heart of this mission is being faithful to the relationship with God that began at our baptism. We also continue to proclaim God's mighty deeds we have experienced in our lives to all the world. This is our baptismal call to live in the heart of God so that we might be people of love and peace and unity to all we meet.

Today we welcome among us Sister Charlene Diorka, SSJ, Associate Director of the National Religious Vocation Conference. She is a Sister of Saint Joseph of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia and has served as the Vocation Director for her Congregation for six years. She has experience in young adult ministry with retreats, discernment, and life choices. Previous to vocation ministry, Sister Charlene taught for 17 years, 7 of those years spent in junior high and 10 years in high school. She holds a Masters Degree in Theology from St. Michael's College in Vermont and a Bachelors Degree in Elementary Education from Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia. Sister Charlene will share with us how we can all continue to live our baptismal call to follow in the mission of Jesus.

St Irenaeus is blessed with many people who have responded to their baptismal call to follow the mission of Jesus. This place is what it is because of that loving and generous response. We are truly blessed as a community of faith. There is a program in the Archdiocese which trains lay ministers for parishes. St. Irenaeus currently has two people enrolled in the Called and Gifted Program. It is a two year ministry training program which then will offer the graduates of the program the training and the ability to minister in the parish. The two fellow parishioners are Mary Jane Riopelle and Janet Pattyn. We offer our continued support and prayers to these two women who have generously and lovingly responded to the mission of Jesus once again in their lives.

Fr. Terry



## Reflections on Today's Readings January 10 The Baptism of the Lord

### **1st Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7.**

"Here is my servant whom I uphold." In the first of four "Servant Songs," Isaiah prophesies of the One who is to come - the One who will "bring forth justice to the nations." The prophecy comes at the end of the Babylonian exile. Isaiah has already proclaimed to the captives that their redemption is at hand. Now, as he undertakes to build their hopes for the reestablishment of the kingdom, he tells them that the One who will bring about justice for them will be a much different Messiah than they expect.

### **Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10.**

"Give to the Lord glory and praise." The voice of the Lord is over the waters." The Psalmist sings of the peace with which the Lord blesses his people. The image of water suggests the waters of Baptism.

### **2nd Reading: Acts 10:34-38.**

Peter preaches to Cornelius and the people, all Gentiles, assembled at his house, of the Baptism which John brought and of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and power with which God anointed his Chosen One. God had appeared in a dream to Peter, instructing him to meet with Cornelius and offer salvation to him and the Gentiles gathered in his household. Thus, the servant of whom Isaiah prophesied, was formed as "a covenant of the people, a light for the nations."



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### **Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.**

Luke, the master story-teller carefully sets the timing of his events. It was, "In the days of Herod, King of Judea..." that the angel announced to Zechariah that Elizabeth would have a son whose name would be "John." It was, "In the sixth month" of Elizabeth's pregnancy with John that "the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth" to announce "to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David... Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." Filled with joy, Mary, immediately "set out for the hill country" to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Elizabeth and John, who leaped in Elizabeth's womb at the presence of Jesus, both shared Mary's joy. Then began a long Advent as both women waited and wondered what life held in store for their sons.

Now, some thirty years later, "In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas..." the long advent period is over. John comes out of the desert, an Old Covenant prophet proclaiming a time of repentance, heralding the arrival of a New Covenant. "I am baptizing you in water." John announces, as he begins his ministry. The people thought John might be Elijah come back to earth or even the Messiah. He quickly dispels their expectations, saying, "There is one to come who is mightier than I...He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire."

In the world of the Old Testament peoples, the dome of the sky separated the earth, where they lived, from the heavens, where God dwelt. The God they knew was remote and unapproachable. What happened after John baptized Jesus was, to the people there, an awesome thing. The dome of the sky opened up and God spoke for all to hear, saying, "You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests." God, the transcendent God, always remote from them above the dome of the sky, had just revealed himself to them. There was now no doubt who and what Jesus was. He was the Son of God; the mediator between God and his people. In Him and through Him was their salvation.

**St. Irenaeus "Night At The Races"**

**Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Balmoral Park Racetrack-Rt 1 Crete**

Balmoral has live harness racing which may be viewed from your heated clubhouse seat or elsewhere. Each table has a TV set to view the race. There are windows where you can place your wagers.

Cost for the evening is \$28.00 per person for all you can eat which includes an elaborate dinner buffet which is served from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Desserts until 9:00 p.m. The buffet included chef's carving table and chef attended pasta station, unlimited soft beverage, coffee and tea included.

Also included is free general parking, club house admission tickets, official race program, special St. Irenaeus race dedication and a group photo in the winners' circle. Reservation must be made prior to January 21st. **NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER JANUARY 21 ST!**

Come bring your friends, you do not have to be a St. Irenaeus parishioner to attend, call the church office to purchase your ticket 748-6891.

See you at the races.

**Ministry of Care:  
Theology and Practice (Certification)**

This is an invitation to serve the Lord and His less fortunate people by becoming one of our parish Ministers of Care. Ministers of Care bring communion to the homebound in our parish and to local hospitals. Vicariate V, Deaneries C-D-E is offering a diocesan approved and mandated course for persons wishing to serve as Ministers of Care. The course will be held Mondays and Wednesdays, February 1,3,8 & 10 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Parish, 10134 S. Longwood Drive, Chicago.

If you are interested in taking the course you must have the Pastor's approval to serve in this ministry. The fee for the course is paid for by our parish.

If you are already a Minister of Care and have not been mandated by the Archdiocese, this is the workshop for you.

For further information call the Rectory, 748-6891 or Deanna Martin, 799-4567.

**Homage to Dr. King  
celebrates his legacy**

**Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10 a.m.  
First Reformed Church  
15924 South Park Ave.  
South Holland, IL**

By Deidra Somerville

When community members gather January 16 at First Reformed Church to celebrate the deeds and words of Dr. Martin Luther King, they'll do so with joy in their hearts and music on their lips and in their ears.

The event this year will bring an enriched musical experience to the audience in remembrance of Dr.

King's Legacy of peace, justice and the use of spirituals as the soundtrack of the Civil Rights Movement.



The parish office will be happy to send you a statement of your 2009 contribution for tax purposes. Please call the church office 748-6891 if you would like a copy. Thank you all for your generosity last year.

## Religious Education News



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Recently some of the junior high school students went bowling. This junior high activity was done in collaboration with Celebration Ministries which is housed at Hope Lutheran Church. Everyone had a great time and all are looking forward to the next junior high activity. A huge thank you to all the chaperones for this event.

**Game Night:** Date: Friday, Jan. 15th Time: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. This event is for Kindergarten-Grade 5. Students may bring board games or card games. Snacks and cold drinks will be provided. In case of inclement weather, the alternative date is Friday, Jan. 22nd from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

**Family Mass:** The Family Mass is Sunday, Jan. 17th at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The 6th graders will be in procession and two students will be lectors. A huge thank you to Mary Jane Riopelle who has generously been working with the student lectors for the family mass each third Sunday of the month. Mary Jane is currently in the Called and Gifted program sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

The students in Victoria Merlo's class have started to work at home with their parents in preparing for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The lessons are reviewed with Victoria each week. The parents spend time working with their children and talking about what it means to forgive and be forgiven. This is a very exciting time for each of the families and for the parish community. The students and their families will celebrate First Reconciliation on Sunday, February 28 at 1:30 pm. Please keep them in your prayers!

The catechists are getting together for a potluck meal on Sunday, Jan. 10th in the St. Irenaeus room. The religious education board members and substitute catechists have also been invited. Thank you to Marianne Newton, Marilyn Scherbarth and Alicia Rodman McCray who have been substitute catechists when called upon to do so. Your generous service to the program and the parish is greatly appreciated.

Sr. Mary Anne



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## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Monday, January 11

8:00 Brian O'Neal req by  
His Son Cody

### Tuesday, January 12

8:00 Norma McClain req by  
The Finance Board

### Wednesday, January 13

#### St. Hilary

8:00 Fr. Dan O'Sullivan req by  
Don & Judy Korte

### Thursday, January 14

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, January 15

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, January 16

#### Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Communion Service  
4:00-4:45 **Reconciliation**  
5:00 Roger Cleghorn req by  
The Richard Polancyak Family

### Sunday, January 17

8:30 David Newhuis req by  
Rosemary & Children  
10:30 Dick Niendorf req by  
The Neindorf Family  
Leonard Weaver req by  
The Choir

## Liturgical Ministers

**Please Note: the schedule is for the following weekend.**

### Saturday, January 16 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Tim Blumenthal, Merle Arr, Bob Carreras  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Jim Silvia, Patrick McCartan, Kathy Murphy,  
Bob Steiert, Marilyn Carroll,  
Virginia Piechocki, Eileen Rose

#### Cantor

Helen Silvia

#### Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Kendrick Gilmore

### Sunday, January 17 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Chris Rudnik, Gerry Berish, Chris Blue  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Laura Hennessy, Joe Augustyn, Pat O'Connor,  
Richard Thomas, Dolly Mikolajczyk,  
Deanna Martin

#### Cantor

Faye Predny

#### Altar Servers

Jack Osmolski, Kevin Headly

### Sunday, January 17 10:30 am

#### Lectors

R.E. Youth, R.E. Youth, Mary Anne Yanz  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Barb Ostroski, Sevena Merchant, Lyn Schober,  
David Ostroski, Valeria Wolff,  
Kathy Anderson

#### Cantor

Bill Carreras

#### Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Elizabeth Hurd

## “Life on the Yellow Brick Road”

Date: January 23 Time: 9:30am-Noon Fee: \$30

Come and journey with the beloved character of THE WIZARD OF OZ as we explore the metaphors and spiritual symbolism found on the Yellow Brick Road of Life. In this whimsical look at the Christian spiritual journey, participants will explore the essential elements necessary for spiritual growth and development. Time will be given for quiet reflection and small group discussions. Facilitator: Dr. Mary Amore

“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 27**

**Budget Information           \$4,650.00**

January 3 Collection           \$4,782.00

Thank you to the 151 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,026.00

Loose Money   \$756.00

Budget Year to Date       \$125,550.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$115,875.81

**09/10 Budget Shortage   (\$9,674.19)**

**Maintenance Fund Jan. 3   \$1,231.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD   \$14,687.00**

**Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00**

**Total Collections       \$340,050.00**

**Total Expenditures     \$293,947.83**

**Solemnity of Mary       \$1,366.00**

**Christmas YTD           \$12,499.00**

### ***Hotlines:***

*COURAGE*

*For single mothers and  
unplanned pregnancies*

*708-636-8001*

*Catholic Charities Family Shelter*

*312-655-7700*

*Senior Services*

*708-596-2222*

*Crisis Center for South Suburbs*

*708-429-7233*

*Grief Support Center for New  
Beginnings*

*708-985-3010*

*So. Sub. Family Shelter Domestic  
Violence*

*708-335-3028*

*So. Sub. Council on Alcoholism  
and Substance Abuse*

*708-647-3333*

## ***Ministry of Care & Anointing of the Sick***

Please call the rectory if you, or someone you know, is unable to join us for Eucharist. Our ministers of care visit parishioners at home and in the hospital or nursing home. Arrangements can be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

## ***The Sacrament of Marriage***

Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

### ***Need prayers?***

*Call the St.*

*Irenaeus Health*

*Ministry Prayer*

*Line at 747-0974*

*with your requests*

## ***The Sacrament of Baptism***

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must attend a baptism preparation session. These sessions are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

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### **Bulletin Submissions**

Articles are due by 10 AM on Fridays 8 days prior to publication date. Electronic submissions are preferred - email to [stirenaeus@archchicago.org](mailto:stirenaeus@archchicago.org). Please include "Bulletin article" in the subject line. Questions? Call Terri Cardin at 708-748-6891 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.