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*March 21, 2010 Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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Let the one  
among you  
who is  
without sin  
be the first  
to throw  
a stone

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE    SUNDAY MARCH 28, 2010**  
**2:00 PM    IN CHURCH**

## **WITH OPEN HANDS**



## **WITH OPEN HEARTS**



**COME JOIN THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST IRENAEUS AS WE  
REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE!**

*Lenten Services & Holy Week at St. Irenaeus Parish*

Fridays, March 26 7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**  
(led by different Commissions of the Parish Council)

**Parish Reconciliation Service**  
Sunday, March 28, 2010 2:00 PM

**Lenten Faith Sharing Groups**  
Call the Parish Office, 708-748-6891, for details

**Holy Thursday April 1st**

6:00 PM Potluck  
8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday April 2nd**

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross  
3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday April 3rd**

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday April 4th**

8:30 Am 10:30 AM

*Through Our Journey with Christ We Become a New Creation*

# Witnesses of Faith

Sponsored by St. Irenaeus Adult Faith Formation Committee

## St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

Religious Education Center Room 8 7:00-8:30 pm

Thomas Merton

Monday April 19, 2010

Mr. George Stapleton

Each Presentation will conclude with refreshments and fellowship.

A free will offering will be taken to help offset the stipends for the speakers.

RSVP to Terri Cardin at St Irenaeus Parish Office by the Wednesday prior to the session you will be attending, or if you need a ride 708.748.6891

The Parish Pastoral Council is accepting nominations this weekend for two at-large openings for representatives from the parish. The three-year term begins in September. Individuals must be registered parishioners, 18 years or older, and must nominate themselves. If you are interested, please pick up a copy of the application form from the hymnal stands. If you have any questions call the rectory for further information.

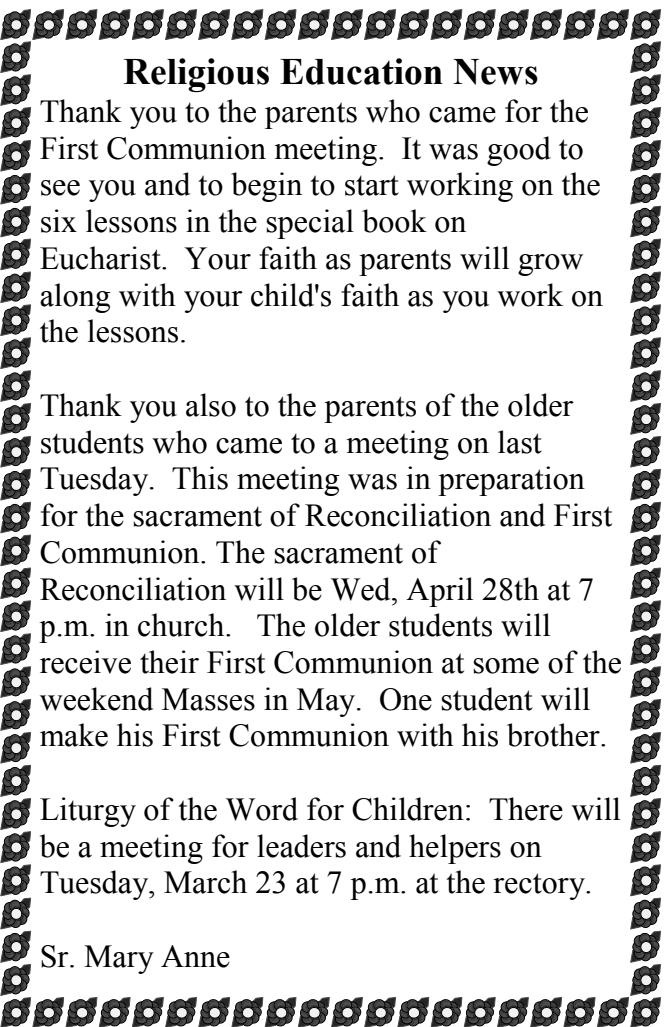
### Religious Education News

Thank you to the parents who came for the First Communion meeting. It was good to see you and to begin to start working on the six lessons in the special book on Eucharist. Your faith as parents will grow along with your child's faith as you work on the lessons.

Thank you also to the parents of the older students who came to a meeting on last Tuesday. This meeting was in preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be Wed, April 28th at 7 p.m. in church. The older students will receive their First Communion at some of the weekend Masses in May. One student will make his First Communion with his brother.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: There will be a meeting for leaders and helpers on Tuesday, March 23 at 7 p.m. at the rectory.

Sr. Mary Anne



### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

3/26

Location: St. Irenaeus Gym

Time: 5:00-7:30 PM

All you can eat Fish Dinners

Cost: Fish Dinner Adults \$8.00

Children (under 10) \$4.00

Macaroni & Cheese Dinners

Adults \$5.00 Children (under 10) \$4.00

Shrimp & Combo Dinners Are Not All You Can Eat (Only Fish)

Six Piece Shrimp Dinner \$8.00

Combo Dinner

2 Fish and 3 Piece Shrimp \$10.00

Dinners include: Macaroni & Cheese,

Green Beans, Cole Slaw,

Bread & Butter, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

Carry outs will be available

Drinks Available at bar;

Beer & Wine, \$2; Pop & Water, \$1



### Easter Flowers

There will be a second collection next Sunday, Palm Sunday March 28th for flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday. Please be a generous as the spirit will allow you.



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A Film and Discussion on the Life of Archbishop Oscar Romero”

Date: March 22 Time: 7-9 pm Fee: \$15

Facilitators: Father Terry Johnson and  
Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

“The Lenten Journey: Connecting the Threads of Women’s Lives”

Both the Wisdom Tradition in scripture and the ancient art of weaving provide strong and powerful images for us as we make our way through this Lenten Season, connecting what has been separated for too long. Together we will listen for what both can teach us about the long haul of faithfulness and a God who sits with us as the tapestry of each of our lives unfolds. You are invited to attend one, two, or all three sessions of this Lenten series.

“A Tapestry Unfolding: Becoming Women of Wisdom”

Date: March 29 Time 9:30 am-Noon Fee: \$20

Week of Fire: The Spirituality of Holy Week”

Date: March 26-28 Time: 7 pm (Friday)-11 am (Sunday) Fee: \$225 (includes 2 overnight stays and all meals)  
\$125 (commuter-includes all meals)

“ A Retreat in Everyday Life: Connecting the Sacred and the Ordinary”

Dates: March 15-29; group sessions (15th and 29th) Time: 7-9 pm

Fee: \$150 (includes all materials and 5 spiritual direction appointments)

Spiritual Directors/Facilitators: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM; Norma Jenssen, OSF; Father Terry Johnson

*“THE PORT”*

*9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL*

*815-464-3880 [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)*

### ***Holy Thursday Potluck***

Each year on Holy Thursday evening we begin the celebration of the Triduum by gathering together as a parish family for a meal. We'll meet in the St. Irenaeus room at 6:00 p.m.. Bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert. We'll provide the drinks. We need help setting up and cleaning up. If you could help please call the rectory @ 748-6891.



### **CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME**

St. Irenaeus Parish will offer a six-week series entitled  
**“Catholics Returning Home”**

Beginning April 14, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Religious Education Center, 78 Cherry St., Park Forest Illinois  
The sessions are for non-practicing Catholics who are seeking answers to questions about returning to the Church. If you know someone who has left the Church, please invite them to join us.

For more information please contact:  
Dorothy Worthan 708-748-4843

Website: [www.stirenaeuschurch.com](http://www.stirenaeuschurch.com)



*Holy Thursday*

### **Holy Thursday Volunteers Needed**

Would you like to participate in the washing of feet during our 8:00 PM celebration of Holy Thursday April 1st? Fr. Terry and 12 disciples will re-enact the Gospel of John on Holy Thursday evening.  
To Sign up, call the rectory 748-6891.

## Reflections on Today's Readings March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### **First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21.**

"See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" The liberation of the captives in Babylon and their return to Jerusalem is seen by Isaiah as a new Exodus. The desolation of the Exile fades as God opens His arms in reconciliation, welcoming them into the fullness of joy that the long-yearned for return to their homeland will bring.

### **Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.**

"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. The Psalmist sings with the joy of his return to his homeland.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14.**

"I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." Saul, an erudite and articulate Jew, took great pride both in his religion and his Roman citizenship. He had studied under the most learned of teachers including Gamaliel, a member of the Sanhedrin and one of the most influential rabbis of his time. Before he had been called to his mission by Jesus, Saul had held a position of great power in the Jewish leadership. Now, he was gravely mistrusted by the Christian leadership. It was only after Barnabas became his sponsor, went with him to the Apostles and spoke in his support that they began to accept him. When he appeared before James and the elders in Jerusalem to justify himself as a reborn follower of Christ and to defend his mission to the Gentiles, Saul, now known as Paul, testified (Acts 22:3), "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, educated strictly according to our ancestral law, being zealous for God, just as all of you are today." Now, though, he considers everything in his life prior to his conversion as a "loss" because his life really began in Christ. Paul probably does not mean that everything before his conversion is "loss" but that it pales in significance compared to his life in Christ. He was truly a "reborn" Christian.

### **Gospel: John 8:1-11.**

The Pharisees transform Jesus' teaching circle in the Temple area into an arena into which they drag the "woman caught in adultery." The people whom Jesus was teaching suddenly become spectators to an ugly confrontation between Jesus and the Pharisees. The Pharisees are not interested in the woman as a person, only as a pawn, a participant in a relationship which they intend to use to their advantage. Despite their expressed piety and outrage, neither are they interested in upholding the Law. The Law concerned both participants in the "sin of adultery." The immediate and obvious question is, "Where is the man?" It takes two to commit the sin the Pharisees are concerned about. If the woman were caught in the act of adultery, the man, her partner in sin, had to be there. If the Pharisees' interest was in the law, they would have him there.

The Pharisees try to engage Jesus in an altercation, but he remains detached from them, writing something, who knows what, in the sand. Finally, Jesus says, "Let the one who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." The Pharisees, beginning with the eldest, steal away.

Now, alone with the woman, Jesus transforms her from an object of convenience and derision into a human being. Jesus neither condemns her nor condones her behavior. He does acknowledge her sin, telling her to "go and sin no more." One can well imagine that she did go forth, inwardly exhilarated by her cleansing, to reform her life. Like the Samaritan woman at the well, she must have sensed she was talking to a prophet, if not the Messiah.

Jesus does not condemn us. Rather, he freely cleanses us and sends us forth to new life. For our part, we must reflect on our lives in prayer, asking ourselves, "What does Jesus want me to do; how does he want me to reform my life?"



## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Monday, March 22

8:00 Elogius Sauter & Family

### Tuesday, March 23

#### St. Toribio de Mogrovejo

8:00 Nancy McClain req by  
Bill McClain

### Wednesday, March 24

8:00 Vincent & Susanna Sauter & Family

### Thursday, March 25

#### The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, March 26

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, March 27

8:00 Communion Service

#### 4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Fred & Florence Powers req by  
Theresa Ooms

### Sunday, March 28

8:30 Eleanor Moore req by  
Bill McClain

10:30 Lucille Erickson req by  
Jan Pattyn

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 27 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Bob Carreras, Laurie Miller, Tim Blumenthal

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Merle Arr, Richard Marvin, Sally Fortune,  
Beverly Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,  
Barbara Principali, Marilyn Carroll

#### Cantor

Helen Silvia

#### Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Elizabeth Hurd

### Sunday, March 28 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Harlan Smith, Deanna Martin, Eleanor Burns

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Pat O'Connor, Carol McCullough,  
Kathy Murphy, Gerry Berish,  
Richard Thomas, Pat McCartin

#### Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

#### Altar Servers

Jack Osmolski, Karen Ertl

### Sunday, March 28 10:30 am

#### Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Brenda Harris, Lyn Schober

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Pat Benjamin, Barbara Ostroski, Connie Rice,  
Kathy Anderson, Doris Foster, Dave Perkins,  
Valeria Wolff

#### Cantor

Marianne Velut

#### Altar Servers

Stephanie Sagun, Gary Marron, Linda Marron



The Church of the Holy Family and the Park Forest Association of Churches presents their Annual Choir Fest on Sunday, March 21, 2010, at 2:00 P.M. The host will be the Episcopal Church of the Holy Family, located at 102 Marquette Street, Park Forest, IL. The facility is wheel-chair accessible.

The participating church choirs are Calvary United Protestant - St. Paul's Good Shepherd Churches, Faith United Protestant Church, First Baptist Church of Park Forest, Grace United Protestant Church, St. Irenaeus Catholic Church, and The Episcopal Church of the Holy Family.

Light refreshments will follow the program. For further information or directions please call 708-748-1100.

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 37**

**Budget Information           \$4,650.00**

March 14 Collection           \$4,172.00

Thank you to the 137 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,571.00

Loose Money \$601.00

Budget Year to Date       \$172,050.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$160,872.31

**09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,177.69)**

**Maintenance Fund Mar. 14 \$519.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$23,354.00**

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

**Total Collections           \$348,717.00**

**Total Expenditures       \$295,987.83**

## ***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.

## ***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.

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

*Call the St.*

*Irenaeus Health  
Ministry Prayer  
Line at 747-0974  
with your requests*

### ***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*

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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.

## ***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.