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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday



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 RE-
JOICE IN GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE!**

Lenten Services & Holy Week at St. Irenaeus Parish

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

“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

“Praying the New Universe Story”

Date: April 12 Time: 9:30-11:30 am or 7-9 pm Fee: \$20

Facilitator: Father Terry Johnson

“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880 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 22, 2009 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

Religious Education News

Thank you to the parents who came to the sacrament preparation meeting for the older students. The sacrament of Reconciliation for older students will be Wednesday, April 28th at 7 p.m. in church.

Fundraiser: The candy and nut orders will be given out on Sunday, March 28th.

Thank you for supporting the fundraiser. The top seller was the Ugonna family. They will get a dinner cooked by me.

Sr. Mary Anne

Reflections on Today's Readings March 28 Palm Sunday

Processional Gospel: Luke 19:28-40.

"On his approach to the descent from Mount Olivet, the entire crowd of disciples began to rejoice and praise God loudly....." The processional Gospel, as the name suggests, describes Christ's Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem. There are three forms of entry for today's Liturgy: The Procession, The Solemn Entry and the Simple Entry. We will use the procession.

1st Reading:

Isaiah 50:4-7. "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I will not be put to shame." This reading is from the 3rd song of Isaiah's Servant of Yahweh or "Suffering Servant." Though it is not clear from the text, Christians generally believe the Servant represents Christ. The Jewish people, however, saw the Nation of Israel as the Suffering Servant.

Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 23-24.

"My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" The Psalmist laments his abandonment and ill treatment. The suffering Psalmist is identified as Christ. Even in the depths despair over His abandonment, He praises God and exhorts us to join Him.

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:6-11.

"...though he was in the form of a God, he did not deem equality something to be grasped at." Paul presents Christ as the Suffering Servant who came to serve us, to give his life that we might have life anew in Him. Paul writes, "For our sakes, God made him (Jesus) who did not know sin, to be sin, so that in him we might become the very holiness of God" (2nd Corinthians 5:21). Christians accept on faith what for others is difficult even to contemplate: that Christ was both human and divine; that He who is sinless, was sent to assume our sinful human nature ("to be sin," as Paul puts it) and that in doing so, he assured us a "share in His divinity."

Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56. The Passion.

Luke remembers that Jesus promised Paradise to the criminal who repented and that Jesus said, "Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit." The Synoptic Gospels of all three Evangelists relate the Lord's Supper. When Jesus announces that one of the disciples will betray him, they all ask, "Is it I, Lord?" Their faith is still so tenuous at this time and none of them have yet been tested. In the uncertainty born of that lack of experience in adversity, none of them is sure that he will have the strength to remain faithful to him.

An expression of faith, which comes easily to our lips when things are going well for us, or when we want something from God, becomes difficult to live out when we are confronted with life's difficulties. Mark tells the story of the man whose son was possessed by a mute spirit. The man, anxious that his son be returned to him cured, appealed to Jesus, "But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus replied, "If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith." The father cried out, "I do believe!" (Mark 9:23-24). The anxious father was ready to do anything to have his son cured and his expression of belief rose out of that desperate need. He realized immediately that he had offered "belief" almost as a commodity to be traded for the cure that he desperately wanted for his son, and in his uncertainty about his profession of belief, he added the supplication, "Help my unbelief!"



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 29

8:00 John & Barbara Sauter & Family

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 Sabrina Solage req by
Antonio Marra
Special Intention Chuck & Claire
Differding 64th Wedding Anniversary

Wednesday, March 31

8:00 Peter Schmitz & Family

Thursday, April 1

8:00 PM Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Friday, April 2

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

Saturday, April 3

8:00 PM The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Sunday, April 4

8:30 Fr. Dan O'Sullivan req by
Don & Judy Korte
Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer
10:30 The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus
Jeanne & Ted Goehler req by
The Goehler Family

First Weekend of the Month Food Project April 3&4, 2010

We are very grateful for your generous support of our Parish project. When you do your family shopping this week, please pack a sack for the needy among us and bring it to Mass with you on April 3 or 4. If it doesn't need refrigeration until it's opened, it's OK. And, if there's a 'buy 1 get 1 free' sale, you have doubled your gracious gift.

Easter Flowers

There will be a second collection this Sunday, for flowers for the altar on Easter Sunday. Please be a generous as the spirit will allow you.



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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



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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 38

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

March 21 Collection \$4,443.68

Thank you to the 148 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,698.00

Loose Money \$745.68

Budget Year to Date \$176,700.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$165,315.99

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,384.01)

Maintenance Fund Mar. 21 \$434.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$23,788.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections **\$349,151.00**

Total Expenditures **\$295,987.83**

Easter **\$160.00**

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. 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.