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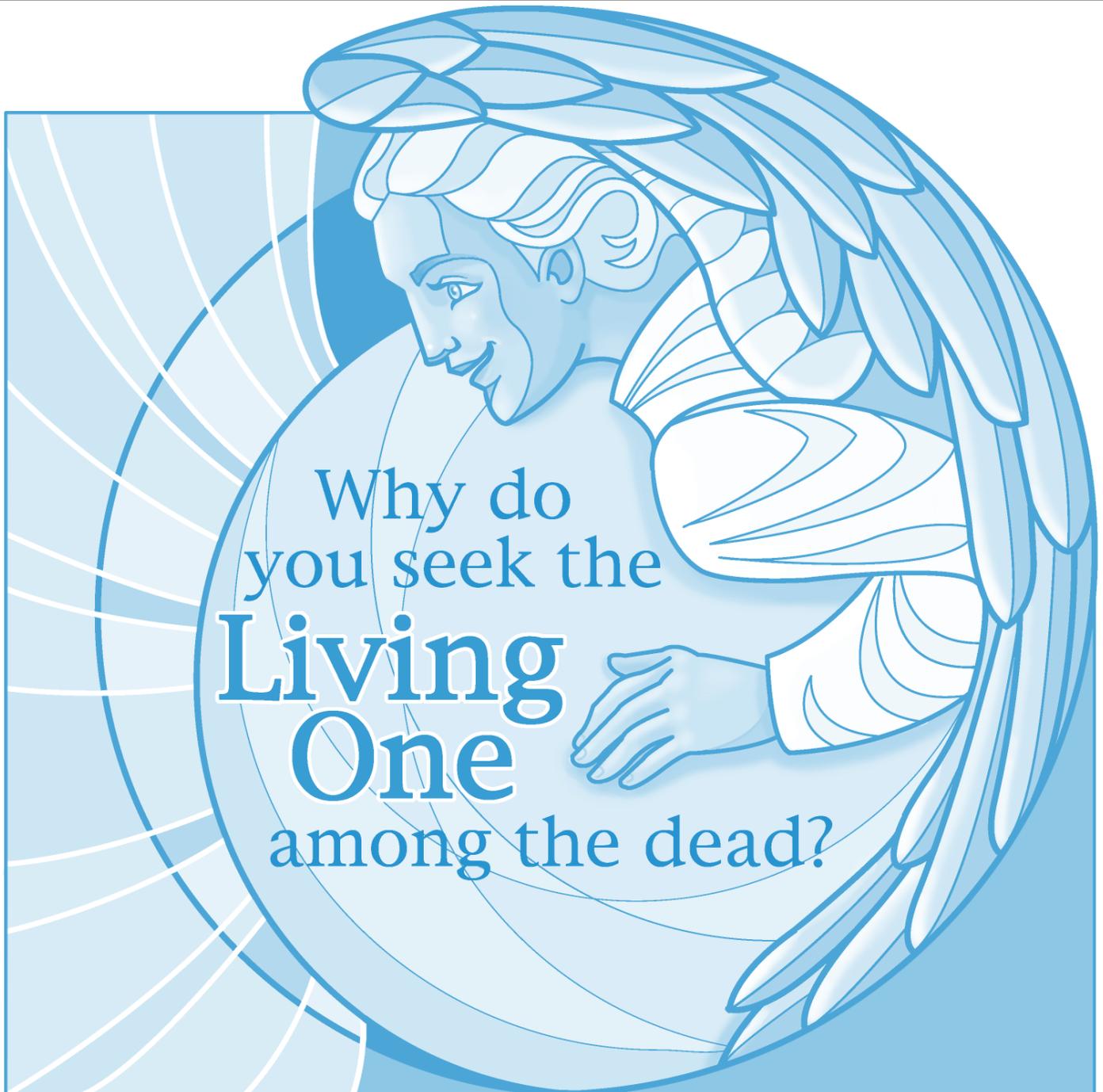
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS —



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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 4, 2010 Easter Sunday



AND THE GLORY

The silence breaks into morning.
That One Star lights the world.
The lily springs to life and not even Solomon...

Let it begin with singing and never end!
Oh, angels, quit your lamenting!
Oh, Pilgrims, upon your knees in tearful prayer,
Rise up
And take your hearts and run!

We who were no people
Are named anew
God's people,
For he who was no more
Is forevermore.

By Anne Weems from [Kneeling in Jerusalem](#)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Our Lenten journey is complete and we have come to the tomb and found Jesus, not in the tomb, but alive in our hearts anew this Easter Day! We give thanks and praise to God who has brought us to this day and whose love sustains us as we continue the journey to the future! May you be blessed many times over this Easter season!

There are so many people to thank for the celebrations of Lent and Holy Week and Easter! So to not miss any one I say a big THANK YOU to all who, in any way had a hand in our liturgical celebrations this year! They were filled with the St Irenaeus hospitality and welcome. They were moments of grace as we prayed together the events of God's action and presence among us! May the spirit continue as we journey through the Easter season and into ordinary time!

On behalf of the entire parish staff I wish you all a blessed and holy Easter! May the joy of the Risen Jesus be in your lives and homes all year long! And may the peace of this holy season embrace all of us and our world!

Happy Easter!

Fr Terry

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

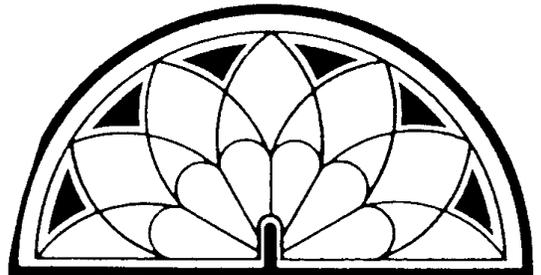
On April 11 the Community of St. Irenaeus will celebrate the installation of our new Pastor, Rev. Terry Johnson at the 10:30 Liturgy. A reception will follow in the Religious Education Building. Members of the Funeral Meals Team and the Hospitality Team will be contacted to provide appetizers and finger food desserts for the reception. But if you do not receive a call from these respective ministry representatives and you would like to contribute and be a part of this faith community celebration, we would like to hear from you. Perhaps you have a favorite appetizer (cold items only) or bite-size dessert that you'd like to bring. By all means, please contact one of the following immediately and we will provide any additional information as to suggestions, quantities, delivery times, etc. Please contact Dolly Mikolajczyk (747-7343), Judy Korte (748-4624) or Terri Cardin (748-6891) and we will provide you with additional information.



LET'S MAKE THIS ONE FANTASTIC COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!



**WEDDING
BANNS
I
DENNIS YOUNG
&
KIM SAFRON**



HAPPY EASTER

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, April 5th. We will be open normal hours the rest of the week. 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thank you.

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“Praying the New Universe Story”

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

As we come to understand the interconnectedness of the universe, how do we pray? What are the threads of the spirit that connect us with one another and with the whole cosmos? Come and open your heart to the incredible wonders of all creation as you listen, learn, and share with others new ways of praying with life as it unfolds in the 21st century.

Facilitator: Father Terry Johnson

“Centering Prayer: Living and Praying with Heartfulness”

Date: April 24 or 23-24 Time: 9:30 am-4:30 pm (Optional Friday Evening: 7-9 pm)

Fee: \$55 for Saturday (includes Lunch)

or \$155 Friday-Saturday (includes overnight, both sessions, breakfast and lunch)

Facilitator: Father Joseph Ruiz

“A (Re)Treat: The Spirituality of Motherhood”

Date: May 8 Time: 9:30am-Noon Fee: \$20

Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

“Contemplative Photography”

Date: May 24 Time: 9:30am-Noon Fee: \$20

Facilitator: Colette Wisnewski

“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

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

Religious Education News

We are encouraging our religious
education families to attend Fr. Terry's
installation as pastor of our parish which
will be on Sunday, April 11th at the
10:30 a.m. Mass. The children in our
religious education program have been
asked to sing a song with the choir at that
Mass.

The catechists in our program have been
invited to Our Lady of Knock in Calumet
City on Saturday, May 1st. They are
invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass at
the parish and enjoy an appreciation
dinner after Mass.

Confirmation Retreat: Date: Sunday,
April 18th Time: 1 p.m.-4
p.m. Place: Religious Education
Center. Confirmation will be Sunday,
May 23rd at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Sr. Mary Anne

Reflections on Today's Readings April 4 Easter Sunday

1st Reading: Acts 10:34, 37-43.

"He commissioned us to preach to the people and to bear witness that he is the one set apart by God as judge of the living and the dead." Peter is summoned in a vision to go to the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, who had been told in a simultaneous vision to summon Peter. The reading, which is Peter's discourse to those present, omits the following vital words from verses 34 through 36 which help us understand what is going on: "Peter addressed Cornelius and the people assembled at his house in these words: 'I begin to see how true it is that God shows no partiality.' Rather, the man of any nation who fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to him.' This is the message he has sent to the sons of Israel, 'the good news of peace' proclaimed through Jesus Christ who is Lord of all."

Peter acted on his vision which he understood as mandating a major change in his thinking and that of the Apostles. Up to this time, they understood that Christ's mission was only to the Jewish people; "The Lost Sheep of Israel." Now, Peter opens the door to salvation in Christ to all the Peoples of the world. We see in this reading a continuation of the events that solidify Peter in the position of leadership of the Christian community. There is no formal action on the part of the Apostles that brings Peter's leadership about. Rather, Peter just takes charge and they all acknowledge his leadership by accepting him and his actions.

Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23.

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad."

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians:5:6-8.

"Get rid of the old yeast to make of yourselves fresh dough....." Paul gives us his recipe for salvation. We make of ourselves "fresh dough" when we renew our Baptismal promises.

Gospel: John 20:1-9.

"Christ is risen!" This good news was beyond belief for the disciples. John's Gospel places us at Jesus' tomb on the first Easter Sunday morning. We recall that most of Jesus' followers, their faith shattered and their hopes dispelled, scattered and fled from the Garden of Gethsemane when He was taken into custody. They are now cowering together in a room someplace nearby, devastated by the events of Good Friday and fearful that they themselves may yet be in danger from those who put Jesus to death.

Mary Magdalene goes to the tomb in sorrow to anoint Jesus' body. There, she is astonished to find the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. He is gone! She does not grasp immediately what has happened, but runs to find Peter and the other disciple, whom Jesus loved. Breathlessly, she tells them, "They have taken the Lord...."

Peter and the other disciple race to the tomb. The Beloved Disciple, whom we understand to be John, arrives first and sees the tomb empty but he allows Peter to enter first. The Beloved Disciple's faith moves him immediately to understand what Jesus has been trying to tell them all along on the road to Jerusalem and to believe what has happened. Jesus has risen just as He said he would. Later, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene, who does not yet fully comprehend what has happened. Only when He calls her by name, does she see him as the Risen Lord.

Later that day, Jesus appears to Peter and the disciples, who are locked in their room for "fear of the Jews." In spite of Mary Magdalene's earlier report, they really believe only when they see Jesus, hear Him speak and see His wounds. Thomas came to belief a week later, but only after seeing and feeling Jesus' wounds. Do we have the faith to believe He is really risen, really living among us, really teaching us to love one another?



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 5

8:00 Frank Michalak
Timothy O'Sullivan req by
The Family

Tuesday, April 6

8:00 Norma McClain req by
John & Janis Svglj

Wednesday, April 7

8:00 Patricia O'Connor
Arlene Zibrida req by
Patrick McCartan

Thursday, April 8

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 9

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 10

8:00 Communion Service
4:00-4:45 **Reconciliation**
5:00 Mary V. Predny req by
The Cheney Family

Sunday, April 11

8:30 Brian O'Neal req by
His Son Cody
10:30 Norma McClain req by
Mary Moore
Fr. Dan O'Sullivan

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 10 5:00 pm

Lectors

Sara Veldhuizen, Marilyn Bourgeois,
Arthur Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Beverly Helm, Sally Fortune, Sam Bowns,
Marilyn Carroll, Merle Arr, Richard Marvin,
Loren Bowns

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Mike Powers

Sunday, April 11 8:30 am

Lectors

Chtys Rudnik, Gerry Berish, Laurie Miller

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Thomas, Carol McCullough,
Pat McCartan, Kathy Murphy,
Laura Hennessy, Joe Augustyn

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Jack Osmolski

Sunday, April 11 10:30 am

Lectors

Vanessa White, Gene Schmittgens,
Eleanore Burns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dennis Condon, Joyce Hempen,
Pat O'Connor, Jim Silvia, Deanna Martin,
Dolly Mikolajczyk

Cantor

Melva LaBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headly, Elysia Sawyers, Myles Greska

PLEASE SHARE YOUR VIEWS ON THE CATHOLIC FAITH

The Archdiocese of Chicago would like to understand the views of Catholics on a range of topics related to our faith. We would greatly appreciate your involvement in an online survey. Please note that we are interested in hearing from all Catholics, regardless of how often you participate in the life of the Church.

All surveys will be anonymous unless participants themselves choose to provide contact information. To participate in the survey, please go to the Archdiocese of Chicago's website at www.archchicago.org and follow the link to the *Catholic Faith and Practice Survey*.

If you have Catholic friends or family members who you think may not see this announcement, we would greatly appreciate your help in asking them to fill out the survey as well. Part of our effort is to understand teens' views, and we encourage their participation.

The deadline for completing a survey is Friday, April 16.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 39

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

March 28 Collection \$4,990.95

Thank you to the 158 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,127.00

Loose Money \$863.95

Budget Year to Date \$181,350.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$170,306.94

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,043.06)

Maintenance Fund Mar. 28 \$414.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$24,202.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections **\$349,565.00**

Total Expenditures **\$295,987.83**

Easter Flowers **\$906.43**

Easter **\$225.00**

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.

St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff

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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.