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April 18, 2010 Third Sunday of Easter



Ramblings

“The greatest challenge of our day is how to bring about a revolution of the heart. A revolution which has to start with each one of us. When we begin to take the lowest place, to wash the feet of others, to love our sisters and brothers with that burning love, that passion which leads to the cross, then we can truly say now I have begun! “ Dorothy Day

What an Easter witness to the Risen Savior last Sunday! It was an incredible celebration of the Spirit here at St Irenaeus. We are a faith community, on the journey with Jesus eating breakfast on the way! Sharing in the mercy and compassion of the Risen One as witnessed by one another in this faith community, may we continue to offer that same mercy and compassion to those around us!

Thank you to all who had any hand in the plans for the Installation. It was good for us to have gathered together as on faith community to celebrate! The liturgy was superb! The reception and party was filled with fellowship and food! And the day was filled with the spirit!

On a personal note I want to extend my gratitude to all who so generously offered there congratulations with best wishes and gifts. I thank God for you all every day and will remember you in prayer in the days to come. It is through you all that I can see a “revolution of the heart” taking place day after day! May it lead us to “that burning love, that passion which leads to the cross”!

Fr Terry

Catholic Charities processes **Public Benefits Outreach and Enrollment** at the South Holland office every day (contact information below). Anyone who wishes to apply for: food stamps, the **WIC** Program, **LIHEAP** (*Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program*), All Kids Health Insurance, **TANF** and Family Care Health Insurance can do so Monday through Friday between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

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Please pass this information on to those who might need it!

A FAITH JOURNEY

It has been three years that I have been on a faith journey. In 2007 I became acquainted with the "Third Order Franciscans" known also as "Secular Franciscans." They are a professed body of lay people that dates back to the time of St. Francis of Assisi about 1200. There were many people who wanted to follow and live the spirit of St. Francis. St. Francis then organized a devout way of life modeled on his that lay people, singled and married, as well as priests could be apart of.

After contacting the St. Fraternity, I was invited to visit with them and attend the meetings as an inquirer to learn more about their order and to discern a possible vocation.

In July 2008 I was accepted as a candidate to the order. In the process of my discernment and formation I discovered so much about St. Francis-his humility, the simplicity of his life, his great love for Jesus and His Blessed Mother, the care he had for the poor and downtrodden, and his love of music and nature. I discovered, too, that I wanted to live the Gospel way of life as St. Francis did, and to grow in my prayer life and personal relationship with Our Lord within the Franciscan community. They have been apart of my faith journey, and I have grown to love them as I do my own family.

My involvement in the Music Ministry, SPRED, and the Ministry of Care at St. Irenaeus has been instrumental in my spiritual development. All my friends here at St. Irenaeus have been apart of my journey, too.

Since I have completed the initial inquiry, discernment and formation process, I am ready to make my commitment to an apostolic life in the world according to the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi. My profession will take place at St. Irenaeus Church on Sunday, April 25, 2010 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Please remember me in your prayers as my faith journey continues to unfold. I will remember all of you in my prayer, too. Peace and All Good!

Love,
Louise Hosmer

*Dads, sons, single guys don't miss
this local event!*

GUY'S NIGHT OUT WITH BISHOP PERRY

**Thursday, April 22, 2010
6:30-8:30 PM**

Check out the Event Lineup:

Hearty Dinner followed by special
guest speakers:

Mr. Peter Palanca,
Executive VP TASC, Inc.

Message:

"Being A Dad In Not For Wimps"

Bishop Joseph N. Perry,
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago,
Vicariate VI

Event Location: Holy Ghost Parish,
700E 170th Street, South Holland, IL

Tickets:

\$15.00/person: two or more \$12 each
Call Frank 708-935-2532 or
Deacon John 708-503-9674

Download application:

www.cmcsarchchicago.org

Sign up now!

Hosted by Catholic Men of Chicago
Southland (CMCS)

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 or if you need a ride 708.748.6891



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

“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

St. Irenaeus Church is very happy to welcome
the following parishioners into our family:

Keith Rouse

Susan Elicea

Joy Fernandez

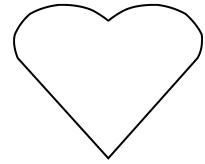
Juliana Mendoza

Helen Simon

Olasumbo Akinsola

Leilani & Emmanuel Montinola

Kennedy & Blair Crawford



SOUTH SUBURBAN CHORALE

presents

AMERICAN SONGBOOK

Albert M. Jackson, Director

Marilyn Bourgeois, Piano

Sunday, May 2, 2010 4:00 pm

Kindig Performing Arts Center

South Suburban College

15800 S. State St.

South Holland, IL

Free admission

Thank you for taking part in our Lenten journey
with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice
Bowl!

Our Operation Rice Bowl journey has ended but
working towards global peace and justice for all
doesn't have to end. Let us continue to pray for
all those who work for justice and for those who
benefit from the programs of Catholic Relief
Services.

Let us continue to learn how to stay connected
with our global family through Catholic Relief
Services (www.crs.org.) You may bring the
gifts from your Rice Bowl by cash or check. If
you write a check, please be sure to write
"Operation Rice Bowl" in the memo line. The
receptacle for your gifts will remain on the
round table in the center of the church until
Sunday, April 25.

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME

St. Irenaeus Parish will offer
a six-week series entitled

“Catholics Returning Home”

The first session will begin April 14, 2010, at 7:30
pm in the Religious Education Center. Conducted
in a support group format, the sessions are
designed 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

Religious Education News

Confirmation retreat: The Confirmation candidates will
be attending a retreat before Confirmation on Sunday,
April 18th from 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Family Mass: Family Mass is Sunday, April 18th at the
10:30 a.m. Mass. The Confirmation candidates and those
who will be receiving their First Communion on May 2nd
will be in procession. The students will be singing a song
after Communion with the choir. Coffee and donuts will
be available after Mass.

Jesus Day: Saturday, April 24th Time: 9:30 a.m.-12
noon. First Communion banners are due on that
day. This morning is for those receiving First
Communion on Sunday, May 2nd.

Reconciliation Service for Older Students: Wednesday,
April 28th at 7 p.m. This service will be in church.
Parents are welcome to receive the sacrament of
Reconciliation at this time.

Thank you to the families who brought food for the
reception for Fr. Terry. There was a nice variety of food
which seemed to be enjoyed by all.

All registrations for 2010 for religious education students
needs to be in by Sunday, April 25th.

Sr. Mary Anne

Reflections on Today's Readings April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41.

"Better for us to obey God than men". Peter defies the Sanhedrin, whose members have demanded that they (Peter and the Apostles) cease teaching about "that name." Empowered by the Spirit, Peter upbraids the Sanhedrin, reminding them that they were the ones who killed Jesus. The members of the Sanhedrin are infuriated and want to kill the Apostles but they fear the reaction of the people, who hold the Apostles in great esteem. Gamaliel, a wise Pharisee, proposes that the Apostles be released after being flogged. "If it is a human thing," Gamaliel counsels, "it will destroy itself; but if it is from God, you will not be able to destroy it and may destroy yourselves."

Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13.

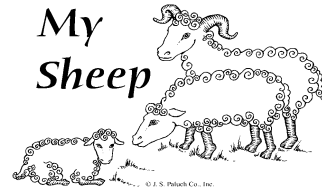
"I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me."

2nd Reading: Revelation 5:11-14.

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slain". Every creature in heaven give blessings and honor, glory and might to God the Father and the Son. The vision echoes John the Baptist's prophecy: "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus is now the Passover Lamb, slain to redeem us from our sins and raised from the tomb by God to sit in glory at His right hand.

Feed

*My
Sheep*



Gospel: John 21:1-19.

"Then the disciple Jesus loved cried out to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' On hearing it was the Lord, Peter threw on some clothes." The disciples have toiled all night and caught no fish. Jesus appears, tells them to cast on the other side of the boat and immediately their nets are full. Only when their nets are full does the beloved disciple realize it the Lord. The disciples, still building the faith they need to recognize the Lord, find that they need Jesus if they are to catch fish. Later, they will need him even more as they are sent forth to bring mankind into the net of Jesus' salvation. Jesus waits for them on shore as a servant, tending the fire and providing bread to go with the fish.

After their meal, Jesus asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter, perhaps still sensitive to his triune denial of Christ on the night of His betrayal, responds the first two times, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." When Jesus continues to press, asking the third time, Peter responds with more intensity, "Lord, you know everything. Your know well that I love you." Jesus responds three times to Peter's affirmations of his love: first, "Feed my lambs;" then, "Tend my sheep; and finally, "Feed my sheep."

Pope Benedict XVI, in his first encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est." teaches us of the three Greek words for love: Eros, the love between a man and a woman; Philia, the love of friendship and Agape, the Biblical notion of love manifested by Jesus when he laid down His life for us. Jesus means "agape" all three times when he asks Peter if he loves Him. Peter responds all three times with "philia," apparently not feeling himself worthy to use "agape."

Once the exchange is completed, though, Peter finally understands that Jesus has completely

forgiven and accepted him. He is now assured that his denials and uncertainties have been washed away in the "Blood of the Lamb," and has the hope that we express in today's opening prayer: "God our Father, we look forward with hope to our resurrection, for you have made us your sons and daughters, and restored the joy of our youth."



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 19

8:00 Norma McClain req by
The Family

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Wednesday, April 21

St. Anselm

8:00 Otto Shander req by
Al Hansen

Thursday, April 22

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 23

St. George; St. Adalbert

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 Communion Service

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Mary Kvasnicka req by
Jim & Family

Sunday, April 25

8:30 Norma McClain req by
Michael & Rosemary McClain
David Newhuis req by
Rosemary & Family

10:30 Kevin Phelan req by
The Gaster Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 24 5:00 pm

Lectors

Tim Blumenthal, Mary Schmittgens,
Gene Schmittgens

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Marvin, Eileen Rose, Sam Bowns,
Sally Fortune, Merle Arr, Marilyn Carroll,
Loren Bowns

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Mike Powers

Sunday, April 25 8:30 am

Lectors

Jack Osmolski, Harlan Smith,
Mary Jane Riopelle

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Deanna Martin, Jim Silvia, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Chrys Rudnik, Gerry Berish, Dennis Condon,
Pat McCartan

Cantor

Melva LaBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, April 25 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Adaugo Ugonna,
Denise Douglas

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Virginia Piechocki, Valeria Wolff,
Raye Warkenthien, Lyn Schober, Doris Foster,
Pat Benjamin, Rita Oganwu

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Virginia Differding, Moira Differding

HUNGER WALK

Dust off those walking shoes and take a stroll through the neighborhoods of Homewood and Flossmoor while at the same time raising funds for Respond Now, Rich Township Food Pantry and South Sub. PADS.

When: April 25th (1:00 registration, 2:00 walk)

Where: St. Paul Comm. Church 18200 Dixie Hwy. Homewood

There will be a 2 mile trail and a 6 mile trail, both will be well marked and monitored.

If you cannot walk but want to donate or want further info, please contact Dennis Condon 481-6078.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 40

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

April 11 Collection \$4,427.32

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

Money collected\envelopes \$3,360.00

Loose Money\$1,067.32

Budget Year to Date \$186,000.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$174,734.26

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,265.74)

Maintenance Fund April 11 \$682.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$26,139.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections **\$351,502.00**

Total Expenditures **\$295,987.83**

Easter Budget **\$13,000.00**

Easter YTD **\$12,206.00**

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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