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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

May 2, 2010 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Ramblings

As you are aware, Sister Mary Anne Yanz, our Coordinator of Religious Education is retiring come this June 30. We wish her a well deserved retirement. Sister 's last day with us will be today May 2. She will be using here vacation time and so will begin her retirement early. It is a time she has earned so that she may prepare for her move closer to some of her sisters in community and to her family. We will celebrate Sister's ministry on Sunday June 6 with a reception in the back of church after the 10:30 mass. Please plan to join us that day so we all can say thank you to Sister for her nine years of service to our faith community.

Fr. Terry



CONGRATULATION TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

Kai Adami

Kobe Gilmore

Isabel Grzeskowiak

Jonathan Perez

Ora Sawyers

Kennedy Gilmore

Andrew Grzeskowiak

Abel Perez

Raul Rosas

Orion Sawyers

May you continue to grow closer to Jesus in your life.

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

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

On this day before Mother’s Day, give yourself the gift of time to see again the “Holy Ground of Mothering”, where roots and wings have a way of growing even in the midst of bumpy roads and muddy places-and where God has a way of speaking even in the midst of crowded schedules and juggling acts.

Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

“Contemplative Photography”

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

The digital age enables us to take photos, view them, delete, print and/or send them to others instantly. In this session, we will instead use digital cameras to slow our pace, reframe our lives, reimagine our world, and cultivate our receptivity. This is not a “how-to session on “perfect” pictures, but rather an opportunity to view photography as ‘receiving’ rather than ‘taking’...and reawaken our sense of wonder and mystery as we also have time to walk the grounds and experience prayer through our cameras. Bring your digital camera!

Facilitator: Colette Wisnewski

“A Day to Plant”

Date: June 7 Time: 9:30am-1pm Free Will Offering

On this day of prayer and work, we will explore together the spiritual nature of gardening, reflect on the many blessings of this practice, and then go outside to till the soil on the Port and plant flowers to welcome all who come to pray on these holy grounds. Participants are asked to bring a perennial (mostly shade-loving) to plant in our garden. (Please bring your own gloves and tools for planting). Lunch will be provided.

Facilitator: Colette Wisnewski

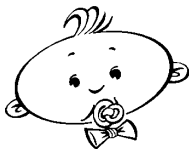
“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL
815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

BABY SHOWER

Parish Life Commission will once again sponsor
The Project Courage Baby Shower

On Mother’s Day weekend
May 8 & 9 and 15 & 16



Here’s your opportunity to support a mother and baby. Here’s your opportunity to stand in solidarity with a fellow Catholic and Christian who is on the same faith journey. Your prayers for healthy, happy babies are expected. The following items would be greatly appreciated by Project Courage: pacifiers, rattles, baby bath towels and wash cloths, crib sheets, baby bottles and sippy cups, baby wipes, disposable diapers and diaper bags, but any baby items will be graciously accepted. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Also prayers for the work of the Project Courage are requested. And a note of gratitude to the organization for their important work might be appropriate as well.

Religious Education News

Thank you to the parents and Victoria Merlo who helped prepare the students for First Communion. Thank you for your love and care for the children. There is a lot of work that goes into the preparation.

Thank you to also to Denise Douglas and Bob Kurnat who prepared the older students for the sacrament of Reconciliation. The older students made their First Reconciliation last Wednesday.

May Crowning will be Sunday, May 9th after the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. The liturgy committee decided to have the May Crowning outside.

Celebrate Family

- Spend time together as family.
- Learn about your heritage
- Play a classic board game that everyone can enjoy, such as Scrabble or Monopoly.
- Have a family night once a week-catch up on the going s-on of everyone else in your family.
- Get involved in a charity together.
- Say "I love you" to let them know you appreciate them.
- Forgive-grudges weigh you down.
- Send a card for no special reason-it's nice to let someone know that he or she is on your mind.
- Make a photo collages of all your favorite memories-remembering will make you smile.
- Pick up the phone and call-it feels good to talk and share life's event.

Sr. Mary Anne

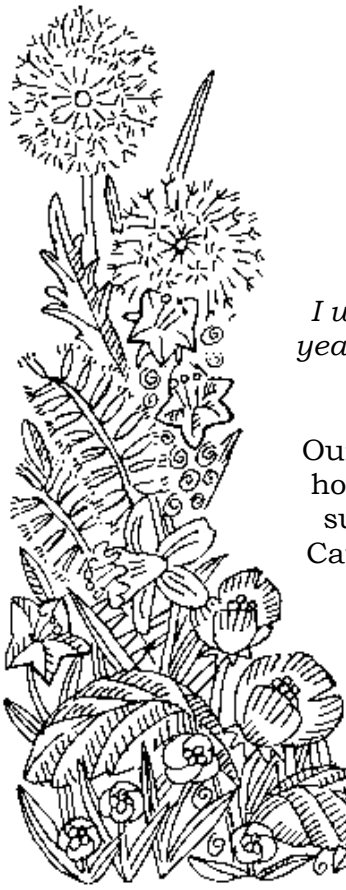
CATHOLIC CHARITIES 2010 MOTHER'S DAY APPEAL

Be the Safety Net for Anyone in Need

"Out on the streets, I've seen some stuff that I wouldn't wish on anybody. I was homeless for two years. Catholic Charities saved my life, I didn't believe that I'd be here today."

Our life-saving work only happens because of you. A hot meal, a home, professional help to become self-sufficient-all are provided through your gift to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Appeal. Thank you.

www.catholiccharities.net
312-655-7012



Reflections on Today's Readings May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27.

Paul and Barnabas, chosen by the Holy Spirit, are sent out by the leaders of the Church at Antioch to take the Good News of Christ to the Jews of the diaspora in Asia Minor. They preach first to the Jews in the synagogues but they are opposed by false teachers and their efforts bear no fruit. They are roughly treated by the Jews who reject their message. They then turn to the Gentiles who receive them enthusiastically. Upon their return to Antioch, they called the congregation together and "related all that God had helped them accomplish, and how he had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles."

Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13.

"I will praise your name forever, my king and my God." The Psalmist sings in praise of God who is "good to all and compassionate toward all his works."

2nd Reading: Revelation 21:1-5.

John of Patmos has a vision of the New Jerusalem as it comes down from heaven. In the world of the New Jerusalem, all the forces of evil have been defeated by the sacrifice of the Lamb. Only the good remain. There are no tears, death or mourning, for the "former world has passed away." "The One who sat on the throne" tells John, "See, I make all things new!" If we follow God's paths, we will find that He is always doing "something new." We must be alert for His presence. Recall that when Elijah went outside his mountain cave to see



"the Lord passing by," he looked for the Lord in the "strong and heavy wind," the "earthquake" and the "fire." The Lord was in none of these cataclysmic events, but in a "tiny whispering sound." The Lord's "something new" often comes in His "tiny whispering sound" and if we are not attuned to Him, we will likely miss it.

Gospel: John 13:31-33, 34-35.

Judas has just left the table of the Last Supper and Jesus knows that the time of His Passion is near. In this prelude to His last discourse before His betrayal, Jesus explains to His Apostles that He must leave them soon. His last admonition to them is that they follow the two greatest commandments: "Such as my love has been for you, so must your love be for each other."

The readings today tell us of people whose hearts were not yet open to hear and understand God's message. The Apostles were so caught up in their desires for self-fulfillment that they could not understand the coming Passion that Jesus knew He had to suffer. The congregations in the synagogues were distracted by false teachers and could not hear the truth that Paul and Barnabas taught. John of Patmos spoke to a people who lived in fear of persecution and had difficulty imagining the ultimate rewards of faith.

Jesus promises the Apostles in this, His last discourse, that His Father will send them The Advocate, The Holy Spirit. Jesus tells them, "...in my name, the Holy Spirit ... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have told you." After Jesus had been raised up by the Father, the Apostles reviewed His life and ministry among them and reinterpreted all the Scriptures in their new-found light of His death and Resurrection. In retrospect, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, many of the events and teachings heretofore mysterious to them were clarified and their individual beliefs were strengthened; their faiths affirmed. We must pray that, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we may still ourselves so that we can hear the "tiny whispering sound" of God speaking to us, for it is in His Word that our individual beliefs are strengthened, our faiths affirmed.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, May 3

Ss. Philip and James

8:00 Rev. Hilary H. Gottbrath req by
Al Hansen

Tuesday, May 4

8:00 Charlotte B. Callahan req by
The Family

Wednesday, May 5

8:00 Walter & Anna Sauter & Family

Thursday, May 6

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, May 7

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, May 8

8:00 Communion Service

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Dick Niendorf req by
Mr. & Mrs. Jack Parchem
Margaret Neal req by
Lynn Godfrey

Sunday, May 9

8:30 Patricia O'Connor
Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

10:30 Alicia Gutierrez req by
The Family
Charlotte B. Callahan req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 8 5:00 pm

Lectors

Merle Arr, Sam Bowns, Sally Fortune

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Marvin, Eileen Rose, Bob Steiert,
Merle Arr, Marilyn Carroll,
Barbara Principali, Jim Silvia

Cantor

Melva LaBlanc

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, May 9 8:30 am

Lectors

Deana Martin, Laurie Miller,
Dolly Mikolajczyk

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Chrys Rudnik, Richard Thomas, Joe Augustyn,
Gerry Berish, Dennis Condon, Kathy Murphy,
Jack Osmolski

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Kevin Headly

Sunday, May 9 10:30 am

Lectors

Bill Carreras, Mike Gonzalez, Terry Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Rita Oganwu, Sandy Winder, Valeria Wolff,
Therese Goodrich, Raye Warkenthien,
Kathy Anderson, Connie Rice

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu Jr., Stephanie Sagun

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



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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 42

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

April 25 Collection \$4,020.65

Thank you to the 130 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,342.00

Loose Money \$678.65

Budget Year to Date \$195,300.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$183,298.49

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$12,001.51)

Maintenance Fund April 25 \$785.35

Maintenance Fund YTD \$27,541.35

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections **\$352,904.35**

Total Expenditures **\$295,987.83**

Easter Budget **\$13,000.00**

Easter YTD **\$12,317.00**

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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