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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

May 23, 2010 Pentecost Sunday

Peace

be with you

Ramblings

A Psalm to the Wind of Heaven
by Edward Hayes

O wind that blows when and where it will, teach me to reverence the Word of Heaven.
O mover of tree tops and tall grasses, you who are the servant of no other forces,
open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.

O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit's sweetness through a chant-filled mosque in Arabia,
or causing a silent heart to dance in a hidden hermit's cave high in the Himalayas,
or caressing with compassion an abandoned packing crate in an urban slum, wherein
sleeps a
homeless drifter; let me feel your loving touch.

Lift me up above my selfish interests, spreading my concerns wider than myself.
Exhale a gale of your grace into me and set me under full sail as your servant of life and love.
Remind me with your every movement that history has shown clearly how you are the private property of none, how great and passionate movements have lost touch with your breath of life and so have become empty of their youthful zeal.

Wind of Inspiration, Creative Spirit of God, teach me not to forget that you come always as gift.
Remind me always to be ready to receive and romance and dance with joy wherever and whenever you visit, or risk that you may move one without me.
May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes and willing to soar with your wild winds!

Congratulations to all those confirmed at the 10:30 liturgy, may the Holy Spirit continue to bless them and their families.

You may have noticed the digging going on during the past week near the old rectory which houses Aunt Martha's. The sewer tiles had broken and caused some flooding in the basement of the building. So the plumbing company put cameras underground and determined the drain tiles were crushed by time and tree roots. To repair all that cost just over \$20,000.00. It has been paid for but was a very unexpected expense. But these repairs are to be expected with the age of the buildings that make up our campus. Know that the finance committee continues to use the gifts of your stewardship wisely. Many thanks to all who continue to support the mission of the church here at St Irenaeus.

Peace
Fr Terry

Congratulations to our Confirmed

Dea'Thenese Atkins
Lisa Daugherty
Fernando Guerrero
Elizabeth Hurd
Andrea Mendez
Verenice Mendez
Jacob Ruffolo
Stephanie Sagun
Kyle Tilley
Gabrielle West

Diane Chavez
Cesar Guajardo
Joshua Hardin
Don Johnson
Emmanuel Mendez
Manuel Rivera
Lisa Marie Ruffolo
Dawn Shaw
Chima Ugonna



Golden Wedding 2010

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass is scheduled for Sunday, September 19, 2010 at 3:00PM at St. John Brebeuf Parish, 8307 N. Harlem Avenue, Nilus, IL.

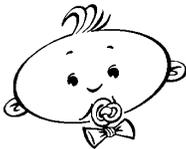
Couples married in 1960 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact the parish office 748-6891 to register.

There will only be enough room in the church for the Jubilarians, with the exception of those who need special assistance.

Space for guests is limited. Only one or two family members can be accommodated in the parish center next door to the church where they may view the Mass on closed circuit TV, receive communion, and fulfill their Sunday obligation. For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website @ www.familyministries.org.

BABY SHOWER

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



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.

**Park Forest
Community Relations presents...**

Father & Son's Bowling Competition Outing

June 12, 2010,
12-2 pm

Brunswick Zone, Homewood
Join us for a day out with your children.

ONLY \$10

Cost includes; transportation, shoe rental, 1 hour of bowling, 2 rounds of Laser tag & a \$5 game card for the kids, 1 hour of Billiard for Adults, and Park Forest T-shirt.



"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

"Women's Contemplative Retreat...Finding Peace Among The Pieces"

Date: June 14-18 (With single day options on 15, 16, 17)

Time: Monday, 3pm-Registration begins; 4:30pm-Opening Session to Friday, 11 am-(After brunch)
Registration Deadline: June 1. Single day schedule: 15, 16, 17: 9:30 am-5:00pm.

Fee: Full week-\$350 (includes overnights and all meals) Single day-\$50 (includes lunch)

While these days will be spent in quiet with the opportunity for individual spiritual direction (included in full week option only), the group will gather for prayer and a presentation each morning, and a closing ritual and conversation before dinner in the afternoon.

Welcome and Gathering-Monday, June 14, 3pm (Full week option)

"The Gift of Aging...Piecing Together a Life"-Tuesday, June 15 Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

"Embracing Body, Mind, and Spirit"-Wednesday, June 16 Facilitator: Norma Jensen, OSF

Growing Strong in Broker Places...Welcoming the Healing Energy of Summer"

Thursday, June 17 Facilitator: Marianne Saieg, OSF

Closing Ritual followed by brunch-Friday, June 18 (Full week option)

"Summer Solstice...A Prayer and Poetry Walk"

Date: June 21 Time: 9:30am-Noon Fee: \$20

Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

Join us as we make a walking meditation through the grounds here at St. Francis Woods, pausing along the way for some of the favorite prayers of St. Francis and selections of poetry from Mary Oliver, Gerard Manley Hopkins, and others who are able to usher us into the season of summer and speak to us of God.

"THE PORT"

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

Reflections on Today's Readings May 23 Pentecost Sunday

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

"Are not all of these men who are speaking Galileans? How is it that each one of us hears them in our own native tongue?" Among the Jews, the great feast of the Passover occurred on the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Nisan. The Jewish Pentecost or Feast of Weeks, a harvest feast, came 50 days later, in the month of Sivan. The Jewish Pentecost commemorated all the covenants from that of Noah to the giving of the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai.

The Christian feast of Pentecost falls on the seventh Sunday, the fiftieth day, of Easter. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. It is a harvest-feast of Christ, since on that day Christ's Apostles, empowered by the Holy Spirit, broke out of their cocoon of fear and went forth, courageously preaching and teaching in the face of great obstacles. They baptized thousands; a great harvest of souls for the early Church.

Psalm - 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34.

"Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." We recognize in this Psalm the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13.

Recalling the event of the people receiving the gift of tongues on Pentecost, we hear from Saint Paul on the gift of tongues. Some of the people in Paul's Corinthian Christian Community, especially those who claim to have the spiritual gift of tongues, consider their spiritual gift superior to all others and, thus, judge themselves most important to the community. Others try to place themselves on a hierarchy of importance to the community based on their perceived importance of their spiritual gifts. The wrangling this dissension has brought on prompts Paul to devote the whole of Chapter 12 of his first letter to them to its resolution. Just as each part of the human body, no matter how small, is important to the whole body, Paul tells them, so all spiritual gifts are important to the whole spiritual body. Paul emphasizes that superiority over others has no place in the Body of Christ. Each member of the community, whatever spiritual gift he or she has to offer, is equally important to the Body of Christ. At the end of this discourse, which sought a rational approach to the healing of the divisions within the Corinthian Christian Community, Paul continued, offering a what he terms a "better way." He then launched into his great soliloquy of love which takes all of Chapter 13. It is familiar to most of us because it a popular reading for wedding ceremonies: "If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal..."

Gospel - John 20:19-23.

"Peace be with you," He said again, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then He breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit." With Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the new covenant is established; the Church is born. The Disciples are commissioned by Jesus to carry on the work for which He was sent. He sends them forth, full of the Spirit, to bring his Father's kingdom on Earth to fruition. We follow the Apostles' heroic story in Saint Luke's Book of Acts, in the letters of the Apostle Paul, and those of the pastoral writers, James, Peter, John and Jude. As their stories develop, we see that the effect of the Spirit on the Apostles was awesome. Our Pentecost liturgy celebrates the Holy Spirit's descent upon each one of us. We receive the same Holy Spirit that empowered the Apostles, transforming them into fervent Ambassadors for Christ. If we listen to the Holy Spirit and let it guide us in our lives, it will also empower us, just as certainly as it empowered the first Apostles, to go forth courageously, preaching and teaching the Gospel. Its effect on us can be equally awesome.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, May 24

8:00 William & Charlene Kubik & Family

Tuesday, May 25

**St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi**

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

Wednesday, May 26

St. Philip Neri

8:00 Julian & Alice Sauter & Family

Thursday, May 27

St. Augustine of Canterbury

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, May 28

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, May 29

8:00 Communion Service

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Dick Niendorf req by
The Neindorf Family

Sunday, May 30

8:30 Pat Dahlberg
Romaine Brumleve req by
Anne Marie Leofanti
10:30 Marie MacKenzie req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 29 5:00 pm

Lectors

Merle Arr, Loren Bowns, Beverly Helm

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sally Fortune, Marilyn Carroll, Eileen Rose,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Merle Arr,
Barbara Principali, Jim Silvia

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Mike Powers

Sunday, May 30 8:30 am

Lectors

Eleanor Burns, Chrys Rudnik,
Mary Jane Riopelle

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Deanna Martin, Laura Hennessy,
Richard Thomas, Gerry Berish,
Dennis Condon, Carol McCullough,
Pat O'Connor

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, May 30 10:30 am

Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Adele Perkins, Vanessa White

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Raye Warkenthien, Kathy Anderson,
Pat Benjamin, Lyn Schober,
Virginia Piechocki, Rita Oganwu, Doris Foster

Cantor

Melva Leblanc

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Bill Carreras

New Date for Sr. Mary Anne's Celebration

We will celebrate Sister's ministry on Sunday June 20 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.



A Thank You From the Knights of Columbus

We want to take this opportunity to thank the parishioners from St. Irenaeus, St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Mary's for their generous participation in the concluded Lenten Fish Fry's. This was a major Council fund-raiser and we sold more dinners than ever before which enables us to continue our charitable community activities.

We want to extend a special thanks to the St. Irenaeus parish staff for their hospitality and assistance as well as to the Ladies Auxiliary of Nina Council for their efforts.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 45

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

May 16 Collection \$3,915.53

Thank you to the 134 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,103.00

Loose Money \$812.53

Budget Year to Date \$209,250.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$197,353.02

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,896.98)

Maintenance Fund May 16 \$338.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$29,852.35

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections \$355,215.35

Total Expenditures \$300,797.83

Catholic Charities \$2,393.00

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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closed from 12pm-1:00pm

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.