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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*May 30, 2010 Most Holy Trinity*

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## **Ramblings**

### **The power of remembrance...**

I can recall growing up and attending family celebrations with relatives that I hadn't seen for several years. They frequently started out a conversation with me with the words "I can remember you when you were"...so little, so thin or looked more angelic. I almost dreaded to hear that word "remember". It seemed to me as a teenager to take on a sense of hollowness – a time past, devoid of any real current meaning. A time finished – completed - to be forgotten. And yet now as I have grown older the word – "remember" has taken on a new sense of appreciation, worthiness, and sacredness.

Jesus at the Last Supper told his disciples –...“do this in remembrance of Me”. The crucified thief as he hung next to Jesus on the cross said...-“remember me when you are in your kingdom”. The third Commandment tells us to “remember to keep holy the Sabbath”. Remembering someone or something is a true gift of selflessness, an appreciation to and for someone, coupled with a sincere prayer of thankfulness.

As a country, that “remembrance” is most especially celebrated on Memorial Day. It is on that Day we weave the threads of our faith and the threads of our national values into a most brilliant and shining tapestry of – “remembrance”.

It is through the reverence and respect that we have in the celebration of the Mass within our cemetery grounds that we show our reverence and respect to all who are buried in the cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Chicago, especially the men and women of the Armed Forces who gave their lives in service to our country. This powerful spirit of “remembrance” endures because it is enveloped in love, care and concern.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate Mass at the Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese on Memorial Day – Monday – May 31st.

By Deacon Glenn Tylutki

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### **Memorial Day Field Masses Monday, May 31, 2010 10:30 A.M.**

Assumption Catholic Cemetery  
Glenwood

Calvary Catholic Cemetery  
Steger

Good Shepherd Catholic Cemetery  
Orland Park

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery  
Calumet City

Holy Sepulchre Catholic Cemetery  
Alsip

St. Mary Catholic Cemetery  
Evergreen Park

St. James Catholic Cemetery  
Sauk Village

Peace  
Fr Terry

**WEDDING  
BANNS**

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Marshe'  
Rochett  
&  
Audra Fouts**



**Fund For Retired Priests**

The Only Annual Collection for Retired Priests  
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

June 13, 2010

The success of this annual campaign means more than words can express to ailing, elderly priests who sometimes must wonder if they are forgotten.

Considering all the causes you are asked to support, we have been pleasantly surprised by the results of the first two yearly appeals for our retired priests. We underestimated how much a priest must have meant to you throughout your life and how much their extended "tour of duty" during this priest shortage has served the life of the Church especially on weekends or when you need a priest.



**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, Niles, IL.

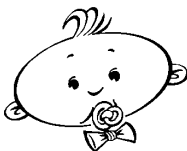
Couples married in 1960 who are interested in attending this celebration should contact the parish office 748-6891 to register.

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](http://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.

Dear Father Johnson:

On behalf of the residents, staff, and Board of Directors of Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry, thank you for your gift of \$368.00 from this year's Holy Thursday collection.

Bonaventure House and The Harbor are the embodiment of the Alexian Brothers mission of caring for the poor and vulnerable. With your help, Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry continues to exemplify the message of Christ by providing housing, food, support and spiritual care for homeless men and women with HIV/AIDS.

At Bonaventure House and The Harbor, we offer unconditional love and new beginnings for those devastated by the physical, emotional, and spiritual suffering brought on by illness, homelessness, and substance abuse. Your support of our ministry helps our dedicated team of staff and volunteers provide our residents with valuable services and the skills to live independently as fully integrated members of our community.

The Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry cannot continue to grow and transform the lives of individuals living with HIV/AIDS without the help of people like you. We truly appreciate your generosity and we thank you for choosing to partner with us in our vision to love and serve our brothers and sisters in need.

Sincerely,  
Michelle Wetzel  
Chief Executive Officer  
Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry

"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](http://www.portforprayer.org)

## Reflections on Today's Readings May 30 Most Holy Trinity

### ***First Reading - Proverbs 8:22-31.***

"The Lord begot me, the first-born of his ways, the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago; From of old I was poured forth, at the first, before the earth." Wisdom was with God before the Creation. The plurality of divine Persons is foreshadowed here. Wisdom would later be incarnated in the person of Jesus Christ. The Trinity was foretold by John the Baptist during his ministry and fully revealed at Pentecost.

Today's reading is taken from the instruction genre section of Proverbs. Almost all of the material in this section is taken from school lessons. By contrast, the rest of the book contains folksy proverbs, family proverbs or those that teach a general social lesson. The Book of Proverbs was intended to teach family values: ideals of family life, filial obligation, honesty, truthfulness and integrity.

### ***Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.***

"O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth."

### ***Second Reading - Romans 5:1-5.***

"The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us". Paul argues in his letter to the Ephesians (2:4-9) that we have been justified by Christ without works: "Salvation is yours through faith. This not your doing, it is God's gift." But lest we get caught up in the "faith alone" argument, we must note the Paul also said (Ephesians 2:10): "We are truly his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to lead the life of good deeds which God prepared for us in advance." There is an arrow connecting faith and good works but the arrow points from faith to good works. Our salvation is, then, not the reward for our works. Rather, our works are the product of our salvation, the manifestation of the reality that we are truly born anew in Christ.

The joint Catholic-Lutheran declaration on justification follows closely what Paul said to the Ephesians. It reads, "By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works." It takes both faith and works but the good works come as a result not as a cause!

Paul's letter to the Romans has a universal character. It deals with the problem of Jewish versus Gentile Christians which he faced in all communities of mixed population. He earlier spoke (Romans 4:9-12) of Abraham, who received the sign of circumcision as a sign or a seal of the righteousness he received through faith while he was uncircumcised. In this way he presents Abraham as the forebear of both Gentiles and Jews.

### ***Gospel - John 16:12-15.***

"(The Advocate) will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. "John again harkens back to the Last Supper discourses of Christ. Here, as Christ tells the Apostles of his imminent departure, He promises to send the Advocate to them. He said of the promised Advocate, "when he comes, the Holy Spirit will speak of truth, he will guide you to all truth." Through the Apostolic succession, we inherit the same "Advocate" who was sent to the Apostles and who still guides us in the paths of truth. As we might expect, our own Saint Irenaeus, who was very active in the early Church, explaining, supporting and defending our faith, had a section on Doctrine of the Trinity in his great work, "Against The Heresies."



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, May 31**

**Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Charles Sauter & Family

**Tuesday, June 1**

**St. Justin**

8:00 The Cox Family

**Wednesday, June 2**

**Ss. Marcellinus and Peter**

8:00 Norma McClain req by  
The Family

**Thursday, June 3**

**St. Charles Lwanga and His Companions**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, June 4**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, June 5**

**St. Boniface**

4:00-4:45 **Reconciliation**

5:00 The Daniel Schaper Family

**Sunday, June 6**

8:30 Eddie Dean Jr. req by  
Bill & Cathy Williams

10:30 Norma McClain req by  
Reno & Betty Lou Masotti  
Donato & Edith Foglia req by  
Viola Anello

## FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH FOOD PROJECT JUNE 5-6

Thank you for your generosity last month to the Food Project. When you do your family's shopping this week, please remember the less fortunate who are unable to provide for enough food to supply even their most basic needs. Dry



goods are always welcomed, as are canned fruits, meats, soups and vegetables. Thank you for whatever you can do.

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, June 5 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Loren Bowns, Tim Blumenthal, Laurie Miller

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Bob Steiert, Sally Fortune, Merle Arr,  
Beverly Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,  
Marilyn Carroll, Barbara Principali

**Cantor**

Cathy Williams

**Altar Servers**

Michael Rosenquist, Mike Powers

**Sunday, June 6 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Chris Blue, Chrys Rudnik, Eleanor Burns

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Dennis Condon, Gerry Berish,  
Carol McCullough, Pat McCartan,  
Kathy Murphy, Richard Thomas,  
Laura Hennessy

**Cantor**

Melva Leblanc

**Altar Servers**

Jack Osmolski, Kevin Headly

**Sunday, June 6 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

Linda Marron, Mary Anne Yanz,  
Raye Warkenthien

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Sandy Winder, Valeria Wolff, Dave Perkins,  
Connie Rice, Pat Benjamin, Kathy Anderson,  
Sevena Merchant

**Cantor**

Bill Carreras

**Altar Servers**

Stephanie Sagun, Vincent Oganwu Jr.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT

As of May 20, 2010

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,478.26
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$15,114.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$10,539.00
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$4,575.00

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 46**

**Budget Information**            **\$4,650.00**

May 23 Collection            \$4,836.00

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

Money collected\envelopes \$3,977.00

Loose Money    \$859.00

Budget Year to Date        \$213,900.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$202,189.02

**09/10 Budget Shortage (\$11,710.98)**

**Maintenance Fund May 23 \$428.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$30,280.35**

**Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00**

**Total Collections        \$355,643.35**

**Total Expenditures      \$300,797.83**

**Catholic Charities        \$2,493.00**

### ***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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748-7997***

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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](mailto: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.