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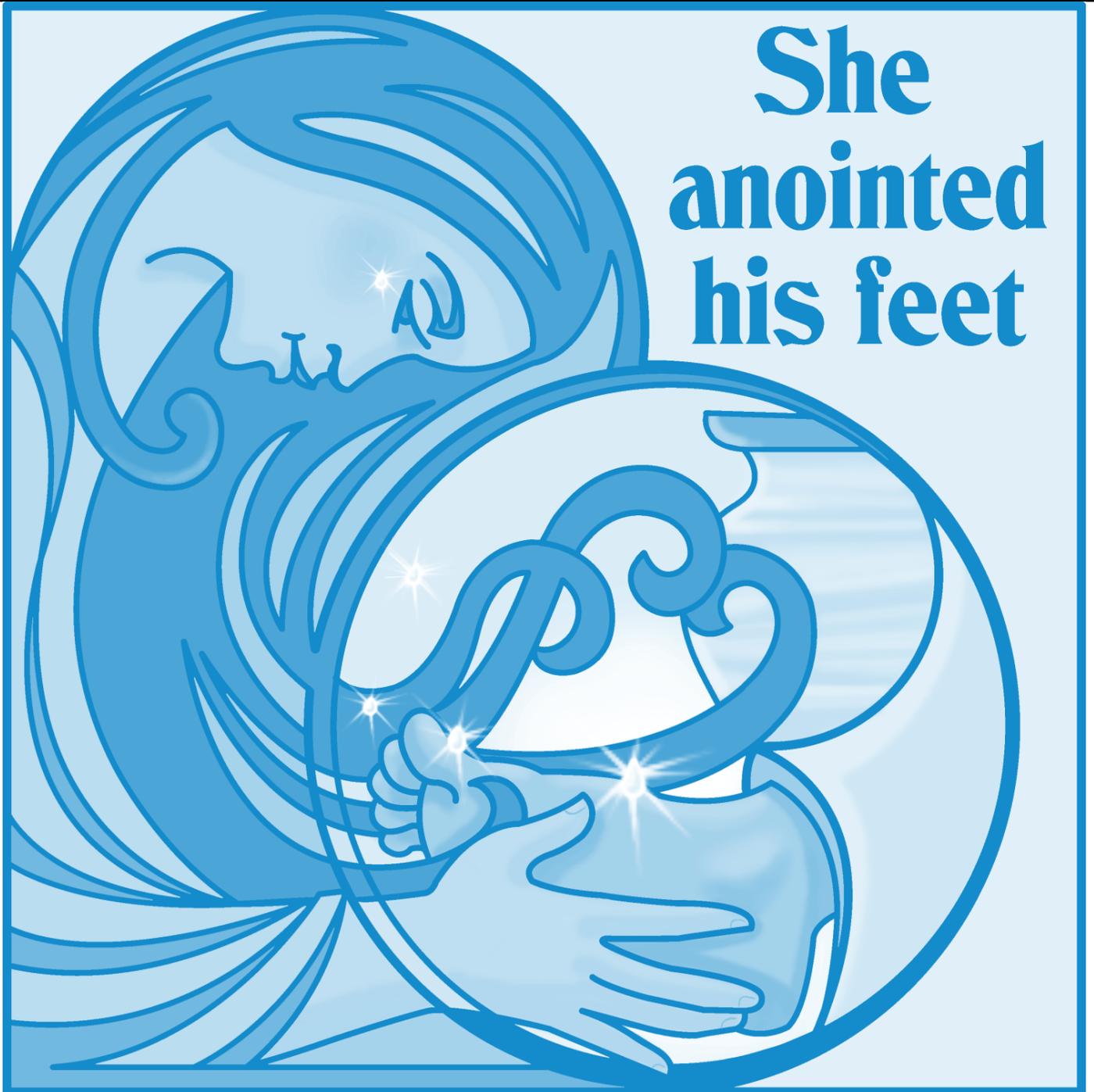


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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*June 13, 2010 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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## Ramblings

It seems that the weather is turning into summer, warmer days with growing sunlight giving us more time to be outside and in the light to enjoy the created universe around us. These days of early summer conjure up memories of our childhood days growing up with family and friends. School ending for the summer, vacation planning and the trip itself, summer trips to the park and the beach or just sitting in the backyard listening to the crickets, bees and mosquitoes whirr around us as summer wraps itself around us and takes us for another journey with Mother Nature. A journey which has led us all to know God's inexhaustible love for us and for the world through creation itself. A love that has been nurtured in us, by us and for us through out our lives. It is a love that we have shared in many ways with our families, neighbors and friends. A love given freely to one another in this faith community as we pray and live together as the body of Christ.

Last Sunday the gospel recounted the feeding of the 5,000 and how in the sharing of the loaves and fish all were satisfied and all recognized the presence of God in the world through the witness of Jesus to the God's love. And today in the gospel Jesus turns our expectations inside out! It is the woman who washes the feet of Jesus with her tears and dries them with her hair, a woman of questionable reputation, who shows us how to love with that inexhaustible love of God, a woman who reaches deep beyond her shame and sin to a place where the very heart of God has touched her and made her whole. It is from here that she offers love with abandon, not counting the cost.

And so it is with us. How do we love our sisters and brothers in Christ with abandon? And without counting the cost?

*Teach me O Lord, to love from deep within, teach me to love out of my brokenness and shame, teach me to love with a heart filled with your compassion and mercy! May you open my heart so I may be filled to love others in return!*

May our summer be filled with experiences of heart and healing so that we might know God's love for us in new and more exciting ways! Happy Summer!

Peace

Fr Terry





You are cordially invited to a

**Retirement Farewell Celebration**

for

**Sister Mary Anne Yanz O.P**

Sunday June 20, 2010

After the 10:30 Liturgy

**Come celebrate Sister Mary Anne's Nine Years  
Of Ministry here at  
St. Irenaeus**

Come & Join Us!

**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.

## Attention Business Owners

Gain new customers right here at church

Parish members want to do business with people they can trust-namely, their fellow parishioners. Advertising in the bulletin helps parishioners who are business owners reach a very loyal audience. Studies show that 68% of households surveyed, when making a choice between businesses, are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the bulletin. Potential new customers are sitting right next to you in church.

Next Sunday, we ask that you bring your business card to Mass and place it in the offering basket. A representative from our bulletin printer will contact you regarding advertising in our weekly bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.



### 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, Nilas, 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).

#### “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 Jenssen, 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.

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**Reflections on Today's Readings**  
**June 13 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10, 13***

“Why have you spurned the Lord and done evil in his sight?” David, the revered and powerful king of the Israelites, anointed one of God and hero of his people, is mired deeply in sin. He entered an adulterous relationship with Bathsheba, a married woman. When she became pregnant, David ordered that her husband, Uriah the Hittite, be brought home from war, intending that he join Bathsheba and thus be considered the child's father. This conspiracy failed when Uriah, refused to leave his comrades. Then, David had him murdered. Perhaps even worse than David's transgressions is the fact that he seems to be completely unaware of them. Samuel, the Prophet, must use a powerful parable to trap David into recognizing his sins. However, once Samuel's parable opens David's eyes to his transgressions he is immediately contrite and confesses to Samuel that he has “sinned against the Lord.” Just as quickly, Samuel tells David that the Lord has forgiven his sin. God is distressed when our sinful natures lead us to actions that separate us from Him but His love for us is never diminished. The moment we acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness God will forgive us. First, though, we must stop and reflect often, examining our consciences to come to the recognition that we have transgressed.

***Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11***

“Lord, forgive the wrong I have done.” The Psalmist celebrates what David learned: if we acknowledge our sins, we will be forgiven with the result that we will rejoice at our being freed.

***Second reading: Galatians 2:16, 19-21***

In confessing that he lives “by faith in the Son of God,” Paul recognizes that even if he were able observe all the 600 plus requirements of the Law, he would not be justified. Only if we die to our selves through Baptism into Christ's death, will we then live in Christ as will Christ live in us. Like the woman at the Pharisee's house in the Gospel story below, we must recognize Jesus as Lord, have the faith that he can do for us what he says he can do and the trust that He will do it if we call upon His name. If we have that faith, we are justified. If we do not, nothing will justify us.

***Gospel: Luke 7:36-8:3***

Just as the Prophet, Samuel, related a parable to David to open his eyes to his transgressions, so does Jesus relate a parable to the Pharisee to open his eyes to his self-righteous and judgmental actions and to the nature of God's kingdom. In contrast to the Pharisee's self-righteousness and air of superiority, the woman displays an authentic openness and expresses deep sorrow for her transgressions. The sinful woman is not named nor is there any indication what her transgression might have been. She comes to the Pharisee's house in recognition that Jesus is Lord and capable of forgiving her sins and healing her. Jesus, seeing, or perhaps sensing her contrition, immediately forgives her. In gratitude, she shows her love by washing his feet, covering them with her kisses and anointing them with oil.

That the story of the incident appears in all of the Synoptic Gospels indicates the importance attached to it by the Evangelists. The Pharisee learns from the parable and from the experience that all people, no matter how grave their sins, are welcomed in God's kingdom. Jesus came to reconcile all of us to the Father. All God's people who recognize their sins and ask for forgiveness are immediately reconciled with the Father.



## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Monday, June 14

8:00 Paul & Jane Choc & Family

### Tuesday, June 15

8:00 Dino Pieri req by  
Santina Pieri & Family

### Wednesday, June 16

8:00 The Janka Family

### Thursday, June 17

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, June 18

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, June 19

#### St. Romuald; Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Nina Diaz req by  
Richard Marvin  
Chris Predny req by  
Mom & Dad

### Sunday, June 20

8:30 David Newhuis req by  
Rosemary & Children  
Anthony Menza req by  
Connie Menza  
10:30 Alice Gutierrez req by  
Her Family  
Paul Cox req by  
His Wife & Son

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, June 19 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Beverly Helm, Marilyn Bourgeois,  
Arthur Bourgeois

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Barbara Principali, Eileen Rose, Sam Bowns,  
Jan Pattyn, Sally Fortune, Merle Arr,  
Loren Bowns

#### Cantor

Faye Predny

#### Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Michael Rosenquist

### Sunday, June 20 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Chris Blue, Chrys Rudnik, Gene Schmittgens

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Kathy Murphy, Gerry Berish, Pat McCartan,  
Deanna Martin, Richard Thomas, Jim Silvia,  
Pat O'Connor

#### Cantor

Marianne Velut

#### Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Jack Osmolski

### Sunday, June 20 10:30 am

#### Lectors

Adaugo Ugonna, Denice Douglas,  
Adele Perkins

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Connie Rice, Doris Foster, Linda Marron,  
Raye Warkenthien, Dave Perkins,  
Vincent Oganwu, Gary Marron

#### Cantor

Melva Leblanc

#### Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Vincent Oganwu Jr.,  
Stephanie Sagun



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## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 48**

**Budget Information           \$4,650.00**

June 6 Collection           \$5,196.00

Thank you to the 155 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,513.00

Loose Money \$683.00

Budget Year to Date       \$223,200.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$211,174.02

**09/10 Budget Shortage (\$12,025.98)**

**Maintenance Fund June 6 \$1,108.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$31,735.00**

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

**Total Collections           \$357,098.00**

**Total Expenditures       \$300,797.83**

### ***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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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.