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Happy Father's Day

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!



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.



If you are looking for a Catholic School for your child/children, St. Mary School in Park Forest is for you. Visit us at our website at: www.stmaryparkforest.org or call us at 708-748-6686. We would be happy to arrange a tour for you and answer any questions you might have. St. Mary School is located at 227 Monee Road in Park Forest.

“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.

“Healing: A Gift of the Holy Spirit”

Date: June 26 Time: 10am-4pm (includes lunch) Fee: \$55

We are all hurting people who live in an imperfect world. We need the healing touch of God -spiritually, physically, emotionally – but often do not know how to open ourselves to that gift. This day you are invited to learn more about healing - what it is and what it is not – as well as some attitudes that are helpful in entering into healing prayer. In addition to the presentations, there will be time for quiet as well as a closing liturgy where a healing service will take place.

Facilitator: Father Paul Burak

“Gospel Minority: Taking Francis’ Low Road”

Date: July 9-July 16 Time 7pm (Friday) to 11am (Friday) Fee: \$475 (includes overnight accommodations and all meals) Commuter fee \$285 (includes lunch) The Admonitions have been called the “Beatitudes of Gospel Minority” by Kajetan Esser. “Minority” is a key to unlock the richness of the originality of Francis of Assisi, and Admonitions-insights offered to his followers at their chapters and gatherings-are an indispensable source to tap into Francis’ wisdom and insights about the human person and the working of grace.

This retreat will provide a context for and exploration of the Admonitions so that they can become a guide and a handbook for our daily lives. At times seemingly harsh, at other times seemingly benign, the Admonitions can help bring Francis’ true spirit to life for a contemporary religious who seeks to follow in the footprints of Jesus. In a polarized world where dialogue and the art of listening have taken a back seat to “talking points” and “spin”, the Admonitions can lead us back to becoming the peacemakers we are called to be as well as people who know and experience the peace that is found only in Jesus.

Facilitator: Brother John Petrikovic

“THE PORT”

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

Reflections on Today's Readings June 20 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Zechariah 12:10-11.

Zechariah is an early post-exilic prophet who writes of the redemption of Jerusalem. Here he writes of someone, a redeemer of oppressed people who suffered and was killed. He is mourned but his death poured a new spirit of grace on Jerusalem. It is not clear who the slain person is. The reference to Megiddo suggests it could be Josiah, one of the very few "good" Judean Kings, who undertook to reform Judah before the Exile. The Prophet, Jeremiah, Josiah's contemporary, prophesied in support of the reforms Josiah initiated, but the efforts of both men went for naught. Josiah's reforms were repudiated after he was killed at the Battle of Megiddo. Shortly thereafter, The Southern Kingdom was defeated by the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar, and they were taken into Exile in Babylon.

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9.

"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God". The Psalmist thirsts for the Lord as he tries to live a life of discipleship.

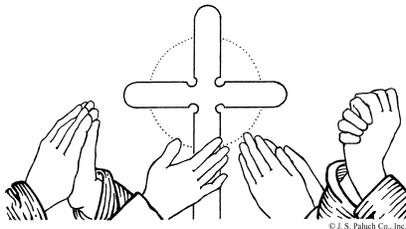
2nd Reading: Galatians 3:26-29.

"All are one in Christ". Even though Paul's mission is to the Gentiles, he never despairs of the hope that the Jews and, indeed, all people will come to salvation through Christ. Being one in community in Christ surpasses in importance any other trait or status that may define a people. And so it should be with us today. Paul's argument here follows the "many gifts but one spirit" argument he made to the Corinthian community. We are all important in God's plan for salvation regardless of our culture, race, station in life or any other earthly distinction.

Gospel: Luke 9:18-24.

"The Son of Man," he said, "must first endure many sufferings....." Jesus tries to prepare his disciples for the suffering he must endure and that they must endure in his name. They never really grasped the meaning of his words and were not really prepared for the events of his Passion. They were too mesmerized by their concerns of the places in glory they would enjoy when the Messiah "returned the rule to Israel." Only after Jesus' Passion and death did they return to the Scriptures, reinterpret them, and realize where He had been taking them. To their everlasting credit, though, once they finally grasped Jesus' message, and were strengthened by the Holy Spirit, they set forth to build the legacy of faith and good works that come down to us today as their beneficiaries.

We also must realize that following Christ along the path to salvation is not always easy. Like the Apostles, we too have had, now have, and will continue in the future to have many difficult crosses to bear, many difficult decisions to make and defend if we are really to be God's people and live a Christian life. We, like the Apostles, but even more so because of all the years of Tradition that have come down to us, have the assurance that Christ is with us in all our travails and that the Holy Spirit is there beside us to strengthen and guide us. But we are responsible for our lives. God expects us, with the help of his grace, to follow his paths, to take up our crosses and follow him. Saint Augustine wisely said, "Without God, I can't; without me, God won't." It works like a partnership, or in light of the Trinity, a consortium. God has given us all we need to live the Christian life but we do have to live it, day by day, in a world that is not always sympathetic to people of faith.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 Bernard & Evalina Sauter

Tuesday, June 22

St. Paulinus of Nola; Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More

8:00 The Smith Family

Wednesday, June 23

8:00 Peter & Estelle Madsen & Family

Thursday, June 24

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, June 25

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, June 26

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

5:00 William Tracy req by
Terri Cardin

Sunday, June 27

8:30 Norma McClain req by
Lois Kay & Dianne Ziems
Jeanne & Ted Goehler req by
The Goehler Family
10:30 Don Pattyn req by
Jan Pattyn



Nativity of
St. John the Baptist

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 26 5:00 pm

Lectors

Jack Osmolski, Tim Blumenthal, Sally Fortune

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Marvin, Marilyn Carroll, Sam Bowns,
Merle Arr, Bob Steiert, Eileen Rose,
Loren Bowns

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Mike Powers

Sunday, June 27 8:30 am

Lectors

Deanna Martin, Mary Schmittgens,
Gene Schmittgens

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Kathy Murphy, Pat McCartan, Chrys Rudnik,
Dennis Condon, Richard Thomas,
Carol McCullough, Gerry Berish

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, June 27 10:30 am

Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Helen Silvia, Jan Pattyn

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

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

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Vincent Oganwu Jr.,
Stephanie Sagun



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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 49

Budget Information \$4,650.00

June 13 Collection \$3,388.98

Thank you to the 120 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$2,893.00

Loose Money \$496.98

Budget Year to Date \$227,850.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$214,563.00

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$13,287.00)

Maintenance Fund June 13 \$292.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$32,027.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections \$357,390.00

Total Expenditures \$300,797.83

Retired Priests \$1,332.00

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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Bulletin Submissions

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