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# the Pillar

*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*  
*July 4, 2010 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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*The Lord  
appointed seventy-two,  
whom he sent in pairs to every town*

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## Summer Ramblings

I wanted to keep you informed of the progress being made in the hiring of a new Coordinator of Religious Education. The search committee interviewed eight very good and qualified candidates for the position. When all was said and done we hired Ms. Michelle Helson for the position. Michelle comes to us with an extensive background in Theology and Education. She has several years of experience in the elementary and secondary fields of Education. She also has experience in parish pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago. She will bring many new ideas and a new energy to St. Irenaeus. Michelle will begin her ministry here on July 6.

In this edition of the Pillar you will read about the work of the Parish Pastoral Council during this past year. The parish council is an important part of the parish and provides a means of communication. I am grateful to all those who serve on the council for their dedication and hard work on behalf of all the parishioners. The council members have a tremendous responsibility to carry out the mission of the Gospel and the parish as they serve all of us. We continue to be blessed with willing hearts and eager spirits to serve on the PPC.

The parish finance committee asked the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development to come meet with them to discuss ways begin to look at how we might increase our Sunday collection. The representative from the office gave the committee many possibilities to consider. The Finance Committee will take some time to discuss how best to approach this need. In the meantime I continually thank God for the generosity of all of you to the parish. It is through your time, talent and treasure that we continue to build the kingdom here in Park Forest.

You may have noticed that the driveway at Aunt Martha's has been torn up for some time now. It is scheduled to be replaced but Mother Nature has been making it a challenge to complete the project. And as of last Wednesday the blacktop supplier to the contractor we are using went on strike! So it will be completed soon!

And as summer continues I want to thank all those who have offered their services to keep the parish grounds looking well manicured! From those who cut the grass each week, to those who spray round-up to keep the weeds down to those who garden and plant and rototill, we owe them a debt of gratitude for their consistent and steady service! Many blessings!

And finally may your celebration of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July be safe and holy! May we take the time to be grateful for all we have as a nation and a people who live in freedom. May we continue to give glory and honor to God through our lives of freedom and service to one another and to the global community. Happy Fourth of July!!!

Fr. Terry

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars now for Thursday, July 22. That evening at 7:30 St. Irenaeus will have a liturgy honoring St.

Mary Magdalene. Everyone is invited. Anyone in the parish who is interested in being part of the special service can call Therese Goodrich at 748-7672.



St.  
Mary Magdalene

## Rosary

*Rosary Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00 PM in the chapel, or outside by the statue of Mary if weather permits.*



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

This has been an interesting and fruitful year for Parish Pastoral Council.

Last August, commission and ministry members attended the August Retreat held in the Religious Education Center. Because the Parish Council's focus has been evangelization, in particular Young Adult Ministry, the speaker, Terry Shelley was invited from Isaac Hecker Center whose offices are located in Marian High School. Terry Shelley works for the Archdiocese and shared his ministry with us, including the summer program called "Theology on Tap". St. Irenaeus supported this ministry with a donation and notices in the Pillar appearing during July and August. Several of our young adults joined others from around the South Side in this four week program which featured speakers on a variety of subjects. He has again extended the invitation this summer to all Young Adults of St. Irenaeus interested in meeting and socializing with others in discussions concerning everyday faith life. As an extension of the retreat, the Parish Council Goals Document was completed by all commissions. In the fall, the Donut Ministry began, encouraging parishioners to meet and socialize after the Masses once a month.

In December, we were happy to welcome Father Terry Johnson as pastor. We worked together as a council, building a faith community, reviewing the Guidelines of the Council. Lenten groups, numbering ten this year, allowed those interested to join together in a spiritual journey through Lent, celebrating Easter with a renewed spirit. This spring, "Catholics Come Home" was again offered to those interested in learning about the Catholic faith. Three participants met and shared their spiritual backgrounds with our team, learning and discussing topics related to our Catholic faith. Summer has arrived and my message of thankfulness to all parishioners who work endlessly to make St. Irenaeus a faith community dedicated to bringing the Word of Jesus Christ to all.

Enjoy the summer days,

The Parish Pastoral Council

Prepared by Marianne Newton, Chair



### Resurrection Choir

Peace be with you! The Office of Music Ministry here at Saint Irenaeus is considering the formation of a Resurrection Choir. This group would be dedicated to singing for Home Going Masses here at Saint Irenaeus, if requested to do so. One would not have to know how to read notes, although that would be helpful. However, one would need to be able to "carry a tune" and be available for limited rehearsals and for Masses in the mornings, from Monday through Saturdays. If this would interest you, please leave your name and contact information at the parish house. God bless you.

Robert Neal

#### "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

#### "A Living Circle of Womansong ...Inspired by the Music of Hildegard of Bingen"

Date: July 16-18 Time: 7pm (Friday)-11am (Sunday)

Fee: \$225 (includes overnights and all meals) Commuter: \$125 (includes all meals) After visiting St. Hildegard's Abbey in the Rhineland of Germany ten years ago, Susan Lincoln has offered unique opportunities for women to come together in a sacred circle to find, claim, and free their voices as they sing together a variety of songs from the heart, including much of Hildegard's music. You don't need to be an experienced singer. Just bring your willing heart - Hildegard and Susan will do the rest!

Facilitator: Susan Lincoln

(Visit [www.SusanLincoln.com](http://www.SusanLincoln.com) to learn more about her)

#### *"THE PORT"*

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL  
815-464-3880 [www.portforprayer.org](http://www.portforprayer.org)

## Reflections on Today's Readings July 4 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ***1st Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14.***

Isaiah's prophecy tells not of some far-off future event, but of one already being fulfilled. The long Exile in Babylon is over and the captives are returning to Jerusalem. Today's reading ends with the passage "The Lord's power shall be made known to his servants." An earlier image, "As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you," is probably more telling of the mood of the people. Although they will face more hardships than they expect as they return to Jerusalem and set about rebuilding their lives, they exult in the joyful revelation that their God has not abandoned them as they thought. He is indeed a loving forgiving God who has restored their dignity and self-respect among the nations.

### ***Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20.***

Let all the earth cry out with joy. The Psalmist declares his faith in the Lord: "Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare all he has done for me."

### ***2nd Reading: Galatians 6:14-18.***

"All that matters is that one is created anew." Paul takes the position that Isaiah would have the people of his time take. Even though there is a great deal to be done and it may appear that we do not have the resources to do it with, we should not be downhearted, but rejoice in the Lord. He has freed us from bondage and renewed his promise to be with us. With God on our side, everything is possible.

### ***Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20.***

Jesus sends forth the Seventy-two to prepare the people along the route to Jerusalem for His coming. If the Seventy-two have any illusions that the task will be easy, Jesus quickly dispels them. Likewise for the people to whom he sends them. If they receive not His message, "It will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town." The people know well the story of Sodom and to be told that they would fare worse than the people of Sodom would be a chilling prophecy indeed. Later, Jesus tells the Seventy-two, "Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. And whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The Seventy-two, like the returned captives to whom Isaiah speaks encouragement, are on a resolute journey to Jerusalem. Though both groups have found favor with God, they find that they face a formidable task.

The Seventy-two return to Jesus rejoicing, though, just as the captives returned rejoicing from captivity. They exclaim, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name." The joy expressed in today's Psalm applies just as much to the Seventy-two as it did to the Israelites returning from captivity. Both groups are concerned with the building of the kingdom of God. Both realize that their newfound joy is born from their obedience and service to God. Like Paul, they have found that to serve God is paramount - nothing else matters. Paul will go anywhere, suffer any trial or indignation, endure any privation, just for the privilege of bringing Christ's message to the world. Paul proclaims that anyone who calls on the name of the Lord is saved. But to belong to Christ and thus be saved, means that we will undertake the life of good works that God has prepared for us in advance. Salvation brings responsibilities of service to God and neighbor that not all are willing to undertake. The Apostle, James, in his letter, tells us that salvation does not come without the good works that prove we have accepted Jesus as our savior and set about to transform our lives.



**Mass Intentions For The Week**

**Monday, July 5**

**St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria**

8:00 Leonard & Clayton Madsen & Family

9:30 Communion Service

**Tuesday, July 6**

**St. Maria Goretti**

8:00 Special Intention For a Friend Stella

9:30 Communion Service

**Wednesday, July 7**

8:00 Frank & Patricia DeSchepper & Family

9:30 Communion Service

**Thursday, July 8**

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Communion Service

**Friday, July 9**

**St. Augustine Zhao Rong and His Companions**

8:00 Communion Service

9:30 Communion Service

**Saturday, July 10**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

5:00 Frank & Josephine Schaper & Family

**Sunday, July 11**

8:30 Mary Kvasnicka req by Her Son Jim

10:30 Modesta Deutsch req by Sandra Turner

Anthony Dean req by Joe & Jean Mowbray

**Liturgical Ministers**

**Saturday, July 10 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Loren Bowns, Marilyn Bourgeois, Arthur Bourgeois

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Dolly Mikolajczyk, Jan Pattyn, Merle Arr, Barbara Principali, Sally Fortune, Bob Steiert, Eileen Rose

**Cantor**

Helen Silvia

**Altar Servers**

Michael Rosenquist, Mike Powers

**Sunday, July 11 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Deanna Martin, Sara Veldhuizen, Chris Blue

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Kathy Murphy, Joe Augustyn, Richard Thomas, Chrys Rudnik, Jim Silvia, Pat McCartan, Gerry Berish

**Cantor**

Marianne Velut

**Altar Servers**

Karen Ertl, Kevin Headly

**Sunday, July 11 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

Denise Douglas, Stephanie Sagun, Helen Silvia

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Rita Oganwu, Pat Benjamin, Lyn Schober, Dave Perkins, Kathy Anderson, Doris Foster, Sevena Merchant

**Cantor**

Lori Schwartz

**Altar Servers**

Bill Carreras, Virginia Differding, Moira Differding

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observation of the holiday.

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](http://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.

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 51**

**Budget Information           \$4,650.00**

June 27 Collection           \$3,789.00

Thank you to the 126 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,374.00

Loose Money   \$415.00

Budget Year to Date       \$237,150.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$222,737.00

**09/10 Budget Shortage (\$14,413.00)**

**Maintenance Fund June 27 \$269.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$33,027.00**

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

**Total Collections           \$358,390.00**

**Total Expenditures       \$300,797.83**

**Retired Priests               \$1,557.00**

### ***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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### ***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.