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July 18, 2010 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Mary
has
chosen
the
better
part*

Last week I received the following letter from Francis Cardinal George. I share it with you all today. It is great news. Loren and Cindi Bowens will indeed bring many gifts and talents to their ministry of service as a Deacon couple here at St. Irenaeus. Some of you may have already met them and I assure you that if you have not yet met them, your meeting will bring much joy to your life! May their ministry here at St. Irenaeus be blessed and may it continue to build the kingdom of God here in Park Forest!

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June 30, 2010

Deacon Loren Bowns
26941 S. Butler
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Dear Deacon Bowns:

I am pleased to welcome you to the Archdiocese of Chicago and to appoint you as a Permanent Deacon at St. Irenaeus Parish in Park Forest, under the direction of the Reverend Terrance Johnson, Pastor. Your initial assignment is for a term of ten years or until revocation.

With this appointment, I grant you the diaconal faculties of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The enclosed document delineates the full range of diaconal service. Generally these faculties should be used only in the parish to which you are assigned. Outside of your regular pastoral assignment, permission to exercise your diaconal faculties may be granted by a pastor on a case by case basis. While your faculties granted are primarily liturgical, your most important responsibility as a deacon is to be a minister of charity in your parish and throughout the Archdiocese.

I am grateful to have your assistance in the service of the faithful. As you begin your ministry here, you and your family will be in my prayers in a special way, even as I count on a place in your own prayers. God bless you.

Fraternally yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Enclosure

cc: Most Rev. Joseph Perry, Episcopal Vicar
Rev. Terrance Johnson, Pastor
Rev. Michael Nacius, Dean
Dcn. Dan Ragonese, VDC
Rev. Michael Ahlstrom, Vicar for the Diaconate Community

It takes a village...

We are in need of adults to share their faith and inspire the young people of our parish, on Sunday mornings, as a teacher in the religious education program. Please consider sharing your time & talent in this program.



Materials and training will be provided to prepare you for this rewarding opportunity. Please contact Michelle Helson at (708) 748-7997 for more information.



RCIA

If you or an adult you know is interested in becoming a fully initiated Catholic.

~want to deepen your faith through a learning and sharing experience.

~have been away from the Church but would like to return.

~have been baptized but never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith.

~have never been baptized.

~have never been confirmed.



We have an opportunity for you or someone you know. Starting September 13th, here at St. Irenaeus, **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** meets at 7:30 on Monday evenings through Pentecost. Call the rectory 748-6891.

July 18, 2010

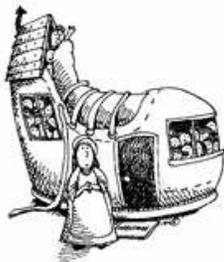
16th Sunday in Ordinary

Time

"Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Luke 10:42

The story of Martha and Mary reminds us that God wants each of us to serve Him, just as Martha so graciously served. However, we will never know what God wants us to do unless we spend some time like Mary did, just sitting quietly at God's feet and listening to His words.

Shoes for Haiti



For the next month we will be collecting **SHOES FOR HAITI**. Mr. Robert Murphy of Resource Plastics in Blue Island is collecting shoes which will make their way to Haiti. It is as simple as this. Bring your shoes and place them in the receptacles provided in the vesti-



bule of the church. Shoes for adults and children are welcome, they should be wearable and in good condition. Mr. Glenn Benjamin will gather the donations and deliver them to Mr. Robert Murphy at Resource Plastics in Blue Island. Thank you for your generosity. The collection will continue until the end of July.

Mission Appeal Weekend

On the weekend of July 31 and August 1 we will welcome among us Fr Anthony Swamy Aakula. He will be speaking on behalf of the Society for Faith and Children's Education. The organizations primary work is to provide opportunities for post secondary education. Please extend a warm St Irenaeus welcome to Fr Aakula.

If you or anyone you know has marketing/development experience please contact me at the rectory @ 748-6891.
Thanks Fr. Terry

A TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS

Sunday, September 26, 2010
Noon til 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 6th
TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS.

Our one and only planning meeting will be held Tuesday, August 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Irenaeus Room in the R.E. building. We need cooks and bakers of all ethnic backgrounds. We need folks to help set up and clean up. Please plan to join us at this meeting. Watch the bulletin for more information.

"Mary of Magdala/Clare of Assisi"

Dates/Times: July 21 7-9pm or July 22 9:30-11:30am Fee: \$20

We celebrate the feasts of these courageous and faith-filled women during Summer time, when all is alive in God's good earth. We will discern their journey and walk reverently with them as we mirror our own paths in relation to them. Clare kept "a vacancy for God" ...how do we do this? Mary of Magdala was the first to announce the resurrection...how do we mirror this Hope with our lives?

Facilitator: Marianne Saieg, OSF

"The Council of Beings"

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

In The Canticle of the Creatures, Francis of Assisi showed us a way of respecting the relationship we have with the rest of creation, as he addressed sun and moon, wind and fire as his brothers and sisters. This program will challenge us to think about how we are keeping his vision alive as it focuses on "Who will speak for the small but beautiful members of creation who are our brothers and sisters, and what kind of life do we share together?" Facilitator: Paul Bernadette Bounck, CSJ

"THE PORT"

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

Reflections on Today's Readings July 18 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10.

Today's story comes immediately after the second account of the Covenant between God and Abraham. It is one of hospitality offered in the excess. As Abraham sits at the entrance of his tent, he notices three men "standing by." He invites the three to stop to rest and have a little food and drink. Then he has Sarah prepare, not just a little food and drink, but a feast. More than half a bushel of flour is made into bread. A whole steer is quickly selected and prepared. But Abraham's hospitality is richly repaid. The Lord, who is one of the three guests, promises that when he returns one year later, Abraham and Sarah will have a son. In spite of their doubts, one year later, Abraham and Sarah do have a son, Isaac, the child of their old age. Abraham now has the hope that the Lord will fulfill His promise that Abraham will have descendants as numerous as the stars.

Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5.

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord." The Psalmist celebrates the rare ones among us "who think the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue."

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28.

Colossae was located in the Lycus Valley, east of Ephesus, in Asia Minor. Epaphras, founder of the Christian community at Colossae, sought out Paul, who was in prison, for help with a problem. False teachers were spreading a doctrine based on Christ's relation to the physical universe (cosmos). The teachings stressed angels which were connected with astral powers, cultic practices and ascetical disciplines. Paul avoids debate on those matters. He argues that Christ possesses the sum total of all redemptive powers. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creatures..." In today's reading Paul says, "But now it has been manifested to His holy ones, to whom God chose to make known the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; it is Christ in you; the hope for glory."

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42.

Here, as in the first reading, hospitality is offered to a guest. Abraham freely offers lavish hospitality to three strangers one of whom is obviously the Lord. Abraham was able to devote his attention to his guests because Sarah and the servants took care of the meal preparations. Martha and Mary offer hospitality to Jesus, whom they both know well. The well-meaning sisters, though, each have a different idea of the hospitality they should offer. It seems obvious that Jesus was not really interested in a big meal, but just wanted to rest and, perhaps, to talk. Mary sensed that need and responded to it. Martha became engrossed in her own notion of hospitality, namely a big meal. Without asking, she assumed that was the hospitality the Lord wanted and she set about preparing it, obviously expecting Mary to be there helping her. Sometimes we are like Martha. We get so engrossed in offering the hospitality we think the Lord needs, or should have, that we forget to listen to what He wants. This attitude spills over into our prayers lives, too. We tend to try to direct the Lord to what we want or think we need -- "Lord, do this," or "Lord, give me thus and so," or "Lord, take this inconvenience away from me." We should always keep in mind that the Lord will give us what we need, but not necessarily what we want, nor in the time frame that we want it. Above all, we should remember that in the prayer Jesus taught us, the first several petitions were about the Lord: "Hallowed be thy name," "Thy kingdom come," "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, July 19

8:00 Karen Madsen

Tuesday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

8:00 Thomas Fletcher req by
The Family

Wednesday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 Roger Cleghorn

Thursday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, July 24

St. Sharbel Makhlof; Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Roger Cleghorn req by
The Family

Sunday, July 25

8:30 Paul Kvasnicka req by
Jim & Family
Katherine Kokklenberg req by
Mary Lou Francesconi

10:30 Pat Dahlberg req by
The McClain Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 24 5:00 pm

Lectors

Jack Osmolski, Tim Blumenthal, Sam Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Beverly Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Richard
Marvin, Bob Steiert, Jan Pattyn,
Barbara Principali, Marilyn Carroll

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, July 25 8:30 am

Lectors

Laurie Miller, Harlan Smith, Chrys Rudnik

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Gerry Berish, Laura Hennessy, Pat McCartan,
Deanna Martin, Dennis Condon,
Joe Augustyn, Kathy Murphy

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, July 25 10:30 am

Lectors

Raye Warkenthien, Phil Schwartz,
Mike Gonzalez

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Vincent Oganwu, Valeria Wolff,
Sevena Merchant, Connie Rice, Pat Benjamin,
Kathy Anderson, Doris Foster

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Vincent Oganwu Jr.,
Michael Rosenquist

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

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 2

Budget Information \$4,650.00

July 11 Collection \$3,835.50

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

Money collected\envelopes \$3,359.00

Loose Money \$476.50

Budget Year to Date \$9,300.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$9,491.50

10/11 Budget Surplus \$191.50

Maintenance Fund July 11 \$666.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$1,985.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$360,375.00

Total Expenditures \$321,232.33

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. 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.