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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

July 25, 2010 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time





HE
BROUGHT
YOU TO LIFE
ALONG WITH
HIM,
HAVING
FORGIVEN
US ALL OUR
TRANSGRESSIONS

COLOSSIANS

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 25, 2010

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask Him, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that in our culture we often confuse what we really need with what we simply want. We need very little. However, we usually want so much more. A good steward only asks God for what he needs.

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 vestibule 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.

A TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS

Sunday, September 26, 2010

Noon - 2:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the 6th TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS. For any "newcomers", a "TASTE" is not a potluck supper. Like the event held in downtown Chicago, it's a sampling of many kinds of food. Our parish family is composed of many ethnic backgrounds (Polish, Italian, African American, German, Irish), to name just a few. I'm sure there is a favorite family recipe that's traditional and unique to your nationality. Here's a chance to bring that dish and "share" a "taste" of it with other parishioners; and by the same token, you'll have an opportunity to taste other ethnic dishes.

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



Our 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.

"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 25 Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Genesis 18:20-32.

Last week's 1st Reading described the feast that Abraham and Sarah prepared for the "three men" who appeared at their tent. In today's 1st reading it is obvious that one of the men was God. Abraham walks along with Him now toward Sodom, a city so wicked that God has decided to destroy it. We hear the Lord musing to Himself whether or not He should inform Abraham of His intent. When the Lord finally tells Abraham of His intention, Abraham intercedes, hoping to save Sodom from the Lord's wrath.

The interchange that follows between Abraham and the Lord is a textbook model of the negotiator's art. Abraham haggles with the Lord over the question, "Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty?" The Lord agrees to spare the city if they can find fifty innocent people there. Having opened the door of God's mercy, Abraham pushes on: "What if there are five less than fifty?" Again, the Lord agrees to save Sodom if there are at least forty-five innocent people there. Abraham persists, increment by increment, until the Lord finally agrees to spare Sodom if they can find at least ten innocent people there. One would think, certainly Abraham did, that you could find at least ten innocent people in such a large city. Abraham's nephew, Lot, lived in Sodom and Abraham surely thought he was innocent -- that left only nine more to find. Unfortunately, as we know, they could not find even ten innocent people and God destroyed the city. Sodom, from that time even to now, has lived in the minds of all people as the stereotype of the evil city, indeed of evil itself. The episode not only demonstrates God's abundant mercy, but also the wisdom of persistence in presenting petitions to God.

Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8.

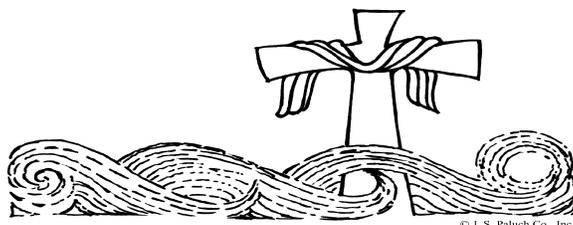
"Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." The Psalmist praises the Lord for his abundant mercies.

2nd Reading Colossians 2:12-14.

Paul addresses a prevalent problem of the early Christian communities; that of the Jewish Christians' insistence that the Gentiles follow the entire Mosaic law. "Even when you were dead in sin and your flesh was uncircumcised," Paul says, "God gave you new life in company of Christ." Paul continues, telling us that when Jesus was nailed to the Cross, giving His life for us, He also nailed to the Cross our spiritual obligations, the debts stemming from humanity's sinful disobedience, that alienated us from God. In so doing, Jesus forged a spiritual bond between our humanity and His divinity, presenting us to God the Father as His friends and making possible our divinity. In the words of an old hymn: "What a friend we have in Jesus; All our sins and grief's to bear."

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13.

Luke's account of Jesus teaching His disciples the Lord's Prayer is followed by parables which pick up the themes of the first reading -- the Lord's abundant goodness and mercy and the value of persistence in presenting petitions to the Lord. Little children well know the value of persistence; they just keep at us until they wear us down. Abraham's persistence however, was based on logic and an appeal to the Lord's goodness and mercy. If we human people can be abundantly good and merciful to our earthly children, "how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, July 26

Ss. Joachim and Anne

8:00 Carmen Bullington

Tuesday, July 27

8:00 Willard & Clara Wood & Family

Wednesday, July 28

8:00 Elsa Sauter

Thursday, July 29

St. Martha

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, July 30

St. Peter Chrysologus

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola

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

5:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer
In Loving Memory of Harold Hemper
2nd Anniversary of Death

Sunday, August 1

8:30 Norma McClain req by
Gene & Mary Schmittgens
Rita Land req by
The Land Family
10:30 Virginia Prysycz req by
The Sagun Family
Angelo Principali req by
Bill & Cathy Williams

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 31 5:00 pm

Lectors

Sally Fortune, Merle Arr, Bob Carreras

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jan Pattyn, Bob Steiert, Therese Goodrich,
Richard Marvin, Joe Augustyn,
Barbara Principali, Eileen Rose

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Jack Osmolski

Sunday, August 1 8:30 am

Lectors

Sara Veldheizen, Gerry Berish,

Dolly Mikolajczyk

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Chrys Rudnik, Carol McCullough,
Kathy Murphy, Deanna Martin,
Richard Thomas, Jim Silvia, Pat O'Connor

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, August 1 10:30 am

Lectors

Bill Carreras, Adele Perkins, Terry Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dave Perkins, Sandy Winder, Rita Oganwu,
Valeria Wolff, Raye Warkenthien,
Sevena Merchant, Vincent Oganwu

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT

As of July 19, 2010

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,478.26
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$15,489.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$13,734.00
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$1,755.00

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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 3

Budget Information \$4,650.00

July 18 Collection \$4,189.67

Thank you to the 142 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,698.00

Loose Money \$491.67

Budget Year to Date \$13,950.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$13,681.17

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$268.83)

Maintenance Fund July 18 \$208.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$2,193.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$360,583.00

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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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.