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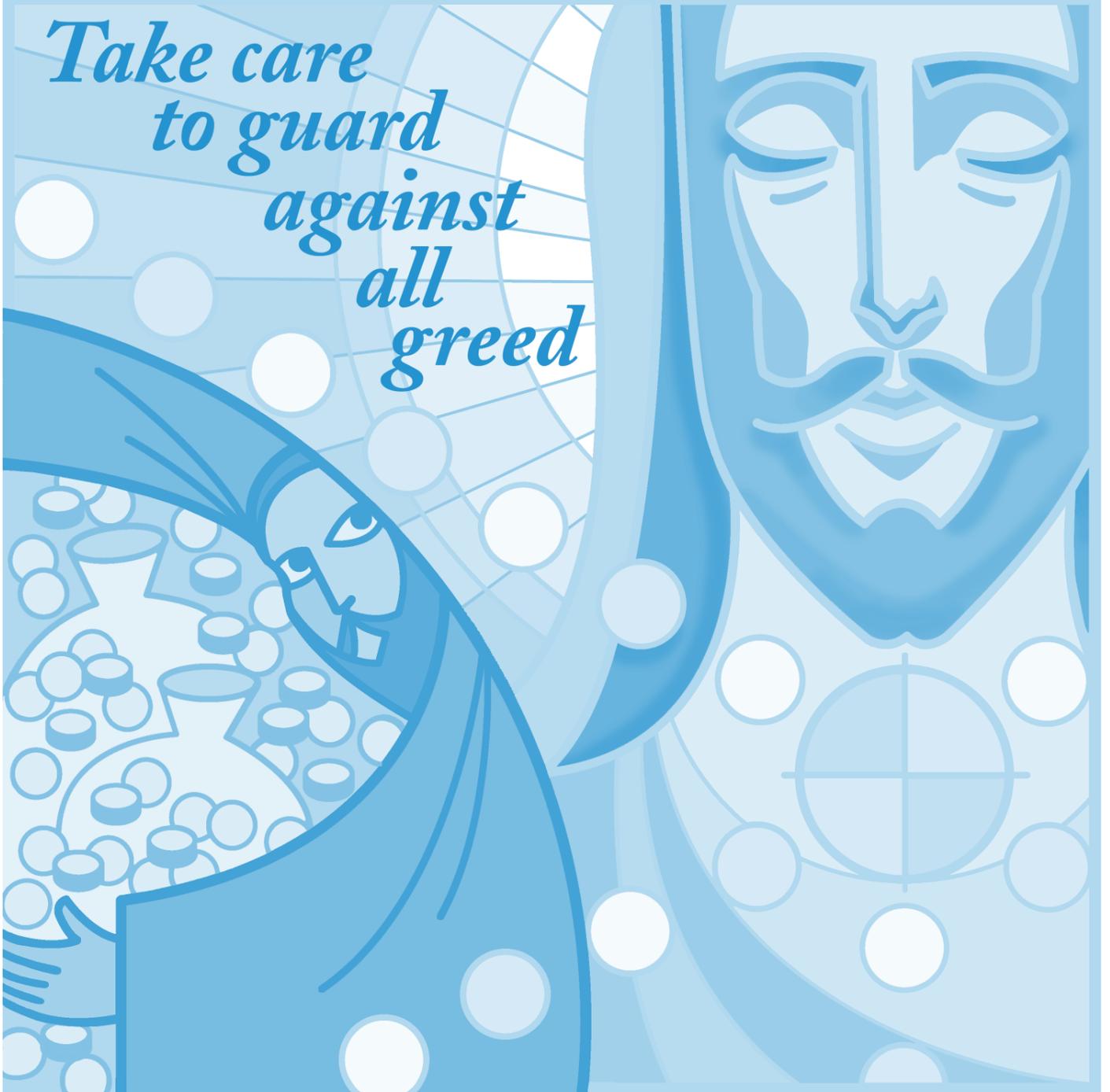


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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

August 1, 2010 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Take care
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Ramblings

This weekend we welcome Fr. Anthony Akula to St Irenaeus. Fr. Akula is here telling us the story of his mission work for the children of the Society for Faith and Children's Education. Please be sure to extend a warm St Irenaeus welcome to him!

This weekend is also re-committing ourselves to supporting the mission work of Jesus as it is carried out in our day. As disciples we are called to contribute both in prayer and financially to those among us who find themselves in need of support and encouragement.

St Irenaeus has a long and deep tradition connecting to the missionary work of Jesus. Most recently our "Shoes for Haiti" drive has once again opened the hearts and souls of all of us and we have responded in love and compassion. Each month with the "Food Project" this community of faith recognizes our responsibility to "feed the hungry" through the Rich Township Food Pantry and Respond Now. For the past dozen plus years St. Irenaeus has been and will continue to be a PADS site where Jesus command to "shelter the homeless". And each and every weekend your generosity is brought forward and offered all as gift for the support of the ministries here at St Irenaeus. And for all this we give thanks as we gather as the body of Christ and return to God the blessings that have been showered upon us.

And so this weekend we celebrate MISSION SUNDAY as we hear the story of Fr. Anthony Akula and offer him and his ministry our prayer and support!

Fr Terry



Religious Education Registration

Registration for new and returning families to our religious education program will take place after all the masses August 7th – 8th and 14th -15th. Pre-registered families may pay their fees those weekends, as well. All are welcome to attend the religious education program's open house on Sunday, August 29th after both masses.

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.

August 1, 2010

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Take care to guard against all greed, for *though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.*” - Luke 12:15
The Gospel message today is so contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the many things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not store up or hoard material possessions. Rather, strive to be rich in that which matters to God.



Vacation Souvenirs

Please bring a copy of the Church Bulletin back with you when you attend Mass at another church. Write a note about how the liturgy was the same or different from how we celebrate at St. Irenaeus. Then just drop the bulletin with your note (please sign it in case we have a question) in the offertory basket when you return. This will assist us in making changes in the future.

Thank you.

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.



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.

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"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"

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815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org
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Reflections on Today's Readings
August 1 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23.

“Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave his property.” The author bemoans the cruel fate that many people realize too late -- that what they have labored to amass will go to another on their death. People often look to the value of their material wealth for fulfillment and, finding none there, begin to realize that there must be some other source of fulfillment. They must look to the light of faith to find the fulfillment that comes only from heavenly wisdom.

Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17.

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” The Psalmist prays for “wisdom of heart.”

2nd Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11.

“Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.” Paul picks up the theme of the first reading, telling the people of Collasae that they will not find true happiness in the things here on Earth but in “what is above.”

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

Jesus is interrupted in his instruction of the disciples by a man who wants help in acquiring his rightful share of the family inheritance. The interruption, in addition to being rude, betrays an insensitivity to what Jesus has just taught about matters of essential importance. Since Rabbis were learned and respected people, though, and were often asked to arbitrate in family disputes, the request is not really that unusual. Jesus, as a learned man, many times addressed as “Rabbi,” certainly has the authority to intercede for the man. It’s the nature of the man’s request that gives Jesus pause. He sees behind the request the very greed he had just warned the Pharisees about, “Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.” (Luke 11:39)



Jesus then uses the opportunity to tell a parable about the trap of possessions. The rich man of the parable would be the envy of most people--so wealthy that he does not have room to store his goods. But he is a fool because in the midst of his good fortune he has lost his sense of priorities, of what is really important. He imagines that he merits his riches and that they give him control over his life. Material possessions create this kind of illusion. In the sight of God, though, the rich man is really poor. The virtue of sharing what he has with others does not even occur to him.

The implications of this lack of compassion were made clear in another parable: that of Lazarus and the rich man. During his lifetime, Lazarus would have been happy with the scraps from the rich man’s table. He got none, though, not because the rich man heard him and denied him, but because the rich man never even realized he was there. Though the rich man must have passed by Lazarus every day, he never saw him, was blind to his existence. It was Lazarus, though, who found his ultimate reward in heaven, basking in “the bosom of Abraham,” while the rich man suffered in everlasting torment (Luke 16:19-31).

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard

8:00 Frank & Rose Sauter & Family

Tuesday, August 3

8:00 The David Wood Family

Wednesday, August 4

St. John Mary Vianney

8:00 Bernadine M. King req by
Don & Judy Korte

Thursday, August 5

Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, August 7

**St. Sixtus II and His Companions;
St. Cajetan; Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

5:00 Dick Niendorf req by
Jayne & Jack Morris

Sunday, August 8

8:30 Frank Mikolajczyk

10:30 Joseph Angelo req by
Julie Dionne
Angelo Principali req by
Don & Judy Korte

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 7 5:00 pm

Lectors

Loren Bowns, Tim Blumenthal, Sam Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sally Fortune, Merle Arr, Joe Augustyn,
Jan Pattyn, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Bob Steiert,
Richard Marvin

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, August 8 8:30 am

Lectors

Eleanor Burns, Harlan Smith, Laurie Miller

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dennis Condon, Jim Silvia, Kathy Murphy,
Deanna Martin, Chrys Rudnik, Pat McCartan,
Carol McCullough

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Jack Osmolski, Kevin Headly

Sunday, August 8 10:30 am

Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Stephanie Sagun, Helen Silvia

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Lyn Schober, Pat Benjamin, Kathy Anderson,
Sevena Merchant, Dave Perkins, Connie Rice,
Rita Oganwu

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Elysia Sawyers,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.



FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH FOOD PROJECT AUGUST- 7-8

Thank you for your generosity last month to the Food Project. When you do your family's shopping this week, please remember the less fortunate who are unable to provide for enough food to supply even their most basic needs. Dry goods are always welcomed, as are canned fruits, meats, soups and vegetables. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 4

Budget Information \$4,650.00

July 25 Collection \$3,494.00

Thank you to the 143 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$2,911.00

Loose Money \$583.00

Budget Year to Date \$18,600.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$17,175.17

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$1,424.83)

Maintenance Fund July 25 \$445.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$2,638.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$361,028.00

Total Expenditures \$321,232.33

Mary Magdala

Money to Project Courage \$294.00

Money to SSFS \$65.00

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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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.