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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

August 8, 2010 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ramblings

The Psalm response this weekend reminds us how blessed we are and how much God has given to us who are his disciples. We have been chosen by God and are continually called into mutual relationship with one another. As we live in mutuality with one another we are called to be one in faith as the body of Christ. Our living in mutual relationship is lived out in many ways and with many activities. I would like to share some of the ways that is happening here at St Irenaeus these past months.

Last Wednesday the parish Liturgy team gathered together to share a day of reflection and learning around the book LITURGY WITH STYLE AND GRACE authored by Gabe Huck. It is a book that gives background and history about Liturgy as well as practical information about the many aspects of the Liturgy. The group also viewed several videos on the Mass and the parts of the mass. It was a wonderful time of learning and reflection as a Liturgy team. Much can be used by the group to benefit its work to enhance the liturgical prayer of the community.

On Saturday August 7 the Parish Pastoral Council gathered for its annual day of reflection and recommitment to the mission of the council. The PPC was lead in this reflection by Sister Lois Preble, OSF. Sister Lois guided the PPC to reflect on its purpose and mission as the PPC works with the Parish Staff to build a vibrant faith community here at St Irenaeus.

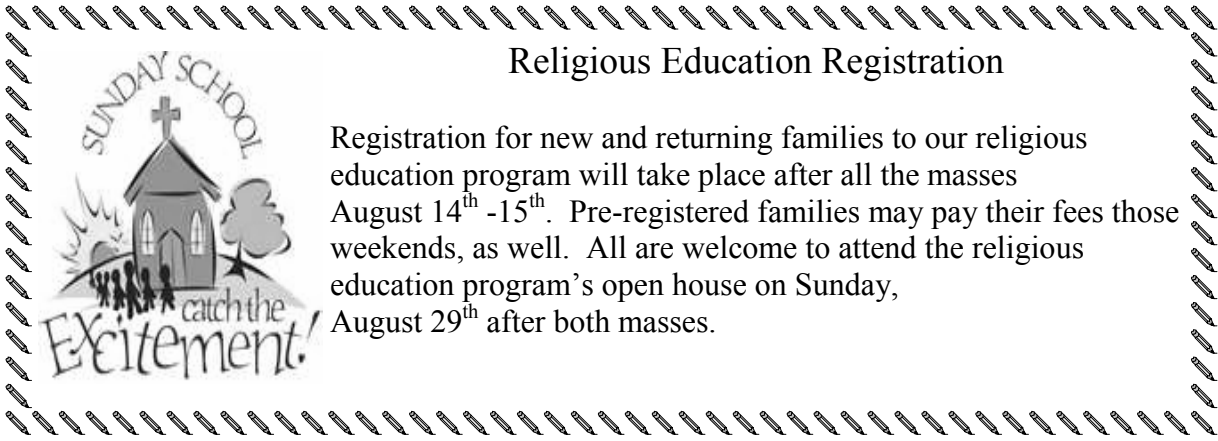
This weekend and next registration will take place for the Religious Education program. Whenever the community welcomes a new member through Baptism we make a promise to the family that quality faith formation will be provided as we all journey together in faith. Please register your school age children for the program. Should you know friends, neighbors or relatives who have school age children, ask them to consider enrolling them in the program.

A very recent addition to the mission of the parish is a Job Club. Folks gather to network around employment issues and learn what makes for good resumes, cover letters and interview techniques. Soon they will be able to use the new computer lab in Room 5 in the Religious Education Center to search for and apply for jobs online. The computers will also be used with the Religious Education Program students to enhance their faith formation. Many thanks to the Rich Township High School district for their generous donation of 25 plus computers.

And every weekend we all gather around the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist to remember and celebrate how blessed we are as individuals and as a community of faith. We offer all that we are and all that we have to the God who has so generously and freely given us God's grace and God's mercy. May we respond with the same generous love as has been shown to us!

Peace

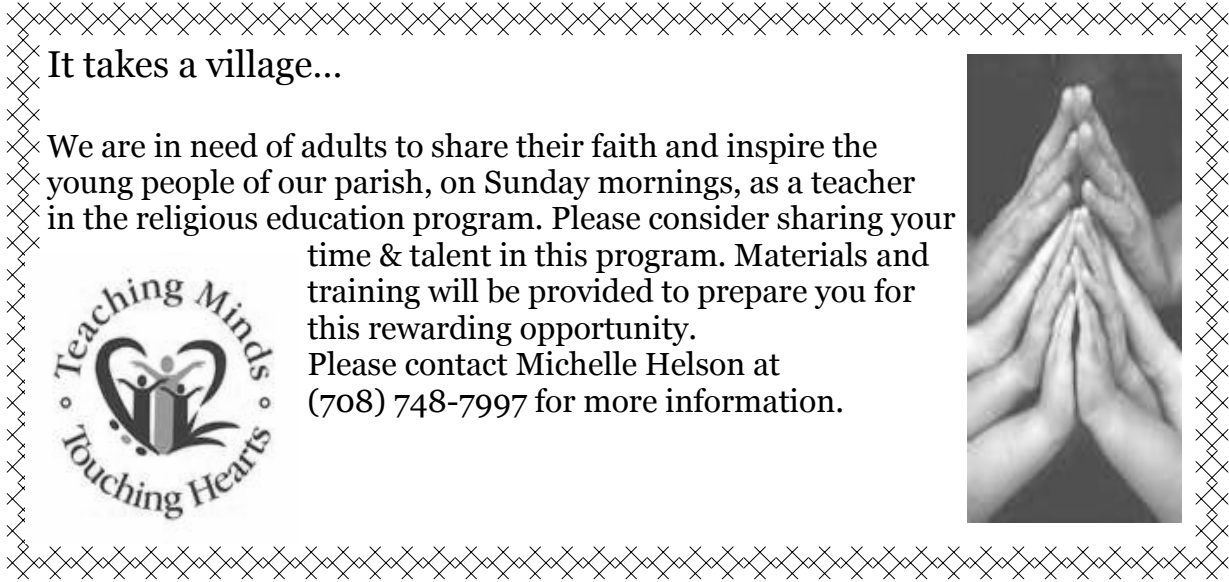
Fr Terry



Religious Education Registration



Registration for new and returning families to our religious education program will take place after all the masses August 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...

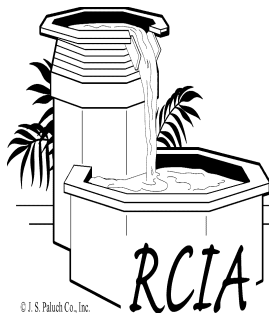
We are in need of adults to share their faith and inspire the young people of our parish, on Sunday mornings, as a teacher in the religious education program. Please consider sharing your time & talent in this program. Materials and training will be provided to prepare you for this rewarding opportunity. 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 8, 2010 **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." - Luke 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



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.

St. Irenaeus Church is very happy to welcome the following parishioners into our family:

The Seifert Family
William IV
Katrina
William V

Grace Raymond



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.

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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"

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL
815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org
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Reflections on Today's Readings
August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Wisdom 18:16-19. For Submittal on July 5

"That night was known beforehand to our fathers....." The Book of Wisdom was written early in the first century by an unknown member of the Jewish community at Alexandria, Egypt. The author's purpose was to bolster the faith of the Jewish people who had undergone persecution. The third section of the book, from which this reading is taken, deals with the providence of God in the Exodus. Historically, the Exodus was a salvation event that happened in cosmic time only once, long ago. In God's time, though, the event occurs each year. The Jewish people celebrate the Passover each year in the belief that in some mysterious way known only to God, they become participants in that original Exodus. As the narrator of an old radio show would say, "The Jewish People are being brought in Exodus out of Egypt today, and you are there." The Exodus is not just celebrated but actually relived each year. As they relive that original event, they also remember and relive their deliverance from other bondages, notably the Holocaust, that they have suffered in their history. And they look to God for deliverance from future bondages.

Our Christian liturgies celebrate our salvation events in this threefold way. In our Christmas liturgy, for example, we celebrate the long ago actual birth of Christ in Bethlehem, then His coming to us in today's world at Christmas and finally, the promise of His coming to us in the fullness of time.

Psalm 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22.

"Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. The Psalmist celebrates his happiness at being one of God's Chosen People.

2nd Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19.

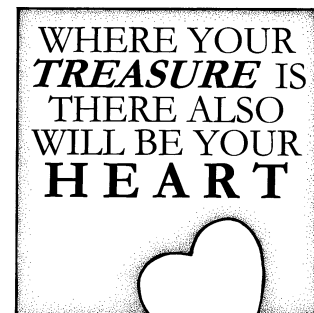
Hebrews was once thought to have been written by the Apostle Paul. Not too long ago, the Lectionary attributed readings from Hebrews to Paul. In some circles, it is still argued that it was written by members of the circle of Paul. Hebrews, though, does not follow the letter format of early Paul's writings. It is in the form of a sermon or a summary of the faith of the Christian people. In Hebrews, the author(s) deal with the threefold function of Christ as (1) The new word of God, (2) A unique high priest and (3) The source of insight into the heavenly world of God. Today's reading deals with the faith of the people of God. It is similar in form to a number of Scriptural discourses including Stephen's discourse to the members of the Sanhedrin just before he was stoned to death and Peter's discourse to those present in Cornelius' house telling how the Gentiles were to be included in salvation. Abraham's faith is a hallmark of most of these discourses.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48.

"When much has been given a man, much will be required of him." Jesus talks with his disciples about "End-of-time" things. Here, Jesus assures His disciples, "It has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom." He goes on to admonish them that they must be prepared because, "The Son of Man will come when you least expect him."

Belief in the imminence of the Parousia, the return of Christ at the end of time, is one of the persistent themes of early Christian thought. This belief may have been a factor in persuading people to do many things, including selling all they owned and donating the proceeds to the poor. Attitudes changed as time passed and the hoped-for return so eagerly expected still had not come. Jesus prepares the disciples for the long term, admonishing them to "be on guard."

Today, the Parousia seems to us so far off that we need to be reminded of the "thief in the night" nature of Christ's return. Jesus' words loom large: "More will be asked of a man to whom more has been entrusted."



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 9

**St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
(Edith Stein)**

8:00 Fran & Mary Lou Sauter & Family

Tuesday, August 10

St. Lawrence

8:00 Ed McNamara req by
Pat McCartan

Wednesday, August 11

St. Clare

8:00 Hugh & Dorothy Smith & Family

Thursday, August 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, August 13

Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, August 14

St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Angelo Principali req by
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

Sunday, August 15

8:30 Carmen Bullington
Anthony Menza req by
Connie Menza

10:30 Joseph Angelo req by
Julie Dionne
Don Pattyn req by
Jan Pattyn

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 14 5:00 pm

Lectors

Beverly Helm, Sally Fortune, Merle Arr

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jack Osmolski, Eileen Rose, Marilyn Carroll,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Joe Augustyn,
Richard Marvin, Jim Silvia

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Mike Powers

Sunday, August 15 8:30 am

Lectors

Chris Blue, Chrys Rudnik, Eleanor Burns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Deanna Martin, Richard Thomas,
Gerry Berish, Kathy Murphy, Laura Hennessy,
Carol McCullough, Pat McCartan

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Kevin Headly

Sunday, August 15 10:30 am

Lectors

Vanessa White, Raye Warkenthien, Jan Pattyn

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dave Perkins, Doris Foster, Valeria Wolff,
Connie Rice, Pat Benjamin, Therese Goodrich,
Kathy Anderson

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Bill Carreras, Virginia Differding,
Moira Differding

Dear Father,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your recent contribution to *RESPOND NOW* of \$303.00 from the June food collection. Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients. I'm going to make sure of that.

Your generosity is a powerful factor in helping *RESPOND NOW* assist our clients with food and financial assistance programs designed to help stabilize families and prevent homelessness. Your support demonstrates a vote of confidence in the work being done by *RESPOND NOW*.

Again, thank you for your continued generous support. It means the world to our staff, volunteers and especially all of the families who participate in our programs!

Sincerely,
Carl J. Wolf
Executive Director

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 5

Budget Information \$4,650.00

August 1 Collection \$4,676.00

Thank you to the 136 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,048.00

Loose Money \$628.00

Budget Year to Date \$23,250.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$21,851.17

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$1,398.83)

Maintenance Fund August 1 \$1,083.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$3,721.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$362,111.00

Total Expenditures \$321,232.33

Mission Appeal \$1,427.00

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

Rectory Phone: 748-6891

***Religious Education Center Phone:
748-7997***

Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor

Loren & Sam Bowns, Deacon couple

Deanna Martin, Lay Minister

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Terri Cardin, Parish Secretary

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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.