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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

August 29, 2010 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ramblings

This weekend Deacon Loren Bowns continues his ministry of service as a deacon here at St. Irenaeus. He will assist at all the masses. The liturgical role of the deacon is one of the roles they participate in, it is not the primary role, but an important one. The article offers some reflection on the ordained ministry of the deacon. Loren and Cindi (Sam) Bowns offer to our parish a model of ministry that is one of mutual service freely offered in love! We give thanks and praise to God for their YES to God's love in their lives!

- A deacon makes a lifetime commitment to serving Christ's people in a service which is threefold;

- A mission of service to the Word, Liturgy and Charity and Justice

The deacon is called to a ministry of service—a servant leader who animates others to live out a life of service. With priests and bishops, he receives the Sacrament of Holy Orders. He is an ordained and lives in the life style of the laity. Pope John Paul II said that, "the deacon is the Church's service sacramentalized. He is the visible sign of service to which all the baptized are called."

The order of deacon can be traced back to the early Church. Traditional scholarship notes that deacons are first mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles. As the centuries passed, the role of deacon became less prominent and by the end of the first millennium became primarily only a step to priesthood in the Latin Rite Church.

The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council restored the Diaconate as a permanent element in the hierarchy of the Church. In the documents of the Council it is written that, "The Deacon stands in the midst of the Church as Christ, the servant of all. By this unique expression of holy orders, Christ calls some men, and the Church ordains deacons to be consecrated expressions of service and, in a particular way, to assist bishops and priests to carry out their own unique ministerial priesthood. While deacons are not called to priesthood, they are ordained to a ministry of service that enriches the Church and enhances the ministry in service of God's people."

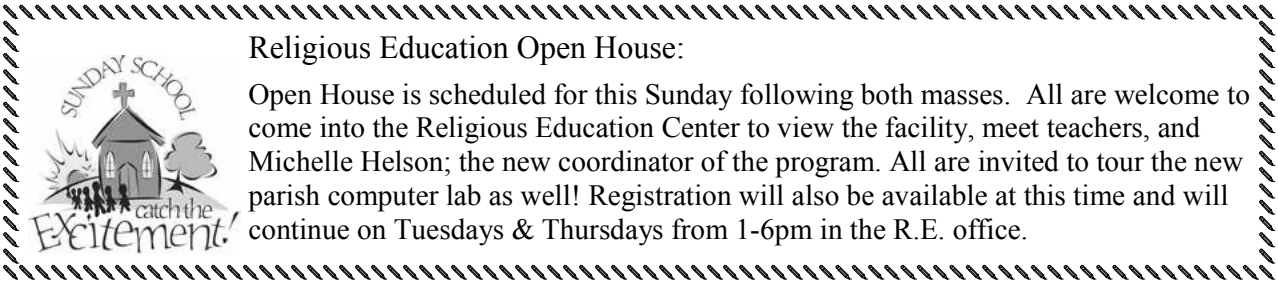
The deacon's service is threefold: Ministry of the Word, Ministry of Liturgy and Ministry of Charity and Justice.

The deacon is called to participate in the Church's ministry of the word as an evangelizer and teacher. He takes the spirit and message of Jesus to the marketplace and is generous of his time, energy and talents, especially to the poor.

In the deacon's liturgical ministry, the Church sees a reflection of its own diaconal character and is reminded of its mission to serve as Jesus did.

Ministry of Charity and Justice is integral to the deacon's service in the Church's ministry of Word and Liturgy. Pope John Paul II said, "This is at the very heart of the Diaconate to which you have been called: to be servant of the mysteries of Christ and, at the same time, to be servant of your brothers and sisters..."

Fr. Terry



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- Volunteers Needed:
- We are in need of catechists for
- kindergarten & 8th grades as well as
- in our pre-school 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.
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**St. Irenaeus
Church Ladies Rummage Sale**

Saturday, September 11, 2010
 In the RE Center gym and on the Porch
 8AM until 2PM, Rain or Shine
 21 indoor spaces @\$15
 16 outdoor spaces @\$8
 Rent a space to sell your stuff

or

Bring your friends for a day of
 browsing, buying, bargains and
 fun. Refreshments for sale.
 Proceeds benefit St. Irenaeus
 Church.
 Call 748-6891 for an application.



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 29, 2010

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." - Luke 14:14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

Pax Christi Seed Planters for Kathy Kelly

(Fr. John Dear, SJ, Fr. Louis Vitale, OFM, Fr. Jerry Zawada, OFM and Fr. Steve Kelly, SJ are also defendants)

Kathy will speak about her recent experiences in Afghanistan and Pakistan where she interviewed victims of drone attacks. This will be an educational opportunity to learn more about drones and why they are fueling the hatred and violence of war, increasing retaliation toward our soldiers, and making Americans less secure.

Friday, September 3 at 7:00 pm
St. Irenaeus Catholic Church
78 Cherry St., Park Forest, Illinois

Please be generous...as the "Creech 14" have been generous and courageous. They have been our voice...let us give them our support.

Sponsored by Nonviolent Peacemaking Partners, Pax Christi Seed Planters, Generations For Peace
Questions call Concetta @ 708-672-3971

Donations Accepted

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: : *The Spiritual Life Commission is praying the* : : : : :
: : *Rosary Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00 PM in* : : : : :
: : *the chapel. All are welcome.* : : : : :
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SIXTH TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS UPDATE


The following folks have agreed to chair an ethnic table for our event on Sunday, September 26:

<u>Ethnic Table</u>	<u>Chair (Phone)</u>
Jamaican	Rita & Rudolph Thompson 754-8827
Greek	Helen Funk 747-3536
American	Mary Jane Riopelle 748-6205 & Barb Ostroski 748-7511
Portuguese	Helen & Jim Silvia 747-0795
German	Karen Ertl 747-5632
Eastern European	Tony Mielcarz 748-2848 & Diane Cash 363-4082
African American	Doris Foster 481-0930 & Sevena Merchant 748-2408
Indian	Jai Sagar 363-4082
Italian	Victoria Merlo 704-7759
Nigerian	Nneka Green 503-9137
Irish	Moira & Linda Differding 748-3287

If you would like to provide a dish for any of these tables, please contact the chairperson directly. We are still looking for someone to chair a Mexican Table. If you are interested in chairing a table, please contact Terri Cardin (748-6891) at the rectory. And if you have a dish that does not necessarily fit one of these tables, we will also have an INTERNATIONAL Table to accommodate them.

All chairperson are asked to attend one final meeting on Wednesday, September 15, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 in the R. E. Building. Please have your completed worksheets with you which identify the supplies you will need and the dishes your group will prepare.

SPRED



Spred is an Archdiocesan program with a unique mission: to provide appropriate and meaningful experiences of faith formation, sacramental preparation and worship for children and adults with intellectual challenges. Many of these people live in our parish, while others live down the street at the Elisabeth Ludeman Center. Our Tuesday/Thursday group at St. Irenaeus needs more catechists who are willing to enter into friendship with these wonderful people. SPRED is not a teaching method, so we are not looking for special degrees or background. We invite ordinary people who enjoy friendship and laughter; who are open to meaningful relationships; who value the dignity of all people; who appreciate sacred and prayerful experiences; who are looking for a place of peace, security and love. SPRED offers all of this and more to both the catechist and special friend. For the sake of our friends who wait patiently, don't take this invitation lightly. We will resume our ministry in September when we calendar 24 sessions between September and May. There will be an information night on Wednesday, September 1st in the SPRED room in the rectory's basement at 7:00 for interested volunteers and parents of children, teens or adults with special needs. Call Denise or Ed Carriel at 708-231-6016.

Reflections on Today's Readings
August 29 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29.

Chapter Three of Sirach, from which today's reading is taken, is headed, "Duties Toward Parents." This particular reading is taken from a sub-section on "Humility." In it, Sirach prepares children to honor God by first honoring their parents. He offers practical insights to humility and its value in our relationships with one another. Proud people can become so full of themselves that they leave no room for interaction with others or with God. The humble person has no self-imposed barriers to interfere with his relationship with his God.

Psalm: 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11.

"God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor." The Psalmist sings to the themes of God's message - He is good to all His people, but He has a special place for the poor and downtrodden: "The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in His holy dwelling; God gives a home to the forsaken; He leads the prisoners to prosperity."

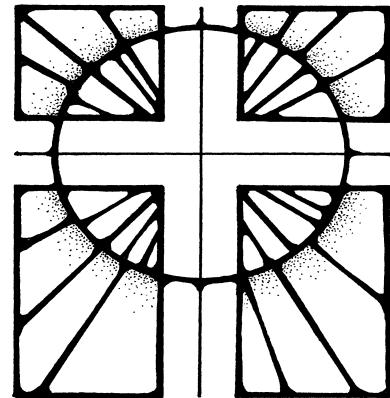
2nd Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a.

The author of Hebrews contrasts the Old and New Covenants. The Israelites at Mount Sinai were filled with fear and trembling when their God spoke to them from a cloud. Even with the great faith the Patriarchs had, they could only hope in the promise of the New Covenant. We have Christ, the New Covenant. He humbled himself to share in our humanity, becoming what we are that we might become what He is. He died for our sins and rose again so that we, who are baptized into His death, will have a share in His divinity. We will have new life with Him in the heavenly kingdom of God. The heavenly liturgy that the author describes is reminiscent of the liturgies that John describes in the Book of Revelation.

Gospel: Luke 14:1a, 7-14.

"For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted." The setting for today's Gospel reading is a wedding feast in the home of a Pharisee. Jesus uses the occasion to drive home lessons on humility to those Pharisees who bask in their self-righteous importance. Today's reading develops one of the major themes of Luke's Gospel, a theme for which it is called the Gospel of widows and orphans. In Luke's view, Jesus centers His attention on the poor, the downtrodden and all those whom the religious elite would leave out of their world. He insists that those who follow Him do the same. If we want to come to Christ's wedding feast, we must be prepared to forego self-aggrandizement and seat ourselves with the least of His people. The lesson extends not only to those who are invited to a feast but also to those who would be host to such an event. We must not limit the guest list to those from whom we expect a quid pro quo, those whom we expect to repay us in any way by inviting us to a future affair, furthering our careers or enhancing our social lives. These self-indulgent acts turn us inward on ourselves and lead us to the neglect of those whose welfare is important to Jesus, those whom He would have us treat as we would treat Him.

Our Saint Irenaeus Parish Mission Statement makes the awesome and audacious proclamation that we are a "Welcoming Community," that we have already attained the goal that we all should be striving constantly and with all our hearts to bring to reality.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 30

8:00 Virginia L. Hart req by
Don & Judy Korte

Tuesday, August 31

8:00 Bill & Mae Geneth & Family

Wednesday, September 1

8:00 Steve Cardin req by
Terri & Ben Cardin
George & Evelyn Peterson req by
The Family

Thursday, September 2

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, September 4

Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Charlotte B. Callahan req by
The Family

Sunday, September 5

8:30 Ray Panka
Thomas O'Callahan req by
Nancy Snow
10:30 Dorothy Povero req by
Kay Paul
Joseph Angelo req by
Julie Dionne

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 4 5:00 pm

Lectors

Therese Goodrich, Sam Bowns, Jan Pattyn

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Barbara Principali, Beverly Helm, Jim Silvia,
Sally Fortune, Merle Arr, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Eileen Rose

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Jack Osmolski

Sunday, September 5 8:30 am

Lectors

Deanna Martin, Chrys Rudnik, Gerry Berish

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dennis Condon, Joe Augustyn, Laura
Hennessy, Pat O'Connor, Richard Thomas,
Pat McCartan, Carol McCullough

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, September 5 10:30 am

Lectors

Mike Gonzalez, Terry Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Kathy Anderson, Pat Benjamin, Lyn Schober,
Sevena Merchant, Rita Oganwu, Doris Foster,
Raye Warkenthien

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.



Bible Sharing

The Wednesday Morning Bible Group begins its regular 10:15 to 11:30 meetings on Wednesday, September 8. We will use taped presentations by Dr Thomas Curran, Executive Directive of Trinity Formations Resources, on the Catechism of the Catholic Church as a basis for our discussions. Our discussions are very basic, requiring no prior knowledge of Scripture or the Catechism. Bibles and all other needed materials will be furnished. If you have questions or need more information, please call Merle Arr @ 708-748-7465 or Sylvia Lindecker @ (708) 747-8313. We welcome all our current members back and invite anyone interested in the Scriptural basis for our Catholic faith to join us.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 8

Budget Information \$4,650.00

August 22 Collection \$4,129.00

Thank you to the 134 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$3,443.00

Loose Money \$686.00

Budget Year to Date \$37,200.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$35,697.90

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$1,502.10)

Maintenance Fund August 22 \$240.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$5,170.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$363,560.00

Total Expenditures \$321,232.33

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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism during the weekend liturgies. Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

Need prayers?

Call the St.

Irenaeus Health

Ministry Prayer

Line at 747-0974

with your requests

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

St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff

Rectory Phone: 748-6891

Religious Education Center Phone: 748-7997

Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor

Loren & Sam Bowns, Deacon couple

Michelle Helson

Coordinator of Religious Education

Robert Neal, Director of Music Ministry

Deanna Martin, Lay Minister

Terri Cardin, Parish Secretary

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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm,

closed from 12pm-1:00pm

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.

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.