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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

September 12, 2010 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Rejoice,

your
brother
who was
lost
has been
found



St. Agnes Parish

1501 Chicago Road, Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Monday, October 4, 2010 7-8:30 p.m.

Bible and Migration: Implications for Today

A central theme in the Old Testament is migration. Hear what the Bible has to say about migrants and why they are an important focus in sacred Scripture.

Consider the church's official document on the subject and how Christians today might respond to the challenges at our border .

Presenter: Van Thanh Nguyen, SVD

St. Irenaeus Parish

78 Cherry St., Park Forest, IL 60466

Monday, November 8, 2010 7-8:30 p.m.

Waiting and Watching....Discovering God in Our Lives

Prepare the way of the Lord this Advent by focusing on the Gospel of Matthew, the source of the lectionary readings for the season and the upcoming year.

Presenter: Sallie Latkovich, C.S.J. (Director of Biblical Study and Travel Programs, Catholic Theological Union)



Infant Jesus of Prague Parish

Monday, February 21, 2011 7-8:30 p.m.

Topic: **Islam** (No Description available at this time)

Presenter: Dr Scott Alexander, PhD

St. Lawrence O'Toole Parish

4101 Saint Lawrence Ave., Matteson, IL 60443

Monday, March 7, 2011 7-8:30 p.m.

Spiritual Practices for Busy Christians

In the midst of our busy lives and the abundance of messages bombarding us daily, how do we take the time to nourish our own spiritual inner core? In what ways are we in need of refreshment and renewal, so that we can do the work to which God calls us? Spiritual Wisdom figures from our Catholic tradition can offer us some advice as we continue to be "Disciples in Training". Come join us for an evening of renewal and enlightenment as well as some good practical tips for developing your own spiritual practice plan.

Presenter: Dr C. Vanessa White, PhD



South Suburban Parish Adult Faith Formation Series 2010-2011

Co-sponsored by St Agnes Parish, St Lawrence O'Toole Parish, Infant Jesus of Prague Parish and St Irenaeus Parish and the Catholic Theological Union

Come join our neighbors in faith as we continue to be "Disciples in Training."

Mark your calendars now for these exciting evenings of interaction and learning!

Peace be with you. The Adult Parish Choir will resume rehearsing on Tuesday evening, September 14, 2010. Rehearsals are from 7:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. The choir will resume singing at the Sunday morning 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 26. If you, or persons you know, are interested in participating in parish music ministry, please leave all contact information for Mr. Neal at the parish house. God bless you always.
Mr. Robert Neal.



Volunteers Needed

Nina Council #3602 Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual Tootsie Rolls Sale on September 17 and 18, 2010. We need volunteers to help take donations. If you can give us a few hours of your day, please contact Deputy Grand Knight/Committee Chairman Mike Gonzales-708.481.4107.



All proceeds from this sale go to help People with Intellectual Disabilities. Nina Council serves the parishes of St. Irenaeus, St. Lawrence O’Toole & St. Mary

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.



PADS

The St. Irenaeus PADS co-site managers and our guests wish to thank each of you who has so generously donated needed items and/or has contributed financially this past PADS season. Our site shall re-open this season on Thursday, October 7th and will operate on subsequent Thursdays thru April; the following items are badly needed:

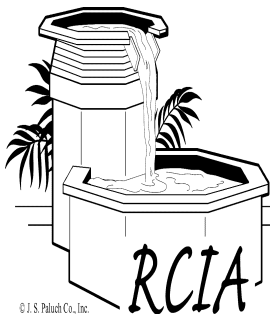
Hand towels
Washcloths
Crew socks (men & women)

Containers marked PADS will be made available in the church for donations and/or donations can be brought to the rectory. NO CLOTHES are needed at this time. As our homeless numbers continue to rise, so does our need for volunteers. Our volunteers treat our “guests” in a friendly, respectful and caring manner; we are in need of new VOLUNTEERS, especially for the 11-3 p.m. and 3-5, 5-7 a.m. shifts. Please find it in your heart to help us out this season, and thanks to Father Terry for again permitting PADS to continue at St. Irenaeus this season. Please contact Terri Cardin at 748-6891 for further information if needed.

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.

September 12, 2010

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Everything I have is yours." -
Luke 15:31*

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?

Reflections on Today's Readings
September 12 Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14.

Moses goes up Mount Sinai to receive the law from God. When his return is delayed, the Israelites turn to the golden calf for their worship. God reacts at their apostasy, telling Moses he intends to destroy the Israelites, then make a great nation of him (Moses). Moses intercedes for the Israelites, much as Abraham interceded for the people of Sodom. He reminds God of the promises He made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel (Jacob) to make their descendants more numerous than the stars. He also reminds God that the nations might think ill of him for bringing the Israelites out of Egypt only to destroy them. But Moses appeals most of all to God's mercy: "Why, O Lord, should your wrath blaze up against your own people?" God relents.

Psalm: 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19.

"I will rise and go to my father." The Psalmist longs to return to his father and be reconciled with him. He relies on his father's goodness and compassion to be healed of his offense.

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17.

The letters to Timothy and Titus are pastoral letters; letters written to pastors of Christian communities rather than to the communities themselves. Paul writes to Timothy to provide him guidance in the shepherding of his flock. He speaks of the infinite mercy of God, citing his own experience as an example by confessing that he was the worst of sinners. But, that he (Paul) might be an example to others in need of forgiveness, Christ was patient with him and dealt with him mercifully.

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32.

Three parables: The Lost Sheep, The Lost Coin and the Prodigal Son, illustrate the infinite love, mercy and generosity of God. In the Story of the Prodigal Son, we can usually identify with the Elder Son, the Prodigal's brother, who stayed behind and worked hard to gain his Father's trust. He feels that, through his hard work, he has earned the kind of favor that his Father is now showering freely on his wayward brother. The Elder Son is affronted at the Father's behavior toward the Prodigal Son and we tend to agree with him.

The Prodigal Son, in desperate straits after squandering his share of the Father's property in a life of dissipation, finally turned to his Father. He humbled himself to return to his Father and, falling down before him, asked only that he be treated as a servant. But, The Father's love is prodigal; his actions are inexplicable to the Jewish community which would have considered the Prodigal Son dead. It was unheard of, especially in these circumstances, for a Jewish father to run to his son. This Father not only runs to his returned son, he asks nothing of him; will not even let him finish his apology. He is overcome with joy that the son finally returned and lavishes his attention on him, treating him as an honored guest.

Seeing that his Elder Son is angered at his actions, the Father turns to him, pleading with him to put his jealousy aside and be joyful at the return of his brother. When the Eldest Son complains that he had never been rewarded for his faithful service over the years, the Father answers, "My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours." We need to remember the Father's words when, by our actions, we become the "Elder Son," resenting someone else's good fortune. The story quickly brings us, of course, to the realization that we are the Prodigal Sons and Daughters of a most merciful and forgiving God. And our identification with the Elder Son reminds us, again, that we cannot merit God's love and forgiveness, which is given freely and unconditionally.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:00 Allen Shander req by
Al Hansen

Tuesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Wednesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Suzanne Kyle & Family

Thursday, September 16

Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, September 18

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

5:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Sunday, September 19

8:30 David Newhuis req by
Rosemary & Children
Jeanne & Ted Goehler req by
The Goehler Family
10:30 Margaret Neal req by
The Choir

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 18 5:00 pm

Lectors

Helen Silvia, Marilyn Bourgeois,
Arthur Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Barbara Principali, Eileen Rose, Sally Fortune,
Bob Steiert, Marilyn Carroll,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Richard Marvin

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Virginia Differding, Moira Differding

Sunday, September 19 8:30 am

Lectors

Deanna Martin, Chris Blue, Sara Veldhuizen

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Laura Hennessy, Pat McCartan,
Jim Francesconi, Gerry Berish,
Carol McCullough, Richard Thomas,
Jim Silvia

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Jack Osmolski

Sunday, September 19 10:30 am

Lectors

R.E. Youth, Adele Perkins

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Therese Goodrich, Sam Bowns, Linda Marron,
Rita Oganwu, Dave Perkins, Gary Marron,
Loren Bowns

Cantor

Melva LaBlanc

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Michael Rosenquist,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.



St. Irenaeus Parish

Coffee and...

*A gathering of families and
friends in an atmosphere
of community and
fellowship. Please join us in
the back of the church.*

Date: September 19, 2010

Time: After 8:30 and 10:30 mass

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT

As of August 22, 2010

PARISH GOAL: \$15,478.26

AMOUNT PLEDGE: \$15,659.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$14,514.00

REMAINING BALANCE: \$1,145.00

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 10

Budget Information \$4,650.00

September 5 Collection \$4,824.00

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

Money collected\envelopes \$4,372.00

Loose Money \$450.00

Budget Year to Date \$46,500.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$44,367.15

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$2,132.85)

Maintenance Fund Sept. 5 \$1,164.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$6,833.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$365,223.00

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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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.