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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

November 7, 2010 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE FOOD, SHOES & SHELTER
COMMUNITY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE



**GRACE UNITED
PROTESTANT CHURCH**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2010 ~ 3:00 P.M.

*As your offering, you may bring non perishable food items to assist in providing **food** for those in our area serviced by The Rich Township Food Pantry, donate new or "like new" **shoes** to provide aid in the global relief efforts for victims of the Haiti disaster or offer monetary donations to support our local P.A.D.S. **shelter** sites.*

PLANNED OFFERING RENEWAL EVALUATION

In order to properly evaluate the success of your parish's Planned Offering Program, the Department of Stewardship and Development would like a comparison of collections five weeks before and five weeks after the Program.

WEEK	CASH	CHECK	ENVELOPE	TOTAL	INTENTION CARDS
5 8/22/10	\$1,016.00	\$3,113.00	134	\$4,129.00	—
4 8/29/10	\$974.25	\$2,871.00	144	\$3,845.25	—
3 9/5/10	\$710.00	\$4,114.00	136	\$4,824.00	—
2 9/12/10	\$918.40	\$3,413.00	146	\$4,331.40	—
1 9/19/10	\$925.50	\$3,462.00	143	\$4,387.50	—
Commitment Sunday					
9/26/10	\$1,041.00	\$3,194.00	137	\$4,235.00	65
1 10/3/10	\$994.00	\$4,838.00	158	\$5,832.00	27
2 10/10/10	\$902.00	\$4,543.00	164	\$5,445.00	5
3 10/17/10	\$928.00	\$3,400.00	155	\$4,328.00	3
4 10/24/10	\$995.66	\$4,271.00	143	\$5,266.66	4
5 10/31/10	\$994.56	\$4,415.00	150	\$5,409.56	1



*We Remember & Pray for our
Deceased Parishioners*

William Bishton	Joyce Guinn
Robert Hebert	Patricia Dahlberg
Charles Willford-Holly	Robert Willford-Holly
Angelo Principali	James Butowski
John Turner	Thomas O'Callaghan
Thomas Beno	Charles Differding
Agnes Caruso	Charles Espinoza
Robert Rolwing	Stella Ward
Jack Mankey	Eddie Poole
Mrs. Maggie Neal	Mrs. Loujean Bowens
Al Hansen	

Beginning with All Saints and All Souls Days, there will be a special table of remembrance at St. Joseph's altar during the month of November. Photographs of family and friends who preceded us will be honored throughout the month leading to Advent.

Our 30th Annual Spaghetti Dinner participation again showed the spirit of our parish family. Families and friends gathered together to enjoy a good meal, to socialize and to enjoy each other's company.



We thank the following for their generous donations: Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home and Crematory, Chicago Dough Company, Solo Cup Company, Beecher Flowers, Greenleaf Florist, Mike Jordan State Farm Insurance and all other people making monetary donations toward various expenses. We also thank all of our volunteer workers who worked together for the benefit and success of the parish Spaghetti Dinner: cooks, set-up crew, servers, bar workers, ticket sellers, dessert makers and clean-up crew.

We served dinners to 54 children and 368 adults. Our total income for ticket sales, donations, raffle and the bar was \$5,430.29. Our total expenses came to \$556.09. The final income to the parish was \$4,874.20. The winner of the Bike Raffle is Frank Ciscato, congratulations Frank.

Thanks again to all for making the St. Irenaeus Spaghetti Dinner a success.



Anyone interested in assisting with the Children's Liturgy of the Word is invited to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, November 9th at 7:00 pm in the Religious Education Office. The term 'Children's Liturgy of the Word' refers to the practice of children leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere to celebrate in a way that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. Please consider sharing your time and talent in this ministry.

South Suburban Adult Faith Formation Series

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)

November 7, 2010

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." - 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

God wants us to know the joy of giving. Yet, being generous takes strength and trust and grace. That's why St. Paul reminds us to turn to God every day for encouragement and guidance on our stewardship journey.

**ADVENT
BOOK
SALE**



Bethany Retreat House will be here with an Advent/Christmas book sale November 20-21 in the vestibule for the weekend liturgies. Sister Joyce Diltz will be happy to help you find just the right book for your Advent reading and for that special someone on your gift list. The bookstore offers a wide selection of adult and children's books, including titles on prayer and meditation, spirituality, personal growth, journaling, scripture, loss and grieving, and more. There are also CDs of meditation and liturgical music.

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A VERY SPECIAL INVITATION

Our SPRED community with its friends and catechists invite you to join us on Sunday, November 14th, at the 10:30 Mass. For those who have come in the past to this Mass may I remind you that there will be adaptations. For those who will join us for the first time, these adaptations are necessary to provide people with learning and developmental disabilities an opportunity to participate fully and actively. We hope that our sacred movements, gestures, and pacing will be a prayerful experience for you as well as for us. We invite any other friends and family members who are waiting for a place in SPRED to pray with us and meet with us afterwards. Finally, we invite all parishioners who would like to break bread with us and share refreshments and fellowship afterwards. For more information on becoming a catechist or if you are a parent/guardian of a child, teenager or an adult with an intellectual disability contact the SPRED Parish Chairperson, Ed Carriel at 708-231-6016 or meet me after the 10:30 Mass.

Come Worship With Us!

Reflections on Today's Readings
November 7 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14.

"It is my choice to die at the hands of men with the hope God gives of being raised up by him..." The martyrdom of the seven Jewish brothers and their mother takes place during the first century BC while the Seleucid Kings occupied Israel. The Seleucids were met with fierce opposition when they attempted to impose their Greek culture on the Israelites. In today's story, they try to force seven brothers and their mother to eat pork in violation of their dietary laws. They heroically choose death rather than comply. What is interesting to us, though, is the appearance here of a fervent belief in life after death not expressed heretofore in Jewish religious culture.

Psalm: 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15.

"Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full." The Psalmist pleads to the Lord for relief from unjust treatment, then affirms his faith in the confidence his plea will be answered.

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5.

"But the Lord is faithful; he will strengthen you and guard you from the evil one." The Thessalonian community is upset by false teachers who tell them that the day of the Lord has already come and gone. Paul bolsters their faith, reminding them of the things that must happen before the Lord comes again and assuring them of the "constancy of Christ."

Gospel: Luke 20:27-38.

The Sadducees became the ruling priestly party during the Greek and Roman period of Israel's history. They differed from the Pharisees, the other major religious party in their denial of the resurrection, the immortality of the soul and the existence of angels. They rejected likewise the oral traditions which the Pharisees maintained and emphasized as a Divinely ordained supplement to the written law. Here, they test Jesus with an outrageous hypothesis about a woman married seven times under the Law. Whose wife, they ask, will she be in the after life? Jesus responds that they cannot extrapolate earthly experience to what will happen when we are transformed in resurrection.

As we near the end of the current liturgical year, Luke's account of Jesus' ministry on Earth approaches its conclusions, and we read of "end of time" matters. Life after death, which appears as a concept only a century before the Christian era, reaches the fullness of its promise in Christ. He gave His life that we might have a more abundant life here on Earth and rise with Him through Baptism to eternal life. In Christ we will never die, but have a new life in and with Him for all eternity. God is a God of the living. Through His Son, He fulfills His promise that we are His people and that He will gather us into His house at the "end of time."

The Sadducees limited themselves to belief in the Pentateuch, the five Books of Moses. They left themselves no latitude to accept the oral tradition of the prophets, even of Moses himself, whom they revered. Moses acknowledged God as the God of Abraham, the God of Jacob and the God of Isaac. All three were long dead at the time God came to Moses in the burning bush, but Moses still recognized them as living in God. God, then, is the God of the living. The Resurrection is more than a hope, it is Christ's promise to us.



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 8

8:00 Jack & Audrey Leonard Family

Tuesday, November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

8:00 Norma McClain req by
Sr. Mary Anne Yanz O.P.

Wednesday, November 10

St. Leo the Great

8:00 Patricia O'Connor

Thursday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, November 12

St. Josaphat

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 John Turner req by
Bill Scanlan Sr.

Sunday, November 14

8:30 Jeanne & Ted Goehler req by
The Goehler Family
Sam Anello req by
Viola Anello

10:30 Thomas Beno req by
George Gustas
Angelo Principali req by
Kathy Murphy

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 13 5:00 pm

Lectors

Bob Carreras, Tim Blumenthal, Merle Arr
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Beverly Helm, Richard Marvin, Jim Silvia,
Sally Fortune, Eileen Rose, Bob Steiert,
Joe Augustyn

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Mike Powers

Sunday, November 14 8:30 am

Lectors

Eleanor Burns, Gerry Berish,
Dolly Mikolajczyk

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Deanna Martin, Jim Francesconi,
Pat McCartan, Sara Veldhuizen,
Richard Thomas, Laura Hennessy,
Chrys Rudnik

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Jack Osmolski

Sunday, November 14 10:30 am

Lectors

Denise Douglas, Raye Warkenthien,
Vanessa White

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Rita Oganwu, Vincent Oganwu,
Kathy Anderson, Sandy Winder, Connie Rice,
David Ostroski, Lyn Schober

Cantor

Lori Schwartz

Altar Servers

Stephanie Sagun, Elysia Sawyers,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

Clean Up Day Saturday, November 20th 9:00 A.M.

It won't be long before the leaves will be falling and the grounds will need all those leaves picked up. We need help cleaning up the grounds, men and women, boys and girls of all ages to become part of the cleanup. You don't have to be especially talented...just willing to do yard work. Please bring a rake or a leaf blower if you are able. We will have a chili lunch when we are finished. Please call the rectory 708-748-6891 to volunteer.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Wk 18

Budget Information \$4,650.00

October 31 Collection \$5,409.56

Thank you to the 150 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,537.00

Loose Money \$872.56

Budget Year to Date \$83,700.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$83,602.27

10/11 Budget Shortage (\$97.73)

Maintenance Fund Oct. 31 \$393.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$11,361.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections \$369,751.00

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

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Catholic Charities Family Shelter

312-655-7700

Senior Services

708-596-2222

Crisis Center for South Suburbs

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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

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Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor

Loren & Sam Bowns, Deacon couple

Michelle Helson

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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.