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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*November 14, 2010 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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*Not a hair on your head  
will be destroyed*



## Ramblings

Well I am back from vacation! It was a wonderful time with family, very restful and adventurous and I survived a helicopter ride! I attended a conference last weekend in Milwaukee which was an incredible experience of church and how all God's people can be the Body of Christ together! May it be so one day!

Just a few parish updates:

The parish clean up day will be Saturday, November 21 beginning at 9:00 am. All are invited to bring a rake, a leaf blower or just your willingness to clean up the grounds for winter. Those brave souls will gather to rake leaves and prepare the flower beds for winter. It is a great time to be with other parishioners AND there will be some great homemade chili served afterwards in the rectory!

I want to thank all those who organized and helped in any way with the 40th annual Spaghetti Dinner! What a wonderful spirit filled the gym that warm October Sunday afternoon! The spirit is truly alive and present in this parish! Your continued support of this event is evidence of a community alive with that spirit! Long may it live!

The parish finance committee has approved a plan to scrub, strip and wax the gym, room 8 and all the classrooms we use in the Religious Education Center. The church is included in this project as well. The gym and room 8 have been completed. A project of this magnitude and cost will be spread over the next several months. You may have noticed the gym floor was done for the Spaghetti Dinner. Along with the floor in the gym the ceiling and the walls were dusted and washed, along with the fans and the light fixtures. More to come!

The third week in September M & M Roofing repaired the numerous leaks on the roof of the Religious Education Center and the gym. They also did a process around the parameter of the roof of the building that will hopefully extend the life of the roof anywhere from 4-6 years.

Planning for Advent and Christmas continue as the Liturgy Team works with the scriptures of the season. This year's theme will be Patience People, Await! During the coming Advent Season we will be offered various ways and opportunities to put the virtue of patience into practice. The schedule for Christmas and New Years is listed on another page in the bulletin. Because Christmas Day and New Years Day fall on a Saturday this year there will be no 5:00 P.M. anticipated mass of Sunday. It will be a holy season and a season filled with God's love once again incarnated into our hearts!

Fr. Terry





*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.

**November 14 , 2010**

**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"All that you see here – the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." - Luke 21:6*

Thanks to the effort of a billion-dollar advertising industry, our material expectations continue to rise year after year. Yet, today, speaking about the end of time, Jesus reminds us that all the material possessions we spend our time and energy to accumulate will become nothing but rubble in the end. What will really matter will be the time we spend on improving our relationship with our God.



*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: November 21, 2010  
Time: After 8:30 and 10:30 mass*

**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.

## 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.

### 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.*

Dear Father,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your recent contribution to *RESPOND NOW* of \$484.00 from the October 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

**Reflections on Today's Readings**  
**November 14 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

***1st Reading: Malachi 3:19-20.***

“But for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.” Malachi is the last of the Prophetic books and the last book in the Old Testament. He decries the corruption of the people, especially the priests. God, in his mercy, ransomed His people from exile in Babylon only to have them profane his name. His prophesy to them warns: “And the day is coming that will set them on fire. But that same day will bring healing rays to those who ‘fear my name.’” The word “fear” is used here to mean the awe and respect that the faithful accord to the Lord. Malachi exhorts those who have been faithful to the Lord to persevere; the reward for their fidelity will come.

***Psalm: 98:5-6, 7-8, 9.***

“The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.” The Psalmist continues Malachi's theme. The Lord will come to dispense justice and treat his people with equity. All will answer for the lives they have lived.

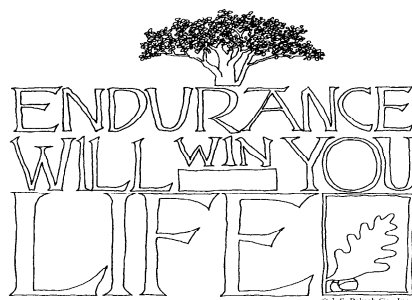
***2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12.***

“You know how you ought to imitate us.” Paul talks with the Thessalonian community about social justice, using himself as an example. Though he had ample justification for taking support from the people he served, he chose instead to be self-sufficient. Some of the people of the Thessalonian community, anticipating that the “Day of the Lord,” was imminent, had assumed lives of indolence, becoming burdens to their fellow Christians. Paul tells them they must live in readiness for the Master's return by being self-reliant, thus living out the message he preached to them and lived out himself when he dwelled in their midst.

***Gospel: Luke 21:5-19.***

“.....they will manhandle you and persecute you, summoning you to synagogues and prisons, bringing you to trial before kings and governors, all because of my name. You will be brought to give witness on account of it.” Jesus prepares his disciples for the difficult life they will lead as they follow in his footsteps.

The readings today call us to our Christian responsibility to give witness to our faith in God. Though we are not likely to suffer physical persecution in His name, we have ample opportunity give witness by living Christ's message in a world where personal gain at the expense of others has become commonplace. The “Me First and Only” attitude fostered in our country stands in direct opposition to the servant role in which Jesus cast himself as the paradigm for our individual behavior. Rugged individualism leads to an attitude that we are self-sufficient in and of ourselves and not, in fact, beholden to God for all that we have. In our opening prayer, we petitioned: “Father of all that is good, keep us faithful in serving you, for to serve you is our lasting joy.” Dealing with one another selflessly, conducting our business activities with integrity, promoting peace and tolerance rather than conflict and retaliation and giving generously of ourselves and our abundance to assist the less fortunate ones among us are the actions which mark us as true Christians. Our lives can be joyful when we do all these things and more in Christ's name. He tells us, “We will be brought to give witness on account of it.”



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, November 15**

**St. Albert the Great**

8:00 Al & Joanne Anderson & Family

**Tuesday, November 16**

**St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertude**

8:00 Judy Genith

**Wednesday, November 17**

**St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

8:00 Phyllis Cardin req by

The Family

Frank T. Michalak req by

Alice Michalak

**Thursday, November 18**

**Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles  
Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine  
Duchesne**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, November 19**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, November 20**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00-4:45 Reconciliation

5:00 Angelo Principali req by

The Family

**Sunday, November 21**

8:30 Otto Francesconi req by

His Wife & Family

Frederick Schaefer req by

The Family

10:30 John J. Turner req by

Bill Scanlan

Martin Kocsis req by

His Family

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, November 20 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Tim Blumenthal, Mary Jane Riopelle,

Beverly Helm

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Sara Veldhuizen, Marilyn Carroll,

Dolly Mikolajczyk, Merle Arr,

Richard Marvin, Sally Fortune, Jim Silvia

**Cantor**

Faye Predny

**Altar Servers**

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

**Sunday, November 21 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Jack Osmolski, Chris Blue, Chrys Rudnik

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Carol McCullough, Pat O'Connor,

Laura Hennessy, Gerry Berish, Pat McCartan,

Dennis Condon, Jim Francesconi

**Cantor**

Helen Silvia

**Altar Servers**

Karen Ertl, Kevin Headly

**Sunday, November 21 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

R.E. Youth, R.E. Youth, Terry Townsend

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Sandy Winder, Sevena Merchant,

Pat Benjamin, Denise Douglas,

Raye Warkenthien, Dave Perkins,

Vincent Oganwu

**Cantor**

Marianne Velut

**Altar Servers**

Stephanie Sagun, Michael Rosenquist,

Elysia Sawyers

## Advent and Christmas Schedule

|                       |                                    |                       |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sunday December 19    | Parish Reconciliation Service      | 2:00 P.M.             |
| Wednesday December 22 | Simbang Gabi                       | 7:00 P.M.             |
| Friday December 24    | Family Mass w/Pageant              | 5:00 P.M.             |
|                       | Caroling                           | 7:30 P.M.             |
|                       | Christmas Eve Liturgy              | 8:00 P.M.             |
| Saturday December 25* | Christmas Mass                     | 9:30 A.M.             |
| Friday December 31    | New Years Eve Vigil Liturgy        | 7:00 P.M.             |
| Saturday January 1*   | Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God | 9:30 A.M.             |
| Sunday January 2      | Epiphany of the Lord               | 8:30 A.M and 10:30 AM |

\*Due to the holiday being on Saturday there will be no 5:00 P.M. Anticipated Mass.

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - Wk 19**

**Budget Information**            **\$4,650.00**

November 7 Collection        \$5,461.60

Thank you to the 165 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected\envelopes \$4,784.00

Loose Money    \$677.60

Budget Year to Date        \$88,350.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$89,063.87

**10/11 Budget Surplus**        **\$713.87**

**Maintenance Fund Nov. 7** **\$1,269.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD** **\$12,630.00**

**Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.** **\$358,390.00**

**Total Collections**            **\$371,020.00**

**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***

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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](mailto: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.