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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

December 19, 2010 Fourth Sunday of Advent



“PATIENCE PEOPLE, AWAIT!”

Advent 2010: Patience People Await

Advent Sacramental Reconciliation Service

*St. Irenaeus Church
Sunday December 19, 2010
2:00 P.M.*



*Come together as a Faith Community
To celebrate God's
Generous mercy and forgiveness*

Please join in the Advent preparation by doing the following as you feel called to respond:

First Sunday, November 27/28:
Feed the hungry. Bring additional food to the stable at Mary's altar.

Second Sunday, December 4/5:
Clothe the cold and naked. Bring mittens, gloves and scarves for people who are cold.

Third Sunday, December 11/12:
Comfort the homeless: our P.A.D.S. ministry needs cash donations, white tube socks, small towels and washcloths, sample sized toiletries.

Fourth Sunday, December 18/19: Bring animals to the stable: what animals came to the stable the night Jesus was born? Cows, Oxen, Sheep, Donkeys? Bring your loaned animal for the A&E committee to arrange for the Christmas crèche.

Sunday December 19	Parish Reconciliation Service	2:00 P.M.
Wednesday December 22	Simbang Gabi (Filipino Christmas Novena)	7:00 P.M.
Friday December 24	Family Mass w/Pageant Caroling/Christmas Eve Liturgy	5:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M./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.



Simbang Gabi 2010
18th Year Celebration
Southwest Fil-AM Catholic Community
Ihanda ang Iyong Puso

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Catholic tradition of celebrating a novena (series of nine) of Advent evening Masses. It is meant to help the Filipino-American and other Catholics in the area to intensify their spiritual preparation for the grace-filled celebration of Christmas. The nine host parishes invite the parishioners, families and friends to celebrate Simbang Gabi with them each night. **LET US PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR**

On Wednesday, December 22, our Parish will be hosting one of the nine (9) novena nights for Simbang Gabi. We are calling all Filipino-American parishioners and anyone who would like to be involved in this wonderful religious tradition. Please call the following parishioners for more information:

- Del Sagun 708-748-0961/708-908-0525
- Cherrie Burger 708-898-4091/708-363-3415
- Gemma Maghirang 708-757-0923

Date	Hosting Parish
12/19 Sun. 5:00 pm	St. Adrian Church 7000 S. Washtenaw St. Chicago, IL 60629
12/20 Mon. 7:00 pm	St. Damian Church 5200 W. 155th Oak Forest, IL 60452
12/21 Tue. 7:00 pm	St. Fabian Church 8300 Thomas Ave. Bridgeview IL, 60455
12/22 Wed. 7:00 pm	St Irenaeus Church 78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466
12/23 Thur. 7:00 pm	St. Albert The Great 5555 W. State St. Burbank IL, 60459



Religious give thanks. Women and men religious throughout the country offer heartfelt thanks for your donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.

THANK YOU ALL!

- Arigato
- Bedankt
- Cam on
- Danke schon
- Dankie
- Dekoj u
- Doh je
- Dziekuj e
- Go raibh mile maith agat
- Gracias
- Grazie
- Hvala
- Koszi
- Koszonettel
- Merci
- Obrigado
- Sas epharisto
- Shukriya
- Tatenda
- Tesekkurler

"MANNA from HEAVEN"

Your response during this holiday giving / shopping season has been

****FANTASTIC!****

PLEASE...

Don't forget about this great program in January!!!

Please continue to plan the timing of your weekly/ monthly shopping around using these handy and easy to use ' scrip' cards.

Remember if we net a profit of only \$250 a week we would add over

***** \$ 10,000 *****

to our parish budget!!

ORDERS TAKEN & FILLED WEEKLY!

Questions? Call 708.363.4082



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December 19, 2010

4th Sunday of Advent

"The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it. For he founded it upon the sea and established it upon the rivers." - Psalm 24:1-2

How can we take credit for the good things in our lives when Psalm 24 reminds us that God created absolutely everything and everyone on the earth? Surely we all have an obligation to return a portion of our good fortune to the Lord, for without Him nothing would be possible.

Reflections on Today's Readings December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14.

"The Lord spoke to Ahaz: `Ask for a sign from the Lord, your God; let it be as deep as the nether world or as high as the sky!...." Ahaz, King of Judah, is between a rock and a hard spot; between earthly power and the power of the Lord. Israel and Syria are pressuring him to join them in an alliance against Assyria. Ahaz seeks to align himself with Assyria against Israel and Syria. Isaiah tells Ahaz that God wants him to avoid earthly alliances and trust in the Lord. Ahaz, unable to place his trust in the Lord, refuses to ask for a sign, but God, undeterred, sends him a sign anyway, a sign of hope: a Son, to be named Immanuel (God with us), will be born of a Virgin.

Psalm: 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

"Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."....."Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? or who may stand in His holy place? He whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean, who desires not what is vain."

2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7.

"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart to proclaim the gospel of God...concerning His Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh but was made Son of God in power according to the spirit of holiness...." Paul's letters present powerful and persuasive lessons in faith. Here, in the form of a creed of our faith, he describes his apostleship as herald of the Messiah. He reminds us of our responsibilities as inheritors of that apostleship: we are to "spread His name" as we live our faith in the kingdom of God.

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24.

"Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child. She is to have a Son and you are to name Him Jesus...." Joseph, betrothed to Mary, and facing difficult choices, is also between a rock and a hard spot. He lives in a culture driven by honor at one extreme and shame at the other, with very little middle ground. Though not yet married, his betrothal to Mary is legally binding. Learning that she is with child, he must decide whether to follow the law and expose her to shame, possibly to death, or to divorce her quietly and risk shaming himself. The angel of the Lord resolves his dilemma, telling him to have no fear: "It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this child." Mary, when told by the Angel that she was with child, was momentarily bewildered, but then put her complete trust in the Lord, saying, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

We must put our trust in the Lord. Ahaz, Joseph and Mary all found hope in the midst of adversity. Ahaz rejected the sign of hope Isaiah offered him and put his trust in the earthly alliances he pursued. The long period of exile and alienation from God followed for him and his people. Joseph and Mary placed their trust in the Lord. Mary's "Yes," allowed Jesus to be born into our world; opened the path for Immanuel, "God With Us," to come into our midst. Our long wait is over, our patience has born fruit, our hopes are realized, the reality of the Messiah is here. We are in the kingdom of God!



Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, December 20

8:00 Pat Dahlberg req by
The Ministers of Care

Tuesday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:00 Pat Dahlberg req by
Don & Judy Korte
Dan Ward req by
The Family

Wednesday, December 22

8:00 Bernadine M. King req by
Don & Judy Korte

Thursday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, December 24

5:00 Parishioners of St. Irenaeus
8:00 Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Saturday, December 25

9:30 The Deceased Members of the Derrig
Family req by The Derrig Family
Becie Kennedy req by
The Family

Sunday, December 26

8:30 Angelo Principali req by
Rich & Judy Sopiarcz
Chris Predny req by
Mom & Dad
10:30 Robert E. Sella req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, December 25 9:30 am

Lectors

Mike Gonzalez, Jack Osmolski, Chris Blue

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Marilyn Carroll, Doris Foster, Joyce Hempen,
Dave Perkins, Eileen Rose

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Mike Powers, Karen Ertl

Sunday, December 26 8:30 am

Lectors

Jack Osmolski, Sara Veldhuizen, Chris Blue

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Gerry Berish, Laura Hennessy,
Jim Francesconi, Kathy Murphy,
Richard Thomas, Joe Augustyn, Laurie Miller

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Kevin Headly

Sunday, December 26 10:30 am

Lectors

Phil Schwartz, Marilyn Bourgeois,
Arthur Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Raye Warkenthien, Doris Foster, Kathy Ander-
son, Pat Benjamin, Dave Perkins, Sandy
Winder, Denise Douglas

Cantor

Lori Schwartz

Altar Servers

Gary Marron, Linda Marron



St. Irenaeus Parish
Coffee and...

A gathering of families
and friends in an at-
mosphere of commu-
nity and fellowship.

Please join us in the back of the church.

Date: December 19, 2010

Time: After 8:30 and 10:30 mass

St. Irenaeus's Job Club

Find yourself unemployed, underemployed, or just testing the wa-
ters for a career change? Join others who are working together to:

- Lend support when the job of looking for a job gets tough.
- Learn new job search skills.
- including strategies for online job searches.
- Network to find job leads.

Date & Time: To Be Determined

Place: Religious Education Center / Room #5 (Computer Lab)

Contact: Phyllis Bacon 708-527-6834 to schedule day and time.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Not Available

Budget Information **\$4,650.00**

December Collection \$00

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

Money collected\envelopes \$0

Loose Money \$0

Budget Year to Date \$0

Actual Income Year to Date \$0

10/11 Budget Surplus **\$0**

Maintenance Fund Dec. **\$0**

Maintenance Fund YTD **\$0**

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$358,390.00

Total Collections **\$373,301.00**

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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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.