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I have come
to fulfill
the law
and the
prophets

LENT 2011 Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus-Becoming a Steward of Creation

Ash Wednesday is just a few weeks away. This year our parish will be using a program called Lent 4.5 to anchor our Lenten experience. Our theme is "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus-become a Steward of Creation". As a parish we have responded to the call to Stewardship of Time Talent and Treasure. We have been blessed with a generous response to our Parish Offertory Program and its continued and steady success will help with parish finances. Lent 4.5 will help us extend the notion of stewardship especially about global issues, proposed solutions, and how we as individuals can contribute to creating a healthy and just world through Christian simplicity. It is an opportunity to become more informed and engaged.

There are several ways you can participate in Lent 4.5.

Each week during Let you will receive a handout in the PILLAR. By reading the handout you can become informed about some of the pressing global and local issues which are damaging God's creation and creating an unjust world. The handouts also have a menu of action steps you can take during the week to make a difference in the world.

Lenten faith sharing groups are being formed again this year. Beginning the week of February 27 you will have the opportunity to sign up for a group which fits into your schedule. The bulletin inserts will be used as the discussion guide for the Faith Sharing groups.

You will have access to online resources and a blog. There are many resources available on the Lent 4.5 website. You will also have access to the Lent 4.5 blog where you will be able to dialogue with others participating in Lent 4.5 in the United States and Canada.

And finally there will be some large group events hosted at the parish during and after our Lent 4.5 journey.

Watch the bulletin for developments!

It is hoped that through our Lent 4.5 journey we, both as individuals and as a faith community, might come to a new awareness of how we are all interconnected, one with the other. Connected not only in proximity, but in our humanity as sisters and brothers on this planet we can home-Earth. May the spirit of God enlighten and move us to participate in this Lent 4.5 journey and guide us the way we should go!

This afternoon the second graders in our Religious Education program will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please keep them and their families in prayer as they experience once again God's unconditional love for them.

Tickets for the Night at the Races are still available. Call the parish office to reserve your tickets. It promises to be a fun evening.

I will be away next weekend for class in Racine Wisconsin at the Siena Center. I will return late Sunday afternoon February 20.

Blessings and stay warm and safe!

Fr Terry

Congratulations to Our Religious Education Students
Receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
for the First Time

Sunday, February 13, 2011

Quentin Adami Juan Chavez

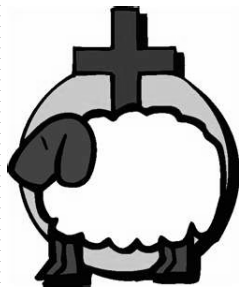
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**Bethany
Retreat
House** will
be here with
a Lenten
book sale
February 26

LENT

-27 in the back of church for
the weekend liturgies. Sister
Joyce Diltz will be happy to
help you find just the right
book for your Lenten reading.
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. There will be
significant markdowns on a
number of books.

"Waiting in Joyful Hope in the Midst of Un/underemployment"

Date: February 28 Time: 9:00am-12:30pm No fee

Job loss can provide a meaningful opportunity to deepen our faith as we "wait in joyful hope" for new things to come. This morning of reflection will encourage those who participate to find their own path through the dark night of un/underemployment in stories of love overcoming fear, forgiveness overcoming anger, and faith overcoming despair. Prayer, laughter, time for personal reflection and conversation will hopefully provide a peaceful morning on the journey to finding a new job. Continental breakfast will be served at 9:00am and the program will begin at 9:30am.

Facilitators: After teaching high school for 34 years, Carol Conway began her second career as pastoral associate at St. Germaine Parish in Oak Lawn. She started the St. Germaine Job Seekers Support Group in May of 2009. A graduate of Catholic Theological Union, Jim White writes a weekly blog that focuses on the "Spirituality of the Unemployed" and co-leads "Between Jobs Ministry" at St. John Fischer Parish in Evergreen Park.

"THE PORT"

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL
815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

Pax Christi Seed Planters
Peace and Justice group meeting at St. Irenaeus,
Wednesday, February 16, at 7 PM in Room 8 of the RE Building.

Speaker: Bob Heineman
Senior Staff of Call To Action Chicago

Involved in not-for-profit community organizing for forty years, Bob has been with Call To Action for 16 years. With strong commitments to justice and inclusion, he has worked at the parish and Archdiocesan levels in Chicago. As Resources Developer at CTA, he gathers loyal Catholics to dialogue and discern their paths to making the world and Church better for our children.

All are welcome.

Latest NEWS FROM “MANNA”

We can earn an **additional 1%** on every ***Borders gift card*** purchased February 7th through February 18th, 2011
We can earn an **additional 2%** on every ***Chili's Card*** purchased February 7th through February 24th, 2011

SHOP TARGET, WHOLE FOODS, TRADERS JOE'S AND MORE....

For those retailers who are not currently participating in the Manna program you can redeem the ***VISA card*** at all stores that accept VISA.

No activation fees applied
After six months, \$3 monthly fee applies

AND REMEMBER...

Get your *GAS and GROCERY* Cards from MANNA every week!

Parish Leadership Day

This year's Parish Leadership Day titled, "Our Church: Ever Ancient, Ever New," will be held Feb. 26th at Maria High School, 6727 S. California Ave. On-site registration begins at 7 a.m. Join Cardinal George; Passionist Father Donald Senior, Catholic Theological Union President; Father Marco Mercado; and Father Freddy Washington in worship and dialogue. Select from more than 100 workshops.

Contact St. Irenaeus Parish Office at 748-6891 or the Office for Councils (312) 534-8364 for pre-registration and additional information.



Infant Jesus of Prague Parish
Monday, February 21, 2011 7-8:30 p.m.
Topic: **Islam**
Presenter: **Dr Scott Alexander, 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!


Harambee
An Evening of Prayer and Celebration

Saturday, March 5, 2011, 5:30 p.m.


Join us for "A Journey in Faith and Freedom," an exciting evening of prayer, music, food, and a grand prize raffle (tickets \$5 each) with a chance to win \$1,500, an Apple iPad, and other prizes. Enjoy the festivities while supporting the Tolton Scholarship Program.

To make your reservation (\$50 per person) call 773.371.5411 or e-mail rsvp@ctu.edu

Since 1990, the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program of Catholic Theological Union has prepared exceptional Black Catholic lay leaders for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

 Catholic Theological Union

Academic and Conference Center
8418 S. Cornell Ave.
Chicago, IL 60615 773.371.5400 www.ctu.edu



**St. Irenaeus Parish Life will host
'A Night At The Races'
Saturday, February 19th 2011**

at Balmoral Park Racetrack Rt 1-Crete

Balmoral has live harness racing which may be viewed from your heated clubhouse seat or elsewhere. Each table has a TV set to view the races. There are windows where you can place your wagers.

Cost for the evening is \$30.00 per person for all you can eat which includes an elaborate dinner buffet which is served 6:30 -8:30. Dessert until 9 pm. The buffet includes a chef's carving table and chef attended pasta station, unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea included.

Also included is free general parking, club house admission tickets, official race program, special St. Irenaeus race dedication and a group photo in the winners circle.

Come bring your friends, you do not have to be a St. Irenaeus parishioner to attend, call the rectory to purchase your ticket 748-6891. See you at the races.

**2011 Archdiocesan annual Catholic Appeal Begins
Please Respond Generously to Cardinal George's Letter**

The theme of the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal is "...seek first the kingdom of God..." (Matthew 6:33). Jesus taught that we are not to worry about the things of this world. Rather, we are to seek the kingdom of God and the Father will reward us. God provides all that we have and all that we are. Stewardship, in part, is the recognition of God's gifts and the obligation to return a significant portion of our gifts to assist in his work. Our gifts to our parish, to our Archdiocese and the Church throughout the world are given in gratitude for what God has given us. A gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide education, services, and ministry to thousands within and outside of our Archdiocese.

The Appeal supports parish ministries that provide religious education to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities. The Appeal also funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish. Also, when our parish reaches its goal of \$15,161.00 in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish. Please make a significant pledge to the 2011 Annual Catholic Appeal.

February 13, 2010

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given to him." - Sirach 15:17

It seems that in this life we have an endless array of difficult choices always conflicting for our time and our attention. But in the end it is all very simple. Do we choose to give or do we choose to have? Do we choose to participate or do we choose to go our own way? Do we choose God or do we choose the world?

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 14

Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:00 Patricia O'Connor

Tuesday, February 15

8:00 Angelo Principali req by
Don & Judy Korte
Frank T. Michalak req by
Alice Michalak

Wednesday, February 16

8:00 Carl H. King req by
Don & Judy Korte

Thursday, February 17

The Seven Founders of the Order of Servites

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, February 18

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, February 19

Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Chuck Differding req by
Richard Olsen
Mary Panka req by
Bob & Dolly

Sunday, February 20

8:30 Frederick Schaefer req by
Don & Judy Korte
Frank M. Wessely req by
The Family
10:30 Robert Engstrand Jr. req by
Bill & Winnie Maune
Peter Rubinas req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 19 5:00 am

Lectors

Mary Jane Riopelle, Dolly Mikolajczyk
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Marilyn Carroll, Beverly Helm, Bob Steiert,
Sally Fortune, Joe Augustyn, Eileen Rose,
Jim Silvia

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Mike Powers

Sunday, February 20 8:30 am

Lectors

Sara Veldhuizen, Laurie Miller, Harlan Smith
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Chrys Rudnik, Dennis Condon,
Richard Thomas, Laura Hennessy,
Kathy Murphy

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, February 20 10:30 am

Lectors

Denise Douglas,
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Pat Benjamin, Sandy Winder, Doris Foster,
Dave Perkins, Barbara Ostroski, Valeria
Wolff, Connie Rice

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

The Parish Office will be happy to send you a statement of your 2010 contributions for tax purpose. Please call the office @ 748-6891 if you would like a copy. Thank you for your generosity last year.

St. Irenaeus's Job Club

Find yourself unemployed, underemployed, or just testing the waters 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 - 32

Budget Information	\$4,650.00
February 6 Collection	\$5,402.00
Thank you to the 158 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,463.00
Loose Money	\$939.00
Budget Year to Date	\$148,800.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$154,222.16
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$5,422.16
Maintenance Fund Feb. 6	\$979.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$20,137.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$378,527.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
Christmas Budget	\$14,000.00
Christmas YTD	\$10,280.00

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*

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.

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.

Need prayers?

*Call the St.
Irenaeus Health
Ministry Prayer
Line at 747-0974
with your requests*

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.

St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff

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748-7997***

Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor
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Parish Office Hours:
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.