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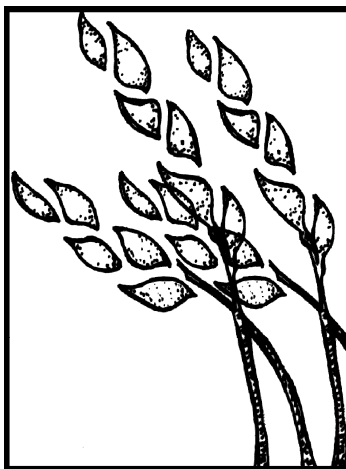
"Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus -
Becoming a Steward of Creation"

Keeping a Holy Lent

Fast From-Feast On

- Fast from judging others; Feast on the Christ dwelling in them.
- Fast from emphasis on differences; Feast on the unity of life.
- Fast from apparent darkness; Feast on the reality of light.
- Fast from thoughts of illness; Feast on the healing power of God.
- Fast from words that pollute; Feast on phrases that purify.
- Fast from discontent; Feast on gratitude.
- Fast from anger; Feast on patience.
- Fast from pessimism; Feast on optimism.
- Fast from worry; Feast on divine order.
- Fast from complaining; Feast on appreciation.
- Fast from negatives; Feast on affirmatives.
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; Feast on unceasing prayer.
- Fast from hostility; Feast on non-resistance.
- Fast from bitterness; Feast on forgiveness.
- Fast from self-concern; Feast on compassion for others.
- Fast from personal anxiety; Feast on eternal truth.
- Fast from discouragement; Feast on hope.
- Fast from facts that depress; Feast on verities that uplift.
- Fast from lethargy; Feast on enthusiasm.
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; Feast on promises that inspire.
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; Feast on the sunlight of serenity.
- Fast from idle gossip; Feast on purposeful silence.
- Fast from problems that overwhelm; Feast on prayer that strengthens.

-William Arthur Ward (American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994)



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Lenten Services at St. Irenaeus Parish

Fridays, March 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15

7:00 PM **Stations of the Cross**

(led by different Commissions of the Parish Council)

Spiritual Life March 11

Parish Life March 18

Faith Formation March 25

Human Concerns April 1

Lectors April 8

Eucharistic Ministers April 15

Sunday, April 17, 2011

2:00 PM **Parish Reconciliation Service**

Lenten Faith Sharing Groups

Call the Parish Office, 708-748-6891, for details



Spring Fling for St. Irenaeus Parish Seniors (ages 60+)
Sponsored by the Religious Education Students

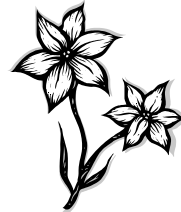
All seniors, of the parish, are invited to be our guests at a special Spring Fling Luncheon on **Sunday, March 20th** immediately **following the 10:30 am mass until 2:00 pm**. Lunch will be provided by the Religious Education students, in room 8 of the R.E. center, at no cost to those parishioners, age 60 and over. Please RSVP by returning this form in the offertory collection basket or by calling the parish office at 708.748.6891 before March 13, 2011.

Spring Fling Luncheon RSVP

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Number attending: _____



The fledgling Baptismal Prep Program is looking for someone(s) who would be able to make themselves available one mass a month, to take close-up photographs of infant and small children baptisms. The ideal person would only need to have a love (and eye!) for capturing the moment unobtrusively and then working with staff to assure that a 5x7 photo is produced for the family in a timely fashion. The Baptismal Prep Program will assume the cost for the prints. If you, or anyone you know, might be interested, please call "Sam" Bowns at the rectory.



*I baptize you in the name
of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit*

Blessed to be Alive

Tragedy struck a Park Forest family when an explosion and fire destroyed their home and all of their possessions. A relief fund is set up for the family. Donations can be made to First Midwest Bank, 2 Main St. Park Forest, IL 60466. Checks should be made out to the bank, but marked as contributions to the Yolanda Collins and Christina Sandoval Funds. Donations of household items are also needed, and are being coordinated through the Algonquin School secretary, Donna at 668-9200.

GROUNDWORK

A Workshop for the Newly Bereaved

Tuesday, March 29, 2011
6:00 ~ 7:30 PM

Horizon Hospice & Palliative Care
3420 Vollmer Rd., Olympia Fields IL
There is no fee for the workshop, but reservations are required. Call Theresa Parrish, MEd, LCPC Bereavement Coordinator, at 708-441-8278

GROUNDWORK is a workshop for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one during the past four months. This workshop can help you:

- *Understand the grief process
- *Learn about "symptoms" of normal grief
- *Learn coping strategies
- *Get answers to you questions about grief and mourning

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
3/18, 3/25 - 4/1, 4/8, 4/15

Location: St. Irenaeus Gym
Time: 5:00-7:30 PM

All you can eat Fish Dinners

All Dinners include: Macaroni & Cheese, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Bread & Butter, Coffee & Tea

Cost: Fish Dinner Adults \$8.00 Children (under 10) \$4.00

Macaroni & Cheese Dinners Adults \$5.00 Children (under 10) \$4.00

Six Piece Shrimp Dinner \$8.00 No Seconds

Combo Dinner 2 Fish and 3 Piece Shrimp \$10.00 Seconds on Fish Only

Carry outs will be available

Drinks Available at bar; Pop & Water, \$1

"A Labyrinth Walk: Celebrating the Spring Equinox"

Dates: March 22 Time: 7-9pm Fee \$10

Remembering our ancestors of old, we will gather at the Labyrinth (or inside at the Port if weather dictates!) on this Sacred Feast when Winter officially turns into Spring and daylight and darkness once again find their balance. As a way of recognizing our connection with all of creation, we will celebrate the resurrection of the earth with fire, prayer, and song, honoring the mystery of new life pushing up through hard ground, and praying for that same kind of courage as we walk the twists and turns of our journeys.

Facilitator: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM

"THE PORT"

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

AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC

Faith United Protestant Church and the Park Forest Association of Churches will present their 6th Annual Choir Fest on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The host will be the Faith United Protestant Church located at 10 Hemlock St., Park Forest, IL. All are invited.

**“MANNA FROM HEAVEN”
REMEMBER TO GET YOUR
GAS and GROCERY Cards EVERY WEE**

We have many available with no waiting.

Need some more ideas.....

INTERNET SHOPPING - NEVER LEAVE HOME Amazon.com, ChicagoBears.Com, Edine, Fandango, Harry & David, HSN, iTunes, Lands End, L.L. Bean, Overstock.com, Plow & Hearth, Restaurants.com

TRAVEL/LEISURE American Airlines, Best Western, Choice Hotels, Disney, Hyatt Hotels, Marriott, Mt. Olympus/Treasure Island, Travelocity

FOR THE HOME, DEPARTMENT STORES Ace Hardware, Bed Bath & Beyond, Carson's, The Container Store, Crate & Barrel, Home Depot, JCPenney, Joann Fabrics, Kmart, Kohl's, Lord & Taylor, Lowe's, Macy's, Menard's, Pottery Barn, Restoration Hardware, Sears, TJMaxx/Homegoods, Yankee Candle

FOR YOUR FAVORITE TEACHER OR COACH Barnes & Noble \$10 Teacher Card, Bass Pro Sports, Borders Books, Delta Sonic Carwash, Dick's Sporting Goods, Footlocker, Nike, Panera

GIFTS FOR HIM Bass Pro, Best Buy, Brunswick Zone, Dick's Sporting Goods, Eddie Bauer, Guitar Center, Land's End, Men's Wearhouse, Nike, Omaha Steaks, Sports Authority

GIFTS FOR HER Bath & Bodyworks, Catherine's, Claire's, Fannie May, Fashion Bug, Hallmark, J Jill, L.L. Bean, Mario Tricoli, Michael's Crafts, Motherworks, Regis Salon, Rocky Mountain Chocolates, Sally Beauty Salon, Sephora, Talbots, Ulta Cosmetics

FOR TEENS AMC, American Eagle, Banana Republic, Billboard, Brunswick, Claire's, Classic Cinema, Dots, Dave & Busters, eSkape, Express, Fashion Bug, Foot Locker, Gamestop, Gap, Guitar Center, iTunes, Nike, Old Navy, Plato's Closet, SuperCuts, Ulta cosmetics

March 13, 2011

1st Sunday of Lent

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” - Matthew 4:10

The world tempts us with so much. Like Jesus on the top of the mountain, we can all see magnificent possessions, power, adventures, activities or accomplishments that tempt us to push God into the background of our lives. Yet, we must follow the example of Jesus and back away from the temptations of the world so that we have more time in our lives to worship and serve God. Lent provides us with the perfect opportunity to make a change that will last not just for forty days but for a lifetime.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 14

8:00 Chuck Differding req by
Kathy Murphy

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 Vincent Serio req by
Marie Woods
Frank T. Michalak req by
Alice Michalak

Wednesday, March 16

8:00 Angelo Principali req by A Friend
Patricia O'Connor

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph

5:00 Chuck Differding req by
Jim & Merry Guinn
Leo Malak req by
Bob & Dolly

Sunday, March 20

8:30 Esther Mazurkiewicz req by
Bette & Harlan Smith
Stella Ward req by
Bud Ward
10:30 Agnes Caruso req by
Quentin & Barbara Anderson

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, March 19 5:00 am

Lectors

Laurie Miller, Loren Bowns, Sam Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Bob Steiert, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Richard Marvin, Beverly Helm, Sally Fortune,
Barbara Principali, Joe Augustyn

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, March 20 8:30 am

Lectors

Gene Schmittgens, Mary Schmittgens,
Sara Veldhuizen

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Carol McCullough, Gerry Berish,
Pat McCartan, Laura Hennessy, Chrys Rudnik,
Richard Thomas, Kathy Murphy

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, March 20 10:30 am

Lectors

Denise Douglas, Vanessa White,
Adele Perkins

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sevena Merchant, Dave Perkins, Rita Oganwu,
Kathy Murphy, Kathy Anderson,
Sandy Winder, Connie Rice

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

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.
- 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.

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.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 36

	\$4,650.00
March 6 Collection	\$6,649.44
Thank you to the 174 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$6,178.00
Loose Money	\$471.44
Budget Year to Date	\$167,400.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$175,098.60
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$7,698.60
Maintenance Fund Mar. 6	\$1,148.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$22,352.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$380,742.00
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
Terri Cardin, Parish Secretary

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78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466

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.

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.