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April 3, 2011 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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so that those who do not see might see

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

We come to the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the gospel story of the man born blind. We have all known someone who was or is blind. We have all experienced storms when the power has gone out and the darkness that ensues. Scrambling for the candles, flashlights and anything else that might give light. Maybe another way to look at Lent is a time when we search our lives and our world for Jesus and how Jesus is our light. We journey with one another and offer our hearts as beacons of light, as witnesses of the Light of Christ to others and to a world in desperate need of light. As we make the journey and "Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus and Become Stewards of Creation, we ask Jesus, who gave sight to the man born blind to give us sight and open our hearts and eyes to see in creation God's love for us shining brightly. May we know light and peace as we continue this Lenten journey.

Some questions for reflection during the week.

- What does it mean for us to be light?
- Where are the situations of darkness in the community or in the world at large?
- How might I bring light into that darkness?
- What holds us back from doing so?
- What do we need from God to enable us to carry out this mission of being "light in the Lord"?

Grace, Light and peace be with us on the journey!

Fr Terry

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 Groups

Sundays 4:00-5:30 p.m. In the home of Marilyn & Jim Scherbarth

Mondays 1:15-2:30 p.m. Rectory Mary Jane Riopelle

Wednesdays 10:15-11:30 a.m. St. Irenaeus Room
Colette Wisnewski

Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. In the home of Tony & Sandra Brunson

Thursdays 7:00-8:30 p.m. Rectory Tony Pisterzi & George Stapleton

Fridays 7:30-9:00 p.m. In the home of Joyce Hempen

Fridays 7:00-8:30 p.m. Rectory Jim & Helen Silvia

Please call the rectory if you would like to join a
Lenten Group 748-6891

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4/8, 4/15



Habitat for Humanity
Chicago South
Suburbs is looking for
volunteers to help
rehab some homes in
Park Forest. They
have a wide range of
work so anyone can
help --- no skill

needed. Minimum age is 16 and there
is no maximum. They work Monday
thru Saturday from 9am to 3pm. If you
are anxious to start please go to their
website (gohabitat.net) and sign-up
through the Volunteer Now link. Or,
come to a special noon meeting in
Room 8 following our April 3rd Liturgy.

***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

Holy Thursday Potluck



Each year on Holy
Thursday evening we
begin the celebration
of the Triduum by
gathering together as
a parish family for a

meal. We'll meet in the St. Irenaeus room at 6:00
p.m.. Bring a main dish and either a side dish or
dessert. We'll provide the drinks.

We need help setting up and cleaning up. If you
could help please call the rectory @ 748-6891.

April 3, 2011 4th Sunday of Lent

"We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day." - John 9:4

It is important to note that Jesus uses the plural "we" in this statement and not the singular "I." By saying, "We have to do the works..." Jesus commands all of us to participate in the work of God. It is not enough for us to simply know God's will. We must also do God's will, which means helping and serving others.



How would you like to help: drill a water well in Latin America; feed a family in Park

Forest; donate a cow or chickens or seeds to a farmer in Africa or provide overnight shelter to a south suburban family?

You can do all of this and more by walking in or pledging to the SOUTH SUBURBAN HUNGER WALK APRIL 10TH.

25% of the funds raised will come back to Respond Now, Rich Township Pantry and PADS. For more info or to pledge, please contact: Dennis Condon 481-6078.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT

The monthly pledge billings for the Archdiocesan Annual Catholic Appeal pledges have been mailed. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal.

Once the pledge payments have exceeded our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries.

PARISH GOAL:	\$15,161.40
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$6,970.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$3,705.00
REMAINING BALANCE:	\$3,265.00

Urban Plunge **April 25th-30th, 2011** **What is Urban Plunge?**

Located in Chicago, Il this week-long immersion program delves into both systems and structures that are at the root of injustice today, all from a spiritual perspective. Chicago acts as a microcosm for problems facing people and our environment around the world.

During the course of the Plunge we will visit sites that meet injustice head on with positive impact. They will include community organizations,

healthcare institutions, faith-based institutions, youth-led organizations, to name a few.

Participants will be immersed in a myriad of issues including: environmental justice, housing, prison/jail, community development, banking, diversity, LGBTQ, healthcare, worker rights and youth. They will also engage in a process of social analysis to help understand the root cause of these issues.

MANNA FROM HEAVEN

“SPRING IS IN THE AIR”

Time to plant your garden, big or small!



All of these businesses have cards available from MANNA. They can help you get started AND help St. Irenaeus raise a bit of “CASH”
Ace Hardware, Home Depot, Home Shopping Network, Kmart, Lowes, Menards, Overstock.com, Sears, Visa, Wal-Mart

Remember your

GAS and GROCERY Cards

We have many available with no waiting.



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 28, 2011, at 3 PM at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL.

Couples married in 1961 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website: www.familyministries.org.



**Nina
Council
3602 Ladies
Auxiliary**

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, April 10th at St. Irenaeus Religious Education Building, Orchard and Cherry Streets, Enter off Cherry Street, Park Forest. The meeting will be held in Room 2 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 4

St. Isidore

8:00 Chuck Differding req by
Beverly Helm

Tuesday, April 5

St. Vincent Ferrer

8:00 Thomas O'Callaghan req by
Don & Judy Korte
Frank T. Michalak req by
Alice Michalak

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 Patricia O'Connor

Thursday, April 7

St. John Baptist de la Salle

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 8

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 9

5:00 Rose Karlow req by
Bob & Dolly
Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan req by
Don & Judy Korte

Sunday, April 10

8:30 Special Intention Antonia Marra in
Honor of Mary of Perpetual Help
Rev. Daniel O'Sullivan req by
Anne Marie Leofanti
10:30 Cyril Stubler

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 9 5:00 am

Lectors

Laurie Miller, Bob Carreras, Sally Fortune
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Beverly Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Eileen Rose, Bob Steiert, Jim Silvia, Richard
Marvin, Joe Augustyn

Cantor

Melva LeBlanch

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, April 10 8:30 am

Lectors

Chris Blue, Harlan Smith, Mary Jane Riopelle
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Laura Hennessy, Sara Veldhuizen,
Therese Goodrich, Gerry Berish,
Dennis Condon, Richard Thomas,
Pat McCartan

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, April 10 10:30 am

Lectors

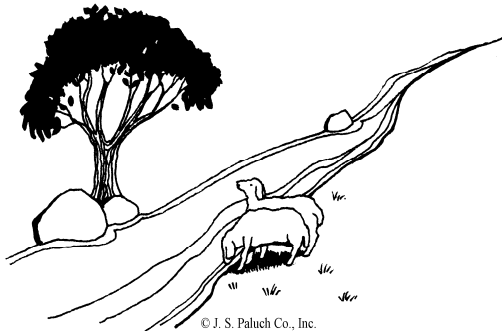
Stephanie Sagun, Adele Perkins, Phil Schwartz
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Denise Douglas, Sandy Winder,
Vincent Oganwu, Connie Rice, Pat Benjamin,
Doris Foster

Cantor

Lori Schwartz

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu Jr., Gary Marron,
Linda Marron



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Fourth Sunday of Lent
April 3, 2011

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
-*Psalm 23:1*

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 39

	\$4,650.00
March 27 Collection	\$6,026.74
Thank you to the 142 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$5,366.00
Loose Money	\$660.74
Budget Year to Date	\$181,350.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$191,510.16
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$10,160.16
Maintenance Fund Mar. 27	\$219.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$23,271.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$381,661.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
Japan Disaster Relief	\$2,119.05
Easter	\$181.00

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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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.