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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 10, 2011 Fifth Sunday of Lent

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2011
2:00 PM IN CHURCH

WITH OPEN HANDS



WITH OPEN HEARTS



**COME JOIN THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST IRENAEUS AS WE
REJOICE IN GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE!**

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

Mary Jane Riopelle
Sacramental Theology
February 21, 2011

The Good Fortune of the 21st Century Catholic

Had you lived in the very early days of the Catholic Church, you would not have known the Sacrament of Reconciliation under any name. It didn't exist. It was believed that Baptism took away all of your sins. What of those serious sins committed after one's Baptism? Oh well. Sorry sinner. You were just condemned to hell. There were no second chances.

This attitude softened somewhat in the 4th to the 9th centuries. Public reconciliation began to appear. Sinners went to the Bishop and confessed their sins but that was not enough. They had to reform their lives. They were excluded from the Eucharist and could only participate in scripture reading and pastoral instruction. The penitential practices varied widely from place to place and the sinner was excluded from a few weeks to a few years. When the bishop decided that the penitent had been reconciled, he imposed hands on the penitent to mean a calling of the Holy Spirit again and a sign of forgiveness. They could then be reunited with the rest of the church. This ostracism and forgiveness was very public and brought shame to the penitent. Their penance was very hard and they were only reconciled with the church one time. There were no more chances for forgiveness.

The 9th to the 12th centuries brought more changes. This began the period of private penance. You could confess your sins time after time and be forgiven again and again but the penances were very hard depending on the duration of a sin. You did not kneel in the pew and say three Our Fathers and three Hail Mary's and go about your business. You might be asked to perform a lengthy time of fast and abstinence, make a pilgrimage or pray for days and nights.

Throughout the late Middle Ages and up until Vatican II, penances began to become gradually more relaxed. Priests were able to hear confessions and give absolution to the penitent. It was during the Middle Ages that penances began to be sold along with indulgences. It was very lucrative for some unscrupulous priests and very easy for some rich sinners. Martin Luther brought this to the attention of the church and this was one of his reasons for pulling away from the church. The Council of Trent in 1551 gave us the Catholic Doctrine of penance which sought to extinguish penitential abuse.

I finally have arrived at the "you are lucky" part of this article. Since Vatican II, we have a less formal and more relaxed form of Reconciliation. We may receive the grace of this sacrament as often as we wish. We may sit face to face with our confessor or confess through a screen. We may even attend Communal Penance Service at many churches although you must still confess to a priest to receive absolution. There will be two priests available at St. Irenaeus, Father Terry, and Father Ron. You may choose your confessor. According to current church law you only have to receive Eucharist and Reconciliation once per year during Easter time although frequent reception of either is a way of gaining grace. Lucky for you, I extend an invitation to

Communal Penance Service.....St. Irenaeus Church
April 17, 2011.....2PM
See you there!

This weekend at the 10:30 liturgy we welcome the Tolton Scholars from Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park. They are accompanied by Dr Vanessa White, the director of the program at CTU. It is named for the Fr August Tolton whose cause for canonization was begun just recently. We welcome the scholars among us and invite them to worship with us at any time!

His cause for canonization officially was opened by Rome on February 24, 2011. He is now designated Servant of God Fr. Augustus Tolton. April is an important month in his life and I am happy the Tolton Scholars will be at St. Irenaeus for Sunday Mass on April 10th. In April Fr. Tolton was born and was ordained.

Important dates in the life of Fr. Augustus Tolton

- April 1, 1854 Augustus Tolton was born to Martha and Peter Tolton
- May 29, 1854 Augustus Tolton is baptized at St. Peter's Church in Brush Creek MO.
- June 12, 1870 Tolton's first Communion and confirmation at St. Peter's Church in Quincy, IL
- April 24, 1886 Tolton ordained a priest at St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome
- July 25, 1886 Fr. Tolton appointed pastor of St. Joseph Church in Quincy
- December 19, 1889 Fr. Tolton began ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago
- July 9, 1897 Fr. Tolton died at Mercy Hospital in Chicago

For more information about the Canonization Cause for Fr. Tolton:
<http://www.toltoncanonization.org/>

**April 10, 2011
5th Sunday of Lent**

"So they took away the stone." - John 11:41
Perhaps one of Our Lord's greatest miracles was the raising of Lazarus. Yet, we see that even in this great miracle Jesus calls others to act. He tells the crowd to roll away the stone from the tomb. And they protest, saying it will stink. How often do we think that something God is asking us to do might "stink" – whether it is giving more of our time, our talent or our treasure? Yet if we are willing to follow Our Lord's command and take away the stones that block us from participating in God's work, we can expect great miracles in our lives.



**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.

R. E. NEWS

Early Registration for next school year's Religious Education Program is ongoing. Families who register before April 30, 2011 will save \$20 of the cost of next year's tuition.

Registration forms are available from the R.E. office or the back of church. Please contact Michelle Helson with any question or for more information 708.748.7997.



A special "thank you" from the R.E. students to all the seniors who had lunch with us at the "Spring Fling" it was a wonderful event. The students enjoyed serving their guests and playing games with them. We are also grateful to Marconi's bakery and Savoia's To Go in Chicago Heights for their donations of bread and salad to the luncheon.

Will you drink this cup?



The last half of the Lenten season we pray that those who would hear God's call to consider fellowship in the Spred ministry, join us for an informational evening on Monday April 11th at 7 PM in the rectory in the Spred environment downstairs. Refreshments will be served as we tour our special space and answer any questions you may have. All are invited.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 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

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.

We are on a holiday schedule for the bulletin. If you would like an article in for the Easter bulletin please submit it by Tuesday, April 12th. Electronic submissions are preferred – email to stirenaeus@archchicago.org. Please include “Bulletin article” in the subject line

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 11

St. Stanislaus

8:00 Patricia McCartan & Arlene Zibrida
req by Pat McCartan

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 Brian O'Neal req by
His Son Cody

Wednesday, April 13

St. Martin I

8:00 Richard Wetts req by
The Cave Family

Thursday, April 14

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 15

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 16

5:00 Chuck Differding req by
Betsy Travaglini
Helen Sullivan req by
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

Sunday, April 17

8:30 Eugene F. Korte req by
Don & Judy Korte
Ted & Jeanne Goehler req by
The Family
10:30 Special Intention Bill & Winnie
Maune, Georgiana Delehanty &
Dorothy Lennie req by
The Ministers of Care

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 16 5:00 am

Lectors

Tim Blumenthal, Beverly Helm, Laurie Miller

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sally Fortune, Jim Silvia, Bob Steiert,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Eileen Rose,
Marilyn Carroll, Barbara Principali

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, April 17 8:30 am

Lectors

Gerry Berish, Chrys Rudnik, Therese Goodrich

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dennis Condon, Carol McCullough,
Sara Veldhuizen, Laura Hennessy,
Kathy Murphy, Pat McCartan

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly, Karen Ertl

Sunday, April 17 10:30 am

Lectors

Mike Gonzalez, Terry Townsend, Adele Perkins

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sevena Merchant, Dave Perkins, Rita Oganwu,
Denise Douglas, Sandy Winder, Pat Benjamin

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.

Easter Flowers

*There will be a
second
collection next
Sunday, April
17th for flowers
for the altar on Easter
Sunday.*

*Please be a generous as the
spirit will allow you.*



EASTER FLOWERS

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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

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 40

	\$4,650.00
April 3 Collection	\$6,708.50
Thank you to the 166 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$5,152.00
Loose Money	\$1,556.50
Budget Year to Date	\$186,000.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$198,218.66
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$12,218.66
Maintenance Fund April 3	\$1,227.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$24,498.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$382,888.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
Japan Disaster Relief	\$2,222.05
Easter	\$236.00

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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Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm,
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Bulletin Submissions

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