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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 17, 2011 Palm Sunday

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"

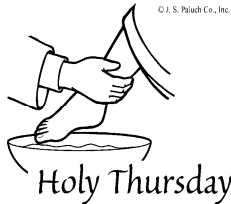
R. E. NEWS

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.



Washing of Feet Holy Thursday

Jesus says in the gospel of Holy Thursday "...you ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14) This Holy Thursday we will be invited to wash each others feet. Please come forward to wash feet and have your feet washed. All as a sign of our commitment to serve each other.



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.

“The Transformative Power of Dreams”

Date: May 7 Time: 9:30am-12:30pm Fee \$25

Dreams are a unique and powerful way of experiencing the movement of the sacred in our lives. In this session, participants will focus on the rich store of healing, wisdom, and direction our dreams hold for the spiritual journey. During our time together we will explore some practical ways of working with our dreams in order to discover the messages contained within the dream symbols. You are welcome to come with your own dreams!

Facilitator: Mary Ellen (Mel) Ryley, MA, MPS, is a Sister of Charity. Since 1989 she has been engaged in the ministry of spiritual direction, retreats, and workshops. Mel has facilitated dream exploration and has trained spiritual directors in the Chicago area for more than 20 years. Currently, she is a supervisor for the Center for Spiritual Direction at North Park Seminary.

“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

Fr. Augustus Tolton

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/>



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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.



April 17, 2011

Palm Sunday

"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear..." - Isaiah 50:4
God will open our ears every day so that we may know His will. We simply need to make it a spiritual practice to constantly ask God to give us the grace to hear and follow Him. Archbishop Carlson recommends that we pray every day, "Lord, what do you want me to do with all the gifts that you have given me?"

Easter Flowers

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

Please be as generous as the spirit will allow you.



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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 18

8:00 Jack Delehanty req by
The Family
Robert E. Sella req by
Rita L. Sella

Tuesday, April 19

8:00 Chuck Differding req by
Walt & Marie Hyma
Norma McClain req by
The Family

Wednesday, April 20

8:00 Bob & Virginia Hart req by
Don & Judy Korte
Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Thursday, April 21

8:00pm Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Friday, April 22

12:00 Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 23

8:00 Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Sunday, April 24

8:30 Parishioners of St. Irenaeus
10:30 Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Liturgical Ministers

Not Available due to Holiday Schedule

Saturday, April 23 5:00 pm

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Cantor

Altar Servers

Sunday, April 24 8:30 am

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Cantor

Altar Servers

Sunday, April 24 10:30 am

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Cantor

Altar Servers

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.

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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - Not available
\$4,650.00

April Collection \$0
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 \$12,218.66

Maintenance Fund April \$0

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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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.