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May 1, 2011 Second Sunday of Easter

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Ramblings

Today's gospel is one of my favorites. It is a favorite because I can really identify with Thomas and his "doubts". When he does experience the Risen Jesus he stands in front of him and traces the marks of the crucifixion. He sees and believes! Just as the beloved disciple in the Resurrection story from Easter Sunday who went into the tomb and he saw and believed. We stand in the daily events of our lives and see and believe all the time. We believe in the presence of the Risen Jesus in our lives as we love and are loved. We see the Risen One in the hearts filled with generosity and compassion as we make our journey with Jesus. We see and believe because we have been blessed with the grace and unconditional love of God in so many ways.

- In the generosity of the people of St Irenaeus who with faithfulness and fidelity support each other in love and care.
- In the spirit of service that so many show each and every day as volunteers here at the parish.
- In the dedication of so many who made our Easter celebrations prayerful and beautiful, from all the liturgical ministers, the Art and Environment folks and the Sacristans who clean the church.
- In the way the music ministry lifted our hearts and minds in prayer
- In the way the assembly of God, the Body of Christ processed to the Baptismal Font and entered the waters of New Life ...

We are indeed a blessed and holy Easter People!

Some interesting tidbits you might be interested in knowing:

The parish is partnering with the South Suburban Food Co-op on a Community Garden Project. There are several people from both organizations that are working on creating the garden project. This is one way that we can carry out some of the reflections and the graces from the Lent 4.5 Faith Sharing this year. Some of them will be out on the property just east of the parking lot to begin to measure for the raised beds that will be built. They are gathering at around 5:00 PM Sunday May 1. Anyone interested in helping is welcome to come out. If you would like to be included in the email list, please call Terri Cardin at the parish office.

Sometime this week the six month financial report will be mailed out to all registered families in the parish. Thank you for your continued commitment to the parish by way of your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure. Together we can continue to live the mission and message of Jesus.

Fr. Terry

Congratulations to our Religious Education Students receiving their 1st Holy Communion on Sunday, May 1st:

Quentin Adami	Juan Chavez
Gaberiela Garcia	Miguel Garcia
Jaylene Lujano	George Mahiya
Joanna-Rose Mahiya	Daniela Perez
Tiffany Quinonez	Gabriela Santiago
Javier Tinajero	



**FIRST WEEKEND
OF THE MONTH
FOOD PROJECT
MAY- 7-8**

Thank you for your generosity last month to the Food

Project. When you do your family's shopping this week, please remember the less fortunate who are unable to provide for enough food to supply even their most basic needs. Dry goods are always welcomed, as are canned fruits, meats, soups and vegetables. Thank you for whatever you can do.

Restoring HOPE

It's what matters most.

The Apostles Worked Many Wonders

"I came to Catholic Charities when I was near death...both from drinking and from an infection I was too far gone to address," says Brian, a former client in our substance abuse program. "I had no money for insurance, but Catholic Charities accepted me." Brian's counselor, a seasoned professional, worked wonders with Brian, who had resisted help from other sources. Somehow, she was able to get through to him. Today, Brian has a radio show where he spreads the "good news" of his recovery to help and inspire others.

Your gift to the Catholic Charities Collection on Mother's Day helps us give critical support to people fighting addiction, particularly the uninsured.



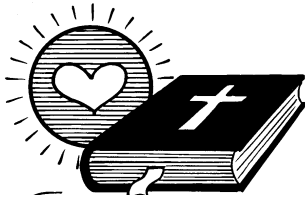
www.catholiccharities.net

312-655-7012



St. Irenaeus Church is very happy to welcome the following parishioners into our family:

Elliott & Marina Fowler



Bible Sharing

The Wednesday scripture study group will meet throughout the month of May from 10:15 to 11:30 in Rm 8 at the Religious Ed Center. We will be using a Lectio Divina approach to contemplate and discuss the following Sunday's readings.

Film Study: Lights, Camera, Mission!



Join us on the Thursdays of May to view films that illustrate mission at 7:00-9:00 pm. This is a perfect way to enter into the Easter Season when the liturgical readings tell us of how the early Church engaged in mission.

- May 5th—The Mission
- May 12th—Romero
- May 19th—Invictus
- May 26th—Blindside

At each session there will be an orientation to the film, the viewing of the entire film followed by a discussion on the nature of mission as portrayed in the film.

These films help us to see how we can realize our missionary vocation by acting upon the grace of our baptism.

Program conducted by the Office for Mission Education and Animation.

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL

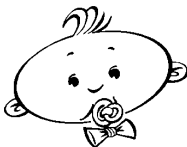
Every year our special friends have a chance to go to a dinner dance at Drury Lane/Oak Brook. This year the dinner dance is on Sunday, May 15th. The price of the ticket is \$60. If anyone would like to sponsor one of our friends please contact Ed Carriel 708-231-6016. On Tuesday, May 10th at 7 PM in the rectory we invite anyone who would like to learn about the Spred ministry here at St. I's. Families who have persons with developmental or learning disabilities are welcome to come and see what we are all about and how our special friends desire to share faith and a sense of the sacred in their lives.



BABY SHOWER

Parish Life Commission will once again sponsor The Project Courage Baby Shower

On Mother's Day weekend
May 7 & 8 and 14 & 15



Here's your opportunity to support a mother and baby. Here's your opportunity to stand in solidarity with a fellow Catholic and Christian who is on the same faith journey. Your prayers for healthy, happy babies are expected. The following items would be greatly appreciated by Project Courage: pacifiers, rattles, baby bath towels and wash cloths, crib sheets, baby bottles and sippy cups, baby wipes, disposable diapers and diaper bags, but any baby items will be graciously accepted.

Monetary donations are also appreciated.



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.



May 1, 2011

2nd Sunday of Easter

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - John 20:21

Jesus offers us peace, not when we sit quietly in a pew, but when we allow Our Lord to send us out into the world to do His work. We will find great peace, when we to turn away from the materialism of the world and instead care more deeply for those in need.

*The Spiritual Life
Commission is
praying the Rosary
Wednesday, May 4th
at 7:00 PM in the
chapel.
All are welcome.*



"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*

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, May 2

St. Athanasius

8:00 Julie Wersenberger req by
A Friend

Tuesday, May 3

Ss. Philip and James

8:00 Hiram Smith req by
Del Sagun

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 Francis Mesick req by
The Mesick & Lindecker Families
Pat O'Connor req by
Don & Judy Korte

Thursday, May 5

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, May 6

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, May 7

5:00 Alice Gutierrez req by
Her Family
Chuck Differding req by
Marita Loring

Sunday, May 8

8:30 Patricia O'Connor
The Kogler & Newhuis Families req by
Rosemary & Family
10:30 Becie Kennedy
Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 7 5:00 pm

Lectors

Loren Bowns, Gene Schmittgens,
Mary Schmittgens

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Joe Augustyn, Barbara Principali, Bob Steiert,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Sally Fortune,
Eileen Rose, Richard Marvin

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Myles Greska, Mike Powers

Sunday, May 8 8:30 am

Lectors

Chris Blue, Jack Osmolski, Harlan Smith

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Chrys Rudnik, Pat McCartan, Laura Hennessy,
Richard Thomas, Gerry Berish,
Dennis Condon, Jim Francesconi

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, May 8 10:30 am

Lectors

Denise Douglas, Marilyn Bougeois,
Arthur Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Carol McCullough, Doris Foster,
Linda Marron, Sandy Winder, Dave Perkins,
Kathy Anderson, Gary Marron

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Stephanie Sagun, Michael Adami,
Vincent Adami

Church Stewardship

Easter Budget	\$12,000.00
April 23/24 Collection	\$ 9,967.00
Money from envelopes	\$ 9,134.00
Loose money	\$ 833.00
Easter Collection	
Year To Date	\$10,248.00

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT 2011 ST. IRENAEUS PARISH

As of April 20, 2011

PARISH 2011 GOAL:	\$15,161.40
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$10,945.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$5,620.00
BALANCE DUE:	\$5,325.00

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 42

	\$4,650.00
April 17 Collection	\$5,167.50
Thank you to the 152 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,263.00
Loose Money	\$904.50
Budget Year to Date	\$195,300.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$209,241.16
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$13,941.66
Maintenance Fund April 17	\$500.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$25,306.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$383,696.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
Easter Flowers	\$1,555.00
Holy Thursday	\$247.00
Good Friday	\$311.00

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.