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PENTECOST and St Irenaeus Ministry Fair

There are different spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit, the same Lord and the same God who produces all of them in everyone. (paraphrased from 1 Corinthians 12). St Paul goes on to tell us that the Spirit is given to each of us, and how we acknowledge that Spirit is up to us! We each respond to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in ways that are good and holy and appropriate for each of us. And we respond not only for ourselves but for the well-being and lifting up of the community.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost we are very much aware of the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our faith community. Each Sunday we come together, by the Spirit's promptings to give praise and thanks to the God of our lives. We come together in joy and sorrow to celebrate the work of God in all we are as a People of God! And for that we give thanks! And in that we rejoice!

Back in September of 2010 the parish initiated the Parish Offertory Program as a beginning of a Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure-a way of being together and recognizing the many blessings with which God has graciously gifted us. The POP has been a wonderful statement of the generosity and the richness of this communities commitment to the mission of Jesus.

Today we celebrate the many ministries active here at St. Irenaeus. The parish council, along with the parish staff have assembled a MINISTRY CATALOGUE. Please stop by the PPC Commission tables in the back of church to witness the vibrant spirit of service here at St. Irenaeus. Please take a MINISTRY CATALOGUE home with you. As you look through it, first of all pray for the continued success of parish ministries and then give thanks for those who minister here. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to a place where you might consider taking part in any of the ministries listed. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your heart to consider becoming a part of the mission of Jesus as it is lived out here at St. Irenaeus.

Know of my sincere appreciation to the Parish Council and especially to the ad hoc committee who planned the Ministry Fair-Mary Jane Riopelle, Sara Veldhuizen and Thomas Peebles. Also to Sandy Brunson and her crew who provided refreshments for not only this weekend, but for every third Sunday when they provide food and fellowship after the two Sunday liturgies! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

May the Holy Spirit continue to nurture our community of faith with gifts of peace, love and compassion!

Fr. Terry

PANDA MANIA

Where God is Wild about You!™

June 27th – 30th in St. Irenaeus' R.E. Center
6:00 – 7:30 pm

This year our parish will be a bamboo forest of excitement, as we get ready for a visit to “PandaMania”. Each day the children will be part of a fun scripture-based program they can see, hear & touch. “PandaMania” is an exciting way for kids, ages 4-10, to learn more about their faith. Please have your children or grandchildren join us for this exciting adventure. Registration forms are available in the back of church, at the rectory & R.E. center. Space is limited so please sign-up early. Contact Michelle Helson for more info. 708.748.7997.



Dear Father,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your recent contribution to *RESPOND NOW* of \$333.00. Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients. I'm going to make sure of that.

Your generosity is a powerful factor in helping *RESPOND NOW* assist our clients with food and financial assistance programs designed to help stabilize families and prevent homelessness. Your support demonstrates a vote of confidence in the work being done by *RESPOND NOW*.

Again, thank you for your continued generous support. It means the world to our staff, volunteers and especially all of the families who participate in our programs!

Sincerely,
Carl J. Wolf
Executive Director

June 12, 2011

Pentecost

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

The Spirit gives each of us different gifts. The reason we are given those gifts is so that we may perform different forms of service for the Lord. If you don't use your gifts for the Lord, who will do the special work that God had in mind for you alone?

FUND FOR RETIRED PRIESTS
The Only Annual Collection for Retired Priests of the
Archdiocese of Chicago

Many are still there for us helping out in parishes.
Others wish they could be but they are suffering from health problems.

We Need Each Other Now
thank you for your sacrifice and generosity

JUNE 12, 2011

GARBAGE DUMPSTER AND RECYCLING BINS

This week you will notice that the garbage dumpster has been relocated to the south end of the Religious Education Center and the two recycling bins have been removed. These decisions have been presented to Fr. Terry by the Finance Committee after consultation with the parking lot contractor.

The weight and movement of both the garbage truck and the recycling truck, even though they come at different times, has caused a serious deterioration of areas of the main church parking lot. This deterioration will increase as the temperatures rise and the asphalt becomes more pliable. It has been determined that making these changes now, will protect the parking lot surface for another few years. This is also part of a larger plan to responsibly use our financial resources for the long-term repair of the parking lots here at St Irenaeus.

The elimination of the recycling bin is a delicate issue, especially in light of the ecological theme of the Lenten Faith Sharing Groups but as good stewards, we have a physical and financial responsibility to protect our total parish property. One of the main reasons for having the recycling bin was to generate income for the parish. This income has been minimal over the past three years. The income per year is as follows: 2009- 796.99; 2010-393.65 and for 2011-301.35. However both the actual and potential damage to the parking lot can be estimated in the thousands.

Every surrounding community to St. Irenaeus Parish has a recycling program which goes well beyond newspapers and other printed matter. With that in mind, we would encourage and invite everyone to recycle along community guidelines. The parish will continue to look at and reevaluate what it does around the care of creation and the environment.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the parish. Together we can build the kingdom of God all around us!

Finance Team

Call To Action  **catholics working together
for Justice & Equality**
cla-usa.org

Radical Disciple: Bob McClory and the Story of Father Michael Pflieger
Saturday, June 18, 1-4pm, St. Irenaeus school building.

Bob McClory, journalist and author of the Pflieger biography "Radical Disciple," will present the controversial priest's life and career. Discussion, a brief liturgy, and light refreshments follow.

RSVP to Justin Sengstock at 708.748.4629 or Loren Bowns at 312.531.2259
Sponsored by local members of Call To Action

Nina Council Ladies Auxiliary

Pall Cloth Workshop

Nina Council Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a pall cloth workshop on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at St. Mary School Library, 227 Monee Rd., Park Forest, IL 60466 from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. For directions or more information call Jackie Smith at 708-481-7949 or Linda Marron at 708-747-0105.



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, including 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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, June 13

St. Anthony of Padua

8:00 Merle Arr req by
Don & Judy Korte

Tuesday, June 14

8:00 Patricia O'Connor

Wednesday, June 15

8:00 Dino Piere req by
Santina Pieri & Family

Thursday, June 16

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, June 17

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, June 18

Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Chuck Differding req by
Don & Judy Korte

Sunday, June 19

8:30 David Newhuis req by
Rosemary & Family
Anthony Menza req by
Connie Menza
10:30 Alicia Gutierrez req by
Her Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, June 18 5:00 pm

Lectors

Tim Blumenthal, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Sally Fortune

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Joe Augustyn, Bob Steiert, Sam Bowns,
Barbara Principali, Eileen Rose,
Richard Marvin, Loren Bowns

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, June 19 8:30 am

Lectors

Gerry Gerish, Gene Schmittgens, Chris Blue

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Pat McCartan, Marilyn Carroll,
Jim Francesconi, Chrys Rudnik,
Sara Veldhuizen, Kathy Murphy,
Dennis Condon

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, June 19 10:30 am

Lectors

Denise Douglas, Marilyn Bourgeois,
Arthur Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Rita Oganwu, Vincent Oganwu, Pat Benjamin,
Connie Rice, Dave Perkins, Kathy Anderson,
Carol McCullough

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun,
Vincent Oganwu Jr.



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Pentecost Sunday June 12, 2011

There appeared to them tongues as of fire,
which parted and came to rest
on each one of them.

-Acts 2:3

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 48

	\$4,650.00
June 5 Collection	\$5,147.40
Thank you to the 127 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,459.00
Loose Money	\$688.40
Budget Year to Date	\$223,200.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$239,209.56
10/11 Budget Surplus	\$16,009.56
Maintenance Fund June 5	\$1,305.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$30,171.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$358,390.00
Total Collections	\$388,561.00
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.

Need prayers?

Call the St. Irenaeus Health Ministry Prayer Line at 747-0974 with your requests

The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated the first and third weekends of each month. Parents must attend a baptismal preparation session prior to securing a date for their child's baptism. Please call the parish office for further information and/or to sign up for a baptismal prep session.



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

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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.