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July 10, 2011 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A sower went out to sow . . .



Ramblings!

The readings this weekend are a gardener's delight! Both the First reading from Isaiah and the Gospel of Matthew speak of growing, planting, nurturing and life. Over all that put on the love that goes into the growing and planting and nurturing and life and what an image of God comes to us through the Word of God.

An image of a God that grows or encourages us to grow and change and evolve as we dance through the universe created by that Divine Mystery! An image of a god that plants, plants love and grace into the depths of our hearts as experienced when we love and grace all creatures of Earth with our love and life! An image of God that nurtures all that the Holy Mystery has set before us in abundant, generous and unconditional love! An image of God into which our life is lived as we walk the life of discipleship and fellowship with one another and Earth!

May this summer season continue to rain down new and more abundant awareness of what our God is calling us to be!



Some updates!

The work on Aunt Martha's (the old rectory) began this week. Please feel free to monitor the work . Thanks to all who helped get us to this point!

Vacation Bible school went well the week of June 27. I was able to attend Monday evening and about 12 parish children were excited about "how wild God is for them". Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted Michelle Helson, our CRE with PANDAMANIA. Great Job everyone!

Thank you to Sandy Brunson and all who prepared the farewell reception for Bob Neal last weekend. We wish Bob many blessings as he retires!

And finally thank you to all for your continued prayers and cards and words of encouragement after the surgery. Surgery went well and on Monday I see the surgeon for a follow-up. I am continually humbled with everyone's love and concern-truly evidence of God's love in action!

Fr Terry

Dear Father Terrance,

Thank you very much for agreeing to arrange the mission appeal for the weekend of July 16/17.

I belong to the Nagpur province of Pallottines. Ordained in 1977, I worked in the missions first and then in our seminary as spiritual director and later as rector. I also had worked as pastor in the regular parishes. I came to the US in 2004 as part of an agreement between my province and the Milwaukee province. Besides organizing mission appeals for the Indian province, I also work as a chaplain at St. Francis hospital Evanston, IL. Here is a brief description of our Society.

Pallottines (The Society of the Catholic Apostolate) is a religious community spread over several countries in the five continents. It was founded in Rome in 1835 by St. Vincent Pallotti. He is considered the pioneer of the Lay Apostolate. He is recognized as having profoundly influenced teaching of Vat. II on Laity. The motto of the Society is: "make everyone a Catholic, every Catholic a good Catholic, and every good Catholic as Apostle."

In India, besides carrying out his vision by inspiring laity to take active role in the church, we run mission stations in the remotest villages. We do the same in Zambia, Africa. We work among the poorest, least educated and most oppressed. We run orphanages (poor boys boarding) educational institutions, dispensaries, etc. We undertake many social work programs directly aimed at helping the needy. In the traditional Catholic areas we concentrate on re-evangelization and the training of the laity to become active apostles.

Thank you,
Fr. Thomas Kuttiyanickal, SAC



Dear Father Terry and Parishioners,

Thank you so much for your monetary gift of \$568.00 to COURAGE, as well as all the wonderful baby care items that you so generously donated. Your faith community has continued to be a very supportive entity, and it is deeply appreciated by these moms, their children and all of us at COURAGE. Faithful parishes like yours keep us going. Personally, I have always found the warmth and hospitality of St. Irenaeus a special gift of support.

I wish you God's peace and abundant blessings always!

Sincerely, Sr. Nancy

Thank you to all those who shared their Time, Talent & Treasure with our "Pandamania" Vacation Bible School. It was a huge success.



Pictures, of all the fun that was had, are available for viewing in the back of church and on our website. Loving our panda theme this year "Panda Express", 47 00 W. Lincoln Highway in Matteson, provided each child with a special panda themed gift.

*** ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM MANNA ***

Manna Express is offering a stimulus program to reward our parish for ordering throughout the summer months.

Each week, when St. Irenaeus places an order for over \$2500, we will be entered into a weekly drawing to earn an additional \$100 in profit!

So far the Manna Express Summer Stimulus Winners were....

ST. ZACHARY SCHOOL - DES PLAINES, IL

ST. ANDREW - ROMEOVILLE, IL

CHILI'S INCREASES DISCOUNT!

Effective Friday, July 1, 2011, the discount offer for Chili's

\$25 gift cards will increase to an 11% discount!

You can redeem this gift card at four great restaurants

Chili's, Macaroni Grill, On The Border, or Maggiano's!

Home Depot | \$25 & \$100 & \$500 | 2% Bonus

DON'T FORGET - Only one month left!

We can earn an additional 2% on every Home Depot gift card purchased through Manna Express until July 29, 2011.

\$25, \$100 and \$500 gift cards are available at a 6% discount during this bonus time.

Community Garden



You may have noticed the four raised garden beds next to the parking lot. This is the beginning of a community garden. The garden is an opportunity to gather together, teach others, learn from each other

and develop hidden interest we never knew we had. The garden is an ongoing process that will be expanding as time goes on.

Not all of the garden beds are full. For those that would like to learn more or contribute to the garden we have setup a work day, Wednesday July 13th at 10.00am. If you would like more information please call Helen 708-747-3536

July 10, 2011

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.

“Silent Directed Retreat”

Date: July 18-22 (with single day options on July 19,20, 21)

Time: Monday, 3pm: Arrival and Registration; 4:30pm: Opening Session

Friday, 11 am: Closing after brunch Fee: \$350 (program, room, meals)

Single Day Option: July 19, 20, 21 Time: 9:30-5pm Fee: \$60 per day
(program, spiritual direction, lunch)

GIVE YOURSELF THE GIFT OF TIME! Stare out the window, sit in a gazebo, walk the labyrinth, bring your journal, wander down to Hickory Creek. The directed retreat promises an environment that fosters silence, solitude, prayer, rest, and renewal as you experience the gift of nature on the grounds of St. Francis Woods. Each day you will have the opportunity to meet with a trained spiritual director who will serve as a guide during this sacred time, helping you listen to how the Spirit is moving and adapting the retreat to the needs and desires of each individual.

Spiritual Directors: Mary Ruth Broz, RSM, Norma Janssen, OSF,
Father Terry Johnson, and Marianne Saieg, OSF

“THE PORT”

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL

815-464-3880 www.portforprayer.org

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, July 11

St. Benedict

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Tuesday, July 12

8:00 Evelyn M. Murphy req by
The Ward Family

Wednesday, July 13

St. Henry

8:00 Deceased Members of the Guthrie,
Jordan & O'Connor Families

Thursday, July 14

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, July 15

St. Bonaventure

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, July 16

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Blessed Virgin
Mary**

5:00 Barney Panka & Dorothy Knapik
req by Bob & Dolly

Sunday, July 17

8:30 Herbert Schaefer req by
Jim & Merry Guinn

10:30 Dorothy Baeuerlen req by
Marilyn Dessecker

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 16 5:00 pm

Lectors

Sally Fortune, Loren Bowns, Sam Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jim Silvia, Bob Steiert, Beverly Helm,
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Barbara Principali,
Eileen Rose, Joe Augustyn

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, July 17 8:30 am

Lectors

Chris Blue, Helen Silvia, Jack Osmolski

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Gerry Berish, Laura Hennessy,
Carol McCullough, Sara Veldhuizen,
Kathy Murphy, Chrys Rudnik,
Richard Thomas

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, July 17 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Dennis Douglas,
Phil Schwartz

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

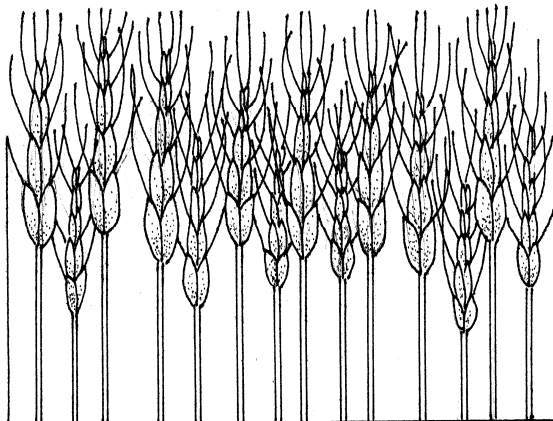
Vincent Oganwu, Rita Oganwu, Pat Benjamin,
Sandy Winder, Sevena Merchant,
Kathy Anderson, Doris Foster

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Gary Marron, Linda Marron



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 10, 2011

You have crowned the year with your
bounty, and your paths overflow with a
rich harvest.

—Psalm 65:12

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 1

	\$5,100.00
July 3 Collection	\$4,283.00
Thank you to the 140 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$3,760.00
Loose Money	\$523.00
Budget Year to Date	\$5,100.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$4,283.00
11/12 Budget Shortage	(\$817.00)
Maintenance Fund July 3	\$980.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$980.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$389,280.00
Total Collections	\$390,260.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33

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

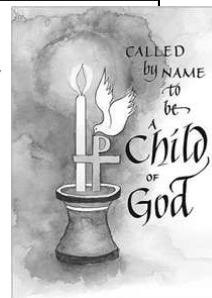
Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

Need prayers?

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

The Sacrament of Baptism

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.



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.