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July 17, 2011 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mary of Magdala Feast

A celebration honoring St. Mary of Magdala will be held in our parish on her feast day July 22, 2011. This is the eighth annual ceremony held here at St. Irenaeus. The liturgy will start at 7:30 p.m. and include women and men of our parish and from the surrounding parishes. All are invited to attend and bring your friends.



Primary Wonder

Days pass when I forget the mystery.
Problems insoluble and problems offering
their own ignored solutions
jostle for my attention, they crowd its antechamber
along with a host of diversions, my courtiers, wearing
their colored clothes; cap and bells.

And then
once more the Quiet mystery
is present to me, the throng's clamor
recedes: the mystery
that there is anything, anything at all,
let alone cosmos, joy, memory, everything,
rather than void: and that, O Lord,
Creator, Hallowed One, You still,
hour by hour sustain it.

~ Denise Levertov ~
(Selected Poems)

How marvelous is the way that we see and hear and feel and touch the Word of God all around us! It is the simple and the uncomplicated wonder of all that is around us into which the Word of God leads us...into seed and soil, into death and life, into healing and pain, into life and love. May the Word of God, sown in our lives and hearts and souls continue to sustain us and sustain our ever-new relationship with the Creator, the Hallowed One.

Today we welcome Father Thomas Kuttiyanickal to St Irenaeus. He is with us for the weekend to share with us his experiences of the mission work of the church in India. We extend a grateful welcome to him and pledge to continue our support with prayer in the months and years ahead.

Fr Terry

Dear Father Terrance,

Thank you very much for agreeing to arrange the mission appeal for this weekend.

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



Pax Christi Seed Planters

Our local peace and justice group, Pax Christi Seed Planters, will meet in Room 8 of the St. Irenaeus Religious Education building at 7 PM, Wednesday, July 20, for refreshments, prayer and planning.

All are welcome! Questions? Call Helen, 747-0795.

Dear Father,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your recent contribution to *RESPOND NOW* of \$486.00. Your generosity will make an immediate difference in the lives of our clients. I'm going to make sure of that.

Your contribution 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

July 17, 2011

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."

- Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in this world. We fulfill God's plan for us when we share our unique talents and our financial gifts to build up God's kingdom. Through our stewardship we blossom!

*** 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.

Theology- On- Tap for Young Adults



Theology-On-Tap is a four week speaker and discussion series for young adults, married and single, in their 20s or 30s. Marian Catholic High School will be hosting the program this summer on Mondays July 11th, 18th, 25th, and August 1st. July 18th at 7:30pm, Dr. Rob Saler will be speaking on “Living Authentically in the Here and Now Kingdom of God.” Babysitting services will be available upon request, so please

contact Mr. Terry Shelley at (708)756-9752 or email:

tshelley@yamchicago.org for more details. The program is free of charge.

“Like” us on facebook at “Isaac Hecker Regional Young Adult Ministry Center” to receive Theology-On-Tap updates.

Please visit www.yamchicago.org for additional host sites, topics, and speakers. We hope to see you there!

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 18

St. Camillus de Lellis

8:00 Ben Barber req by
Barbara Principali

Tuesday, July 19

8:00 For the Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

Wednesday, July 20

St. Apollinaris

8:00 Thomas Fletcher req by
The Family

Thursday, July 21

St. Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Roger Cleghorn req by
The Family
Chuck Differding req by
The Family

Sunday, July 24

8:30 Tim Harrington req by
Bette & Harlan Smith
Rita Land req by
The Family
10:30 Stella Schiebel req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, July 23 5:00 pm

Lectors

Mary Jane Riopelle, Therese Goodrich,
Helen Silvia

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Dolly Mikolajczyk, Barbara Principali,
Sally Fortune, Richard Marvin, Jim Silvia,
Eileen Rose

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Mike Powers, Myles Greska

Sunday, July 24 8:30 am

Lectors

Harlan Smith, Chris Blue, Chrys Rudnik

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Marilyn Carroll, Gerry Berish,
Sara Veldhuizen, Laura Hennessy,
Jim Francesconi

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, July 24 10:30 am

Lectors

Mike Gonzalez, Vanessa White,
Terry Townsend

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

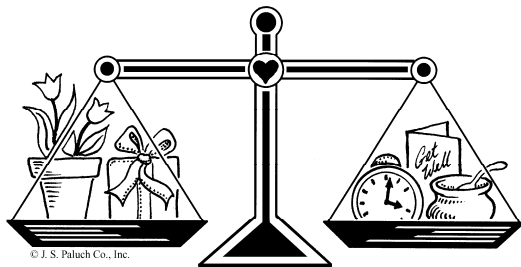
Rita Oganwu, Sandy Winder, Denise Douglas,
Connie Rice, Dennis Condon, Kathy Anderson

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu Jr., Stephanie Sagun



**Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 17, 2011**

Those who are just be kind.

—Wisdom 12:19

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 2

	\$5,100.00
July 10 Collection	\$4,796.50
Thank you to the 135 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,166.00
Loose Money	\$630.50
Budget Year to Date	\$10,200.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$9,079.50
11/12 Budget Shortage	(\$1,120.50)
Maintenance Fund July 10	\$540.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$1,520.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$389,280.00
Total Collections	\$390,800.00
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

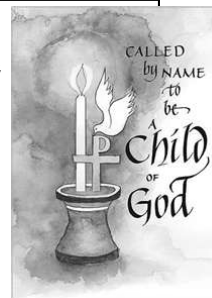
Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

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.