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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*August 28, 2011 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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*Take up  
your*

*CROSS*

*and  
follow me*

Ramblings!

This weekend the parish begins to once again celebrate the Catechetical Ministry. It is a ministry we have all been involved in on many different levels throughout our lives. We are catechists all the time!

The Greek word catechesis means "to echo or to resound" We are all called to echo the faith that has been passed on to us. Catechesis is not just book learning and memorization. The primary objective of catechesis is to form disciples of Jesus. It is an interior journey to one's heart and back out to the world so that God's love and mercy and compassion is witnessed and shared, is echoed and resounded throughout the entire universe!

The National Catechetical Directory states that there are six tasks of catechesis, faith education, liturgical education and practice, moral formation, prayer, community life and missionary education. So as we live our faith and witness that faith we do so by teaching the faith, practicing liturgy, practicing prayer, furthering moral formation of ourselves and the world and sharing Christian community with one another and the world all around us.

We share our faith by word and example. By teaching scripture and the traditions of our faith and how to live them out in loving, joyful service to those around us!

We teach liturgy by our participation at worship and how we are fed and strengthened to live our lives as the Body of Christ in our every day, ordinary lives!

We teach prayer both formal and spontaneous whenever "two or three are gathered in my name". Our prayerful stance to each other is witnessed in how we treat and hold each other as disciples of Jesus.

We provide moral formation as we live out our commitment to discipleship as we reflect through the lens of faith and justice on the events of our community.

We immerse our students into the life of the community by showing them good and faithful disciples in action through us!

We teach the mission and message of Jesus as we continue to reach out to those around us in the community and the world.

So as we begin our new catechetical season with registration let us prayerfully discern how we will best be mentors and teachers for our young people as they learn the ways of our faith. May we continue to model love in action!

Fr Terry





## Religious Education Registration

As you ready your child for another year of learning, be sure to include his/her spiritual learning in the back to school

process. It is just as important as reading, writing and arithmetic in their personal development. By baptizing your child, you have shown a commitment to guiding your child in spiritual development. You are invited to renew that commitment by registering your child/children in the Religious Education Program of St. Irenaeus.

- Registration for Religious Education is ongoing Monday – Friday from 9am – 5pm in the rectory office.
- There will be a special registration weekend after all the masses August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Students registering after September 1<sup>st</sup> will be assessed a \$10 late fee per family.
- Classes begin September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

## Teachers & Office Assistants Needed!

Consider sharing your Time & Talent with the children of St. Irenaeus.



Patient, caring, faith filled and creative adults are needed to help the children of our parish grow in their faith. If you are interested in participating in this ministry please contact Michelle Helson 708.748.7997 to discuss this opportunity. Tuition discounts are available for children whose parents or grandparents regularly assist in the program.

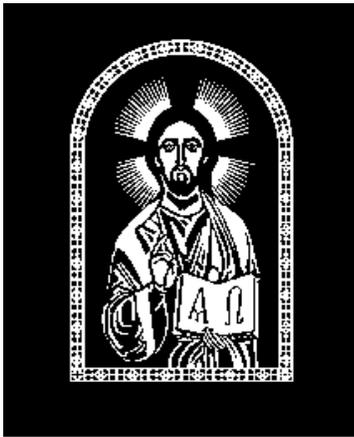
## Taste of St. Irenaeus

The Taste of St. Irenaeus will be held in the gym from noon until 2PM on September 18.. As always we will have samplings from many ethnicities for your tasting pleasure. There will be a great raffle as well as the availability of beer and wine for purchase as well as water and soft drinks. It is never too early to think about chipping in and lending a hand. We have a few tables that need chair people. This involves calling around and getting folks to cook/bake for your ethnic table. We also need cooks for all of the tables and set up and take down people. Something like this takes a lot of effort and many hands make light work. The set up will be done at 9AM, Saturday, September 17.

ETHNIC TABLE	CHAIRPERSON(S)	TELEPHONE
Jamaican	Rita and Rudolph Thompson	754-8827
Nigerian		
Greek	Helen Funk	747-3536
Mexican		
Italian	Mary Rosenquist	534-1265
German	Karen Ertl	747-5632
American	Barb Ostroski	748-7511
African-American	Sevena Davis	748-2408
Eastern European	Diane Cash	363-4082
Irish	Linda & Moira Differding	748-3287
Phillipino	Del Sagun	908-0525

If you wish to contribute a dish, chair an unchaired table, or work at an ethnic table, contact the chairperson. If you have questions or want to add muscle to help set up, contact Mary Jane Riopelle (748-6205). Let's work together to make this Taste the best ever!

Reminder: There will be a meeting on September 6th at 7:00 PM in Rm 8 of the RE Center. All chairs and interested persons are asked to attend.



## Why and How Have the Mass Texts Been Revised?

The words we say and hear at every Mass are about to be changed. The changes will not affect the scripture readings, the prayers of the faithful, or your favorite hymns. The changes will be to the words we pray or sing at every Mass and to the prayers that the priest recites from the big book called the Sacramentary. The Sacramentary is now going to be called The Roman Missal.

The third edition of The Roman Missal in Latin was published in 2002. The English translation dates back to 1973. After using this English translation for a generation, it has been revised to come in line with the current Latin translation. These revised translations will have more depth and should bring you to a better understanding of the value of your faith.

The new translation is more formal and though challenging, you will see how the traditional words we use for prayer come from the words of scripture. The longer sentences in the new translation will express more nuances of meaning. The new text will express why we pray and why we hope and how we present ourselves before God. The new verbiage will add freshness to the new Missal as it avoids the needless repetition of some well worn words.

The translation from the Latin that we now use takes some freedom from the structure and content of the original Latin. This translation has served us well. It bridged the gap from praying the Mass in Latin to praying the Mass in English. The translation into the vernacular is here to stay but the original texts in Latin have been reexamined. Some of the changes are small but others are much larger. For example, the Lamb of God has not changed at all but the first part of the Gloria was completely rewritten. The church wanted a translation that says better says what the Latin says.

Many people worked on this project. It was guided by The International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL). Eleven bishops from around the world met. They looked at translations from teams of experts. Back and forth went these translations from the teams of experts to the eleven bishops to the conference of bishops to the ICEL committee and again and again and again. The final translations were sent to Rome where the Congregation of Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments made some final adjustments and approved them.

You will ultimately find some parts you love, and others you don't like at first. Remember that change is hard for everyone. After a time when the new prayers and responses become as familiar as the old ones, we should be able to pray more purposefully at Mass.

Next week – The time line (Lots of work went into this!)



If you were at Saturday night mass this past weekend, you probably noticed something “different” going on in the Sanctuary...we had an interpreter for the hearing-impaired, “signing” mass for us! Kristina Stewart will be signing at different

masses for the next few weeks so that she can be introduced to our parish family. Kristina has had many years experience signing and has been a teacher for special needs children for over a decade now. She has a deep desire to share her talents in this ministry and we are so lucky to have her here with us. Kristina will be signing at the 10:30 mass this weekend and at the 8:30 mass on September 4th. Please welcome her when you see her!!!!

## FIRST WEEKEND OF THE MONTH FOOD PROJECT SEPTEMBER- 3-4

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.



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An effortless way to donate to St. Irenaeus

## Welcome Chili's & Walgreens

Chili's Discount  
\$25 gift card = 11%



Walgreens Discount  
\$25 & \$100 cards = 6%



\$100 Speedway = \$4 donation to the church

\$100 Target = \$2 donation to the church

\$25 Macy's = \$2.50 donation to the church

Join us in raising money for St. Irenaeus

## Knights of Columbus



On Friday, September 16 and Saturday, September 17, 2011 the Knights of Columbus statewide will conduct a drive to raise funds for "People with Intellectual Disabilities." Nina Council solicited funds to aid this endeavor at various locations in Park Forest, Richton Park, Matteson and Olympia Fields. Donors received a Tootsie Roll in appreciation of their gifts. All of the monies raised in this Drive are donated to worthy causes in this area. If you would care to make a donation through the mail, send it to Post Office Box 312, Park Forest, IL 60466. The Knights of Columbus, Nina Council #3602 covers the parishes of St. Irenaeus, St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Mary's.

## 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, August 29**

**The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist**

8:00 Anne Von Behren req by  
Bill & Cathy Williams

**Tuesday, August 30**

8:00 Anthony & Sylvia Principali req by  
The Family

**Wednesday, August 31**

8:00 Maureen Garren req by  
The Differding Family

**Thursday, September 1**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, September 2**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, September 3**

**St. Gregory the Great**

5:00 Steve Cardin req by  
Terri & Ben Cardin  
Ray Panka req by  
Bob & Dolly

**Sunday, September 4**

8:30 Al & Madeleina Kokklenberg req by  
Mary Lou Francesconi  
10:30 The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

**August 28, 2011**

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"What profit would there be for one to gain  
the whole world and forfeit his life?"*

*- Matthew 16:26*

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember,  
you are what you are in the eyes of God, and  
nothing else." We often forget this  
stewardship wisdom when we spend all of  
our time, talent and treasure to gain more of  
the world's riches. We need to set our  
priorities based on God's values and not the  
values of the material world.

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, September 3 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Tim Blumenthal, Loren Bowns, Sam Bowns

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Sally Fortune, Eileen Rose, Richard Marvin,  
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Laurie Miller,  
Barbara Principali, Bob Steiert

**Cantor**

Faye Predny

**Altar Servers**

Karen Ertl

**Sunday, September 4 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Mary Jane Riopelle, Chris Blue, Gerry Berish

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Carol McCullough, Marilyn Carroll,  
Jim Francisconi, Chrys Rudnik,  
Laura Hennessy, Richard Thomas,  
Sara Veldhuizen

**Cantor**

Melva LeBlanc

**Altar Servers**

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist

**Sunday, September 4 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

Phil Schwartz, Marilyn Bourgeois,

Arthur Bourgeois

**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**

Doris Foster, Sandy Winder, Linda Marron,  
Vincent Oganwu, Dave Perkins, Rita Oganwu,  
Gary Marron

**Cantor**

Phil Schwartz

**Altar Servers**

Vincent Oganwu Jr., Stephanie Sagun,  
Elysia Sawyers

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT 2011 ST. IRENAEUS PARISH

As of August 22, 2011

PARISH 2011 GOAL:	\$15,161.40
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$12,740.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$11,810.00
BALANCE DUE:	\$930.00

## ***Church Stewardship***

### **Budget Information - 8**

	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
August 21 Collection	\$4,549.00
Thank you to the 139 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$3,778.00
Loose Money	\$771.00
Budget Year to Date	\$40,800.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$35,384.51
<b>11/12 Budget Shortage</b>	<b>(\$5,415.49)</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund Aug. 21</b>	<b>\$390.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund YTD</b>	<b>\$5,936.00</b>
<b>Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.</b>	<b>\$389,280.00</b>
<b>Total Collections</b>	<b>\$395,216.00</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$321,232.33</b>
<b>Assumption</b>	<b>\$510.00</b>

### ***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***

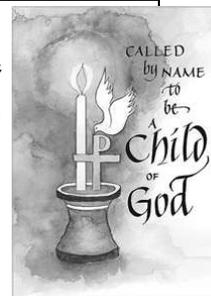
Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

### ***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.



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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](mailto: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.