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9-11 Ten Years Later: How Have We Changed?

(This article was sent to me by the Congregation of St Joseph. I thought it was a wonderful way to remember the tenth anniversary of 9-11)

We all have our stories: where we were when we heard that a plane had crashed into one of the World Trade Center Towers...then the slow realization that this was not a horrible accident, but an intentional, deliberate, violent action. We remember how we felt when we saw the Towers fall the first time...and then, when we saw the thousands of replays of those terrifying moments. We remember our helplessness, our sadness and our unified grief for the nearly 3,000 lives lost and for the families and friends who loved them.

Indeed, we well remember the horror, the shock, and the fear. But in the ten years that have passed since that unthinkable day, what have we learned about ourselves, about war, and about peace? How have we invited the events of 9-11 to change us?

If you take the time to Google that question, you will find a hope-filled array of responses from people who have made intentional choices to become bearers of peace in the world. They are people just like you and me who have let the words of a favorite childhood song sink into their bones and ooze back out again: *"Let there be peace on Earth, and let it begin with me...."* They are people who are making conscious, daily efforts to live Gandhi's message of peace in their daily lives: *"Be the change you want to see in the world."* They are people who have embraced the Gospel challenge of Jesus: *"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."*

Politics are complicated, and the daily news would have us believe that we are no better off than we were on September 10, 2001. But if you seek the good news that does not make it onto the front page...if you read the titles of best-selling books in spirituality and religion, if you take notice of the number of people who are seeking a deeper relationship with God, you will know that this is not everyone's truth. For many, our hearts are softening; our prayer and actions are making a difference. In response to a day of deep darkness, many are choosing to become light for the world.

On this tenth anniversary of 9-11, let's choose to remember the faces of those whose lives ended because of fear and hate. More importantly, let's commit to letting go of fear and hate in our own hearts, living instead lives of peaceful action within our families, our neighborhoods, and our communities. Let's make a choice to be the change we want to see. All of Creation is counting on us.

Prayer for Peace in our Country and our World at a Time of Unrest

God of mercy and justice,
Filled with concern, we bring our troubled hearts
to you.
Our country and our world are in need of your
mercy;
Our hearts are in need of healing.
Relieve the suffering of your people
here in our own country and throughout the
world.
May people everywhere –
especially women, children and those who are
poor –
find refuge from war, violence, fear and hunger.

Send your spirit of wisdom upon the leaders of
nations,
that the resolution of our conflicts be marked
by justice and mercy.
Send your Spirit of unity upon all people
that we might recognize our sisters and brothers
all around us.
Today, may we be instruments of your healing
and peace.
May we find ways to put into practice
your all-inclusive, welcoming love
and so bring unity to a divided world
community. Amen. – Sister Pat Kozak, CSJ

Fr. Terry

P.S. I will be away in Racine this weekend at the Dominican Retreat Center for class.

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.

<u>ETHNIC TABLE</u>	<u>CHAIRPERSON(S)</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Jamaican	Rita and Rudolph Thompson	754-8827
Nigerian	Nneka Green	983-9903
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!



Religious Education Registration

As you ready your child for another of 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.
- Classes begin September 25th 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.



Parts of the Mass

The Mass has a fundamental structure. This has come down through the centuries. Each part of the Mass has its own purpose and meaning. The order of the Mass is reviewed in this article.

The Mass begins with the Introductory Rites. They come before the Liturgy of the Word. They include the Entrance, The Greeting, the Penitential Act, the Kyrie, the Gloria and the Collect. To those in the pews, it becomes the procession, Father's greeting, the "I confess to Almighty God...", the Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, the "Glory to God in the highest...", and finally the prayer read by the priest when the altar server brings him the Sacramentary. This

prepares us who have come to worship to properly listen to the word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The Introductory Rites are followed by the Liturgy of the Word. Readings come from sacred scripture with a chant occurring between them led by the cantor. After the Gospel is read, the homily, the Profession of Faith and the Prayers of the faithful conclude the Liturgy of the Word. Just a brief note that the Creed comes from the Councils of Nicea (AD 325) and Constantinople (AD381). The prayers of the faithful are generated to include the current world and parish situations.

The Canon of the Mass is called the Eucharistic Prayer or the anaphora. It is the central part of the Mass. It is the prayer of thanksgiving and the consecration. It begins with the Preface Dialogue, the three calls and responses between the priest and the people. It ends with the final Doxology or when the priest begins, "Through Him, and with Him, and in Him...", and we respond Amen. During the Canon, the priest asks the Holy Spirit to come and sanctify the offerings of bread and wine. This is called the Epiclesis. That is followed by the actual Consecration when the priest says Jesus' actual words and elevates the host and chalice. Through these actions, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. The Consecration is followed by the Anamnesis which in Greek means I remember. This includes all of the prayers after the Consecration. The Consecration ends with the Doxology which concludes with the great Amen of the people.

Now what we all came for and too many of us consider the preceding parts of the Mass as frosting on the cake. Perhaps through these articles you will come to a new understanding of the Whole Mass. It is now time for the Communion Rite. We prepare for Communion with the Our Father, the Rite of Peace, and the breaking of the bread by the priest, as Jesus broke it at the Last Supper. This is called the Fraction. After we have received Communion, a prayer we read to express our gratitude for the mysteries celebrated and received.

Finally we come to the Concluding Rite. After a few announcements and the priest's blessing, we are dismissed by either the deacon or the priest. The dismissal charges us to go back and do good works and praise and bless God. The priest, deacon and all others on the altar bow in reverence to the altar and begin the processional to the rear of the church.

My greatest hope as I prepare these articles for the Pillar each week is that I am preparing you for the upcoming Roman Missal changes. I also hope you will learn more about your faith and that if you have question, you will ask them of the priest or deacon.

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\$25 & \$100 gift cards = 5%



DSW \$25 gift card = 9%
Cabela's \$25 & \$100 gift cards = 11%
Darden (Olive Garden, Red Lobster, Longhorn Steakhouse) \$25 gift card = 9%

Join us in raising money for St. Irenaeus



St. Irenaeus Parish Coffee and...

A gathering of families and friends in an atmosphere of community and fellowship. Please join us in the back of the church.

Due to the Taste of St. Irenaeus being on September 18 Coffee and... will be the following week.

Date: September 25 2011

Time: After 8:30 and 10:30 mass

Coffee and... will continue on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

Can You Help

There is a gentleman in the parish who just secured employment and is looking for either a ride to work, from work or both on some days. He is working at 191st and LaGrange Road. His hours are 6 am to 4:30 pm. If you go out that way in the morning might you consider taking him or picking him up? He is also looking for a used car to purchase. And they are in need of a vacuum cleaner. If you are able to help please call Fr Terry at the Parish Office.

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, September 12

The Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 John McCullough req by
The Family

Tuesday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
The Principali Family

Wednesday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Thursday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, September 16

Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, September 17

St. Robert Bellarmine; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Richard & Emma Cross req by
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

Sunday, September 18

8:30 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer
William & Margaret Gimbel req by
Bette & Harlen Smith

10:30 Becie Kennedy req by
The Family
Ted & Jeanne Goehler req by
His Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, September 17 5:00 pm

Lectors

Bob Carreras, Loren Bowns, Sam Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Bob Steiert, Richard Marvin, Jim Silvia,
Sally Fortune, Beverly Helm, Eileen Rose,
Therese Goodrich

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, September 18 8:30 am

Lectors

Helen Silvia, Mary Schmittgens,
Gene Schmittgens

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Thomas, Laurie Miller,
Laura Hennessy, Gerry Berish, Chrys Rudnik,
Dennis Condon, Marilyn Carroll

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, September 18 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Mike Gonzalez,
Adele Perkins

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Rita Oganwu, Kathy Anderson, Linda Marron,
Pat Benjamin, Doris Foster, Sevena Merchant,
Gary Marron

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Michael Adami,
Vincent Adami

September 11, 2011

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"None of us lives for oneself...whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:7-8

Whatever we have in this life, we have because God gave it to us. We may think that we get all the credit for our success. However, the reality is that we are only working with the gifts that God gave us – including our family background, our natural abilities, our education and the opportunities that have crossed our paths. All of these are gifts from God. Our very lives are a gift from God and thus belong to Him. This is why we must take time every day to ask God how He wants us to use the life He has given us.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 10

	\$5,100.00
September 4 Collection	\$5,564.00
Thank you to the 133 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,848.00
Loose Money	\$716.00
Budget Year to Date	\$51,000.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$45,744.51
11/12 Budget Shortage	(\$5,255.49)
Maintenance Fund Sept. 4	\$1,155.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$7,529.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$389,280.00
Total Collections	\$396,809.00
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

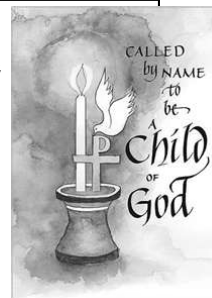
Couples planning to marry must call the rectory at least six months prior to their desired wedding date. All couples must attend a Pre-Cana Conference.

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.



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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.