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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

November 13, 2011 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember & Pray for our Deceased Parishioners

Patrick O'Connor

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Shirley Mae Dwyer

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Dorothy Cullinan

John Devlin

Merle Arr

Dorothy Baeuerlen

Cecile Roop

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Frank Barber

Marlene Hamill

Orville Ponto

Roland Senesac

There is a special table of remembrance at St. Joseph's altar during the month of November. Photographs of family and friends who preceded us will be honored throughout the month leading to Advent.



Ramblings

During the last couple of months the parish has been running a series of articles in the bulletin on the upcoming changes in the Liturgy. They have been written by Mary Jane Riopelle who has done research using sources from the Office of Divine Worship in Chicago and articles from Loyola Press here in Chicago. I hope they have been helpful to some degree for all of us.

I would like to reflect a bit on the changes that will begin on the First Sunday of Advent, November 26 and 27, 2011, in just a couple of weeks. When I consider the new translations I try to reflect on worship and liturgy and prayer here at St. Irenaeus as it is already lived out.

For many of us this is the time we gather as community and as the People of God. We gather in "spirit and truth", we gather in our diversity, we gather as the Body of Christ. We gather in prayer as a people searching for God, searching for the source and summit of who we are as individuals and as a community of believers. We gather to offer all we are at the altar so that we might be transformed into the living Body of Christ in all the universe.

NONE OF THAT WILL CHANGE! I say it again **NONE OF THAT WILL CHANGE!!**
As a community of faith we stand on the shoulders of all those who have gone before us and laid the foundation of community, faith and compassion which are some of the hallmarks of our church. We will continue to celebrate that each time we gather to give thanks and praise to the one who creates us and to the one with whom we are co-creators!

While some this may seem annoying and even silly, it can also be a help in becoming more conscious and aware of how we are praying and how we pray as a community and as individuals. It can help us be more aware and conscious of our words and actions as we worship together as community. Being more conscious of our prayer helps our hearts and minds be more open to the movement of the spirit and the presence of Jesus in our lives and in the community gathered at liturgy.

All worship is meant to offer praise and thanks to God, that is the meaning of Eucharist in Greek. It is our way to acknowledge, as Karl Rahner suggests in his Liturgy of the World, whereby all of creation--everything and everyone--is offered to the Creator as gift when we gather. Being in this "attitude of gratitude" is essential to living our faith and living it in the world. Gratitude acknowledges and recognizes our need for God and the truth that all life is God's gift and blessing to us.

At worship we remember that we are a holy people gathered together as one. We are part of a whole cadre of creations who bring all we are to offer to God. We are God's work of art! When we process forward to the altar to receive the body and blood of Jesus we acknowledge again who we are as disciples of Jesus. We express our union, our connectedness, our relationship with God and with one another. The sign of peace is more than a sign of friendship and camaraderie. It is an expression of our interconnectedness in Jesus the Christ.

Bottom line is that we come together to know the power of our faith in community and in the Eucharist. As we begin to experience these changes may we open ourselves to the Spirit that she might renew us and enliven us and bring the Risen Jesus once again into our hearts.

Peace, Fr Terry

**Vicariate VI and Catholic Theological Union
South Suburban Adult Faith Formation Series
2011-2012**

"Eucharist and Discipleship"

Anthony Gittins, CSSP

Monday, November 14, 2011 7-8:30 p.m.

**Host Parish: St. Irenaeus Parish
78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466
Telephone: 708-748-6891**

"Preview of the Lectionary for Lent"

Sallie Latkovich, CSJ

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 7-8:30 p.m.

**Host Parish: St. Lawrence O'Toole
4101 Saint Lawrence Ave., Matteson, IL 60443
Telephone: 708-748-6090**

"Eucharist and Social Justice"

Speaker: Rev. Richard Fragomeni

Monday, March 19, 2012 7-8:30 p.m.

**Host Parish: Infant Jesus of Prague Parish
1131 Douglas Ave. Flossmoor, IL 60422
708-799-5400**

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A free will offering will help defray costs for the each evening.

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THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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160 Westwood Drive Park Forest, IL

Guest Speaker~Honorable Judge Linzey Jones



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011 ~ 3:00 P.M.

*As your offering, you may bring non perishable food items to assist in providing **food** for those in our area serviced by The Rich Township Food Pantry, donate new or "like new" **shoes** to provide aid in the global relief efforts for victims of the Haiti disaster or offer monetary donations to support our local P.A.D.S. **shelters** sites.*



Advent/ Christmas Book Sale

Bethany Retreat

House will be here with an Advent/Christmas book sale November 19-20 in the vestibule for the weekend liturgies. Sister Joyce Diltz will be happy to help you find just the right book for your Advent reading and for that special someone on your gift list. The bookstore offers a wide selection of adult and children's books, including titles on prayer and meditation, spirituality, personal growth, journaling, scripture, loss and grieving, and more. There are also CDs of meditation and liturgical music.

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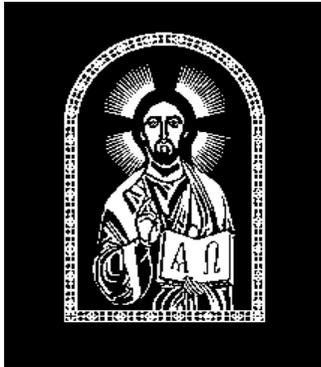
(Bring Your Own Rake)

Clean Up Day Saturday,

November 19th 10:00 A.M.

It won't be long before the leaves will be falling and the grounds will need all those leaves picked up. We need help cleaning up the grounds, men and women, boys and girls of all ages to become part of the cleanup. You don't have to be especially talented...just willing to do yard work. Please bring a rake or a leaf blower if you are able. We will have a chili lunch when we are finished. Please call the rectory 708-748-6891 to volunteer.

The Concluding Rites



This is the end of the Mass. We are listening to a few parish announcements. We are putting on our coats. We are looking for that final hymn in the missal. Listen now for yet a few more changes.

In response to "The Lord be with you", we respond, "And with your spirit". After the solemn blessing, we simply respond, "Amen". Now comes the dismissal where the priest has a few options. He may say, "Go forth, the Mass is ended," "Go and announce the gospel of the Lord," "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life," or just, "go in peace". We are being told to go into the world on a mission. While the dismissal words may be new, we still respond, "Thanks be to God". It should be

spoken with genuine praise for our God. We are saying we thank you God for all you have done for us and we will accept that mission.

Well my fellow parishioners, you have been slowly become familiar with the New Roman Missal over 14 weeks. Some of the changes will hardly be noticed while others may seem almost insurmountable. The word consubstantial in the Nicene Creed is a lot to wrap your head around. This one word will be the most talked about and will raise the most eyebrows. Keep your vision on the fact that a few new words do not change the meaning of the Mass nor why we attend Mass.

After we have prayed the same words of the Mass for many years, both the priest and the people will be given an opportunity to become more conscious of what we are praying. Perhaps our hearts will be transformed as we are forced to move away from rote responses.

The words we use at Mass form us and shape us as Catholics. These prayers tell us what we believe about God, about Jesus, and about our relationship with them. The words that we pray now and in the near future have the power to transform us. I challenge you to allow yourself to be transformed!

This Advent we are offering another form of prayer life for our community to experience in Solemn Evening Prayer, also known as Vespers from the Liturgy of the Hours. We will celebrate Vespers each Sunday evening of Advent at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. Please come add your presence, prayer and voice to this sacred time as we wait in anticipation for the coming of the Christ Child. Worship aids will be available to outline the various parts so there is no need to be familiar with the prayer form ahead of time. Additionally, since Vespers is celebrated in many faith traditions world-wide, please feel free to bring a neighbor or friend with you! If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office, 748-6891.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettia Tree



Since 2001, a ten-foot high red poinsettia tree has adorned our altar on Christmas. Each plant that makes up the tree is purchased by a parishioner in memory of a loved one then

taken home by the donor. The names of all the people you want to remember are printed in a special memory book and kept on the altar until the last day of the Christmas season.

Please order your memorial poinsettia plant now at \$10.00 for each plant. The envelopes are at the side altars. Put your envelope and check in the collection basket by November 27, 2011. We will assemble the Poinsettia Tree at the front altar Christmas Eve morning. You take home your red plant December 25th after the 10:30 Mass. Call Chris Blue for information at 747-2752.

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: Call to schedule

Place: Religious Education Center / Room #5 (Computer Lab)

Contact: Phyllis Bacon 708-527-6834 to schedule day and time.

Jobs Crisis: Stand Up, Speak Out, Show Solidarity

Join concerned citizens and community based advocates coming together to share facts, experiences, and opportunities for united action related to the unemployment and underemployment crisis and its effects on the lives of so many in the south suburbs.

The meeting will take place Tuesday, November 15, 2011, 7:00-9:00 PM, Sacred Heart Church Meeting Room, 337 S. Ottawa Street in Joliet, Illinois. The event will be videotaped and shared with local, state and federal elected officials.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 14

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
The Delehanty Family

Tuesday, November 15

St. Albert the Great

8:00 Andrew Tempco req by
The Lindecker Family

Wednesday, November 16

St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertude

8:00 Michael Back req by
Bob & Sylvia Lindecker

Thursday, November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, November 18

**Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles
Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine
Duchesne**

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, November 19

Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Dorothy Baeuerlen req by
Barbara Principali

Sunday, November 20

8:30 Joseph Urbanski req by
Bette & Harlan Smith

10:30 Robert Goetzke req by
The Staff of St. Irenaeus

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, November 19 5:00 pm

Lectors

Dolly Mikolajczyk, Helen Silvia,
Tim Blumenthal

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Beverly Helm, Bob Steiert, Eileen Rose,
Sally Fortune, Joe Augustyn,
Barbara Principali, Richard Marvin

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, November 20 8:30 am

Lectors

Gerry Bereish, Mary Jane Riopelle,
Laurie Miller

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

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

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Kevin Headly, Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl

Sunday, November 20 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Mike Gonzalez,
Adele Perkins

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sandy Winder, Raye Warkenthien,
Rita Oganwu, Connie Rice, Kathy Anderson,
Vincent Oganwu, Pat Benjamin

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu Jr., Michael Adami,
Vincent Adami

November 13, 2011

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Well done, my good and faithful servant...
Come, share your master’s joy.”*

- Matthew 25:21

The master’s words of praise and welcome for the servant who used his talents well are the same words that each of us hopes to hear when we meet God face to face. *“Well done, my good and faithful servant...Come, share your master’s joy.* We use our “talents” well when we live simply, make God a priority in our lives and share our gifts with others.

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St. Irenaeus**

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 19

	\$5,100.00
November 6 Collection	\$5,748.92
Thank you to the 154 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.	
Money collected\envelopes	\$4,683.00
Loose Money	\$1,065.92
Budget Year to Date	\$96,900.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$88,144.55
11/12 Budget Shortage	(\$8,755.45)
Maintenance Fund Nov. 6	\$1,164.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$12,566.00
Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$389,280.00
Total Collections	\$401,846.00
Total Expenditures	\$321,232.33
All Souls	\$350.00
All Saints	\$634.00

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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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.