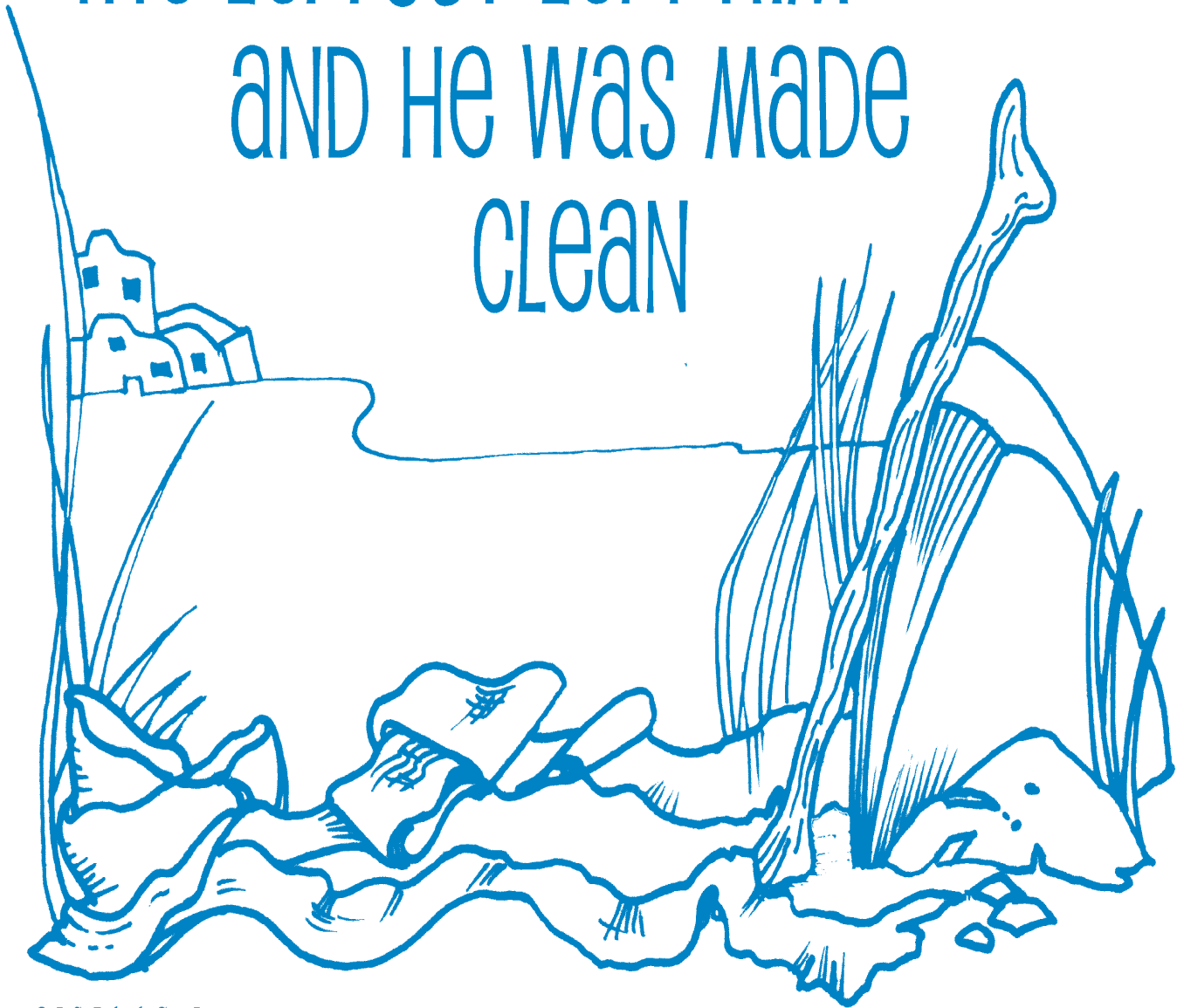




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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois
February 12, 2012 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

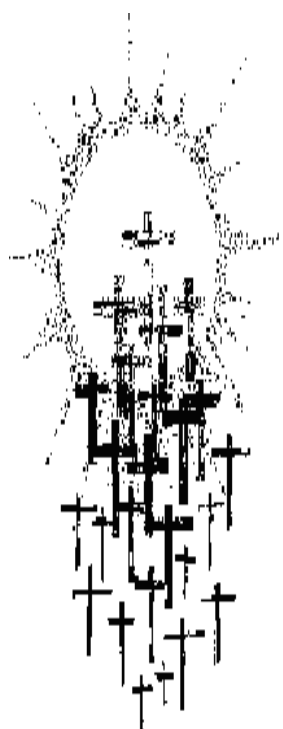
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St Irenaeus Parish Lenten Theme 2012: Christ Be Our Light

"Christ be our light, shine in your church gathered today." Often, as we gather as the Body of Christ we sing this refrain and acknowledge that Christ shines in the community gathered for prayer and worship.

Christ Our Light shines in the midst of the ordinary events of our lives, in our families, in our communities and in our hearts as we journey along the path of faith as disciples of Jesus. And so as we approach the beginning of this Lenten Season 2012 we look to Christ to continue to be that light in our lives that leads us and guides us and nurtures us into wholeness and peace. May this Lenten Season be filled with light, joy and peace!



Lenten Faith Sharing Groups 2012

Please consider joining a group of fellow parishioners so that you might journey together this Lent as we walk in the Light of Christ.

Date	Time	Location	Facilitator
Sunday	4-5:30 PM	449 Tamarack PF	Jim/Marilyn Scherbarth
Monday	1-2:30 PM	Parish Office	Mary Jane Riopelle
Monday	7-8:30 PM	223 Mantua PF	Mary and Gene Schmittgens
Wednesday	10-11:15 AM	Room 8	Sylvia Lindecker
Wednesday	7-8:30 PM	Room 8	Derek Lindecker
Thursday	7-8:30 PM	Parish Office	Tony Pisterzi George Stapleton
Friday	7:30-9:00 PM	78 Westwood	Joyce Hempen

Our Lenten and Holy Week schedule is as follows:

Wednesday Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Mass with distribution of Ashes at 8:00 AM and 7:00PM Word Service with distribution of Ashes 4:00 PM
Sunday March 4	Eucharistic Adoration after 10:30 liturgy ending with Benediction at 3:00 PM
Sunday March 18	Parish Reconciliation Service 2:00 PM
Palm Sunday April 1	5:00 PM 8:30 AM 10:30 AM
Holy Thursday April 5	8:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:30 PM Potluck In the RE Center
Good Friday April 6	12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross 3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday April 7	10:00 AM Easter Basket Blessing In church 8:00 PM Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday April 8	8:30 AM 10:30 AM
Stations of the Cross	Lenten Fridays 12 Noon In Church

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

"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

**Come and take part in this wonderful faith-sharing opportunity with fellow Catholics!
A free will offering will help defray costs for the each evening.**

Upcoming Knights of Columbus Events

On Tuesday, February 14, 2012, NINA Council of the Knights of Columbus will host a Marriage Vow Renewal Ceremony at St. Mary's Church on Monee Road, Park Forest at 7:15pm. The Knights have been doing this for many years and the entire parishes of St. Mary's, St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Irenaeus are encouraged to come. Other citizens and parishes are also welcome to attend this 15 minute event which truly expresses what Valentines Day is all about. A Spaghetti Dinner will follow in Ryan Hall - a \$8.00 per person/\$15.00 per couple donation would be appreciated.

On Friday, February 24, 2012, NINA Council will begin their Annual Lenten Fish Fry at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Sullivan Center at 5:00pm to 7:30pm. The menu includes fish, shrimp, green beans, macaroni & cheese, Cole slaw, bread & coffee at prices that range from \$4.00 for a child's portion of Mac & cheese to \$10.00 for an adult's combo platter. The Fish Fry will also be held on March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th. These are the Fish Fry's that the KC certificates given out on the 9-11 event at St. LOT's were meant for. So, bring them in for redemption.

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.



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Buy A Manna Gift Card Today!

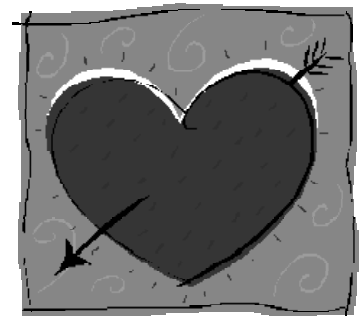
*Don't Forget About
Valentine's Day*



The Manna Program provides
year-round fund raising for
Saint Irenaeus!

By using Manna gift cards, you can give
3% -30% of your everyday purchases
back to the church.

Let's Make A Difference—together!



Islamic Mysticism and Spirituality

with Scott Alexander

Associate Professor of Islam at Catholic Theological Union
and Director of the Catholic-Muslim Studies Program



Catholic Theological Union invites you to participate in a series of lectures on Islamic Mysticism and Spirituality with Scott Alexander, Associate Professor of Islam. These lectures will take place **Monday evenings, February 13 through May 14, 2012, from 7 to 8:15 p.m.**, and are open to guests for \$15 per lecture, or \$150 for the entire series of twelve lectures. Complimentary parking is available in the CTU garage.

The word most commonly associated with the rich traditions of Islamic spirituality and mysticism is "Sufism" (Ar. tasawwuf). Mention the word, "Sufism," however, in a contemporary Muslim context, and one is liable to receive responses ranging from passionate esteem, to reserved suspicion, to indignant objection. Why is this term, which is most often associated with some of the richest traditions of Muslim

piety and spirituality, so controversial?

This course will attempt to answer this and other questions regarding Sufism by tracing the historical development of Sufi ideas, praxis, and institutions from the early second/eighth century to the present. The course will also encourage students to explore important connections between the various modes of spirituality found within Sufism and any Christian (or other) spiritual traditions with which they may be familiar.

Scott Alexander's interest in Islam dates back to the early 1980s, when he was both witnessing the events of the Islamist revolution in Iran, and concentrating in comparative religion as an undergraduate at Harvard. From 1986 to 1990, Scott taught courses on Islam and the history of religions at Columbia, Fordham, and Princeton University, and in 1991 he took a position on the religious studies faculty of Indiana University in Bloomington where he taught as an assistant professor of Islamic studies from 1993 to 2000. His most recent book project is entitled *The Race to Goodness: an End to Triumphalism in Christian-Muslim Relations* and deals with the inherent contradiction between religious claims to universal truth and the religiously motivated desire to impose this truth on others as a means of political and cultural domination.

To register for this lecture series, fill out the attached form and return it with payment to **Maria de Jesus Lemus, Registrar, 5401 S. Cornell Avenue, Room 375, Chicago, IL 60615**. Checks should be made payable to "Catholic Theological Union." To register online, visit www.ctu.edu/islam_lectures.
Onsite registration will be available for walk-ins at each lecture.

For more information about other Continuing Education Opportunities at CTU,
contact **Keiren O'Kelly** at **773.371.5442** or kokelly@ctu.edu.



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Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 13

8:00 Carl H. King req by
Don & Judy Korte

Tuesday, February 14

Ss. Cyril and Methodius

8:00 Patricia O'Connor

Wednesday, February 15

St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

8:00 Frank T. Michalak req by
Alice Michalak

Thursday, February 16

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, February 17

The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, February 18

Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Angelo Principali req by
The Family

Sunday, February 19

8:30 John Devlin req by
Don & Judy Korte

10:30 Frank M. Wessely req by
The Family
Peter Rubinas req by
The Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 18 5:00 pm

Lectors

Tom Koranda, Bob Carreras, Helen Silvia
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Bev Helm, Sam Bowns, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Bob Steiert, Richard Marvin, Joe Augustyn,
Jim Silvia

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, February 19 8:30 am

Lectors

Chris Blue, John Osmolski, Laurie Miller
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Jim Francesconi, Mark Keth, Laura Hennessy,
Richard Thomas, Walter Cooper,
Eloise Cooper, Sara Veldhuizen

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly

Sunday, February 19 10:30 am

Lectors

Raye Warkenthien, Adele Perkins,
Mike Gonzalez

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Linda Marron, Sevena Merchant,
Richard Guiney, Roy Langer,
Taneisha Langer, Gary Marron,

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Vincent Adami, Elysia Sawyers,
Stephanie Sagun

February 12, 2012

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

- 1 Corinthians 10:31

Are you doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there maybe some other way that you could generously share your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.

The Parish Office will be happy to send you a statement of your 2011 contributions for tax purpose. Please call the office @ 748-6891 if you would like a copy. Thank you for your generosity last year.

Church Stewardship

Budget	\$5,100.00
February 5 Collection	\$5,054.00
Weekly Budget Shortage	(\$46.00)
Budget Year to Date	\$163,200.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$151,036.00
11/12 Budget Shortage	(\$12,164.00)
Maintenance Fund Feb. 5	\$755.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$19,197.00

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.

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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.