



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

February 19, 2012 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

P.S. Fr. Terry is in Racine this weekend.

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Liturgical Catechesis I LENT

Each liturgical season brings its own distinctive vocabulary. The Church sets the season of Lent distinctly apart from the rest of the liturgical year. Some differences are general, like the abandonment of the acclamation, "*Alleluia*", and the use of the color violet; some apply to the Mass, some apply to the Liturgy of the Hours, and some occur during the RCIA rituals. All of these changes, combined with homiletic focus, church decoration (or lack thereof), and music selections, should make the congregation keenly aware that this season is special, and should turn our minds to Lent's two-fold theme of "*repentance*" (to feel sorrow, ask forgiveness, and to change) and "*baptism*". Everything about Lent, its colors, Scripture, music, rites and liturgies, should assist us in this self-reflection.

The most universal liturgical change during the season of Lent is the rubric that strikes the use of "*Alleluia*" from any and every celebration. Both Advent and Lent share the same liturgical color, and both omit the "*Gloria*" from the seasonal Masses, but only Lent forbids the use of "*Alleluia*"—before the Gospel at Mass; at the Introductory Verse for Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer; in any other text, including choral music, vocal music and hymns. "*Alleluia*" or "*Halleluyah*" is of Hebrew origin, meaning "*Praise Yahweh*". It occurs in Scripture, particularly in the Psalms, and is associated with joy and festivity.

The seasonal color for Lent is violet, and any liturgies "*of the season*" (i.e. Sundays and weekdays of Lent) require this color, with the exception of *Laetare Sunday* (the 4th Sunday of Lent) when rose-colored vestments are traditionally worn. *Laetare* means "Rejoice" in Latin, and the entrance antiphon is from Isaiah 66:10-11, which begins "*Laetare, Jerusalem*" or "*Rejoice, O Jerusalem*". *Laetare Sunday* has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened. The passage from Isaiah continues, "rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow," and on *Laetare Sunday*, the purple vestments and altar cloths of Lent are set aside, and rose ones are used instead. Flowers, which are normally forbidden during Lent, may be placed on the altar. Traditionally, the organ was never played during Lent, except on *Laetare Sunday*. The point of *Laetare Sunday* is to provide us encouragement as we progress toward the end of this penitential season.

During Lent the altar is not to be decorated with flowers, and the use of musical instruments is allowed only to support the singing (exceptions: *Laetare Sunday, solemnities, and feasts*).

Organ preludes and postludes should be conspicuously lacking from Lenten liturgies. One might take this rubric a step further by exploring the use of *a cappella* music (without instrumental accompaniment) with choirs and most particularly with the congregation. The recessional hymn is not a part of the official liturgy, which ends with the dismissal ("*The Mass is ended*" ... "*Thanks be to God*"). Dismissal with a Closing Song sung without any accompaniment, to dissonant bell tones, or in silence, model the stark reminder at the end of Mass that the Lenten season calls for interior reflection and change. Here at Saint Irenaeus, to mark this special seasonal character, we will be dismissing to dissonant bell tones throughout the season of Lent.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, February 20

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
Kathy Hamill

Tuesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian

8:00 Patricia McCartan req by
Pat McCartan

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

8:00 The People of St. Irenaeus
7:00 The People of St. Irenaeus

Thursday, February 23

St. Polycarp

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, February 24

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, February 25

5:00 Mary Panka req by
Bob & Dolly Mikolajczyk

Sunday, February 26

8:30 Marcella Schaefer req by
Don & Judy Korte
10:30 Rita C. Sella req by
Rita L. Sella

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Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 25 5:00 pm

Lectors

Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Tim Blumenthal

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sam Bowns, Joe Augustyn, Sally Fortune,
Terri Cardin, Barbara Principali, Laurie Miller

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, February 26 8:30 am

Lectors

Gerry Berish, Mary Schmittgens, Helen Silvia

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Carol McCullough, Eloise Cooper,
Judy Sopiartz, Mark Keth, Marilyn Olson,
Richard Thomas

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly

Sunday, February 26 10:30 am

Lectors

Adele Perkins, Felicia Jones, Phil Schwartz

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Anna Selling, Richard Guiney, Doris Foster,
Connie Rice, Michelle Helson, Sandy Winder

Cantor

Lori Schwartz

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu, Gary Marron, Linda Marron

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.



Church Stewardship

Budget \$5,100.00

February 12 Collection \$5,466.00

Weekly Budget Over \$366.00

Budget Year to Date \$168,300.00

Total Year to Date \$156,612.00

Budget Shortage TYD (\$11,688.00)

Maintenance Fund Feb. 12 \$497.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$19,694.00

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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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.