



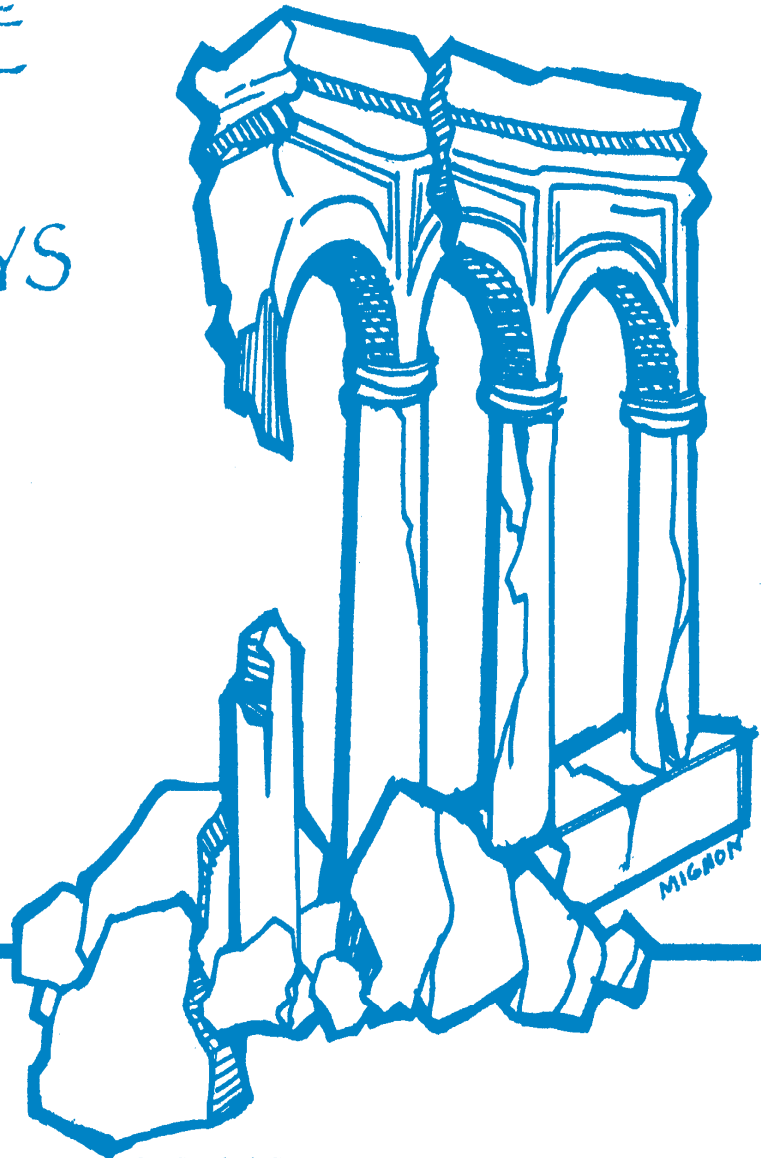
# the Pillar

*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*March 11, 2012 Third Sunday of Lent*

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DESTROY  
THIS TEMPLE  
AND  
IN THREE DAYS  
I WILL  
RAISE  
IT UP



# 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:

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

# CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT!

RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

MARCH 18, 2012

2:00 PM in the Church



**COME JOIN THE PARISH COMMUNITY OF ST IRENAEUS AS WE REJOICE IN  
GOD'S LOVING EMBRACE!**

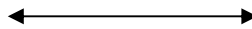
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4*

Have you created idols for yourself in different shapes? An idol can be in the shape of money, sports, fashion, travel, or anything else we value more than God and His Word to us.

## Why We Say What We Say and Do What We Do



On Sunday, March 25, 2012, the Catholic Women's Club of Saint Agnes Parish in Chicago Heights will present a Lenten Retreat, "A Biblical Journey through the Mass." This will be held on the lower level of the Church, Isaiah Hall, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This retreat will give an insight into the actions of the Mass and will explain why we say what we say and do what we do during the Liturgy. You will go deep into the Scriptural roots of the Mass and see the beauty and riches unfold before your eyes like never before.

Adults are invited to attend. Please call Barbara Lupien, 708-747-9194, to reserve your seating. Refreshments will be served.





## PADS NEWS

During Lent we often search for new ways to practice prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The good news is that being part of the P.A.D.S. program offers plenty of opportunities for all of these spiritual practices! As we near the end of this season of serving the homeless, we are still in great need. Will you pray with us for our guests? Will you join us in praying our communities find ways to change the structures and situations that so often lead to homelessness in our society?

Can you donate items? We always need socks. Although we are co-ed, we have an abundance of women's and children's socks. We always run out of men's long crew socks. Can you help us? We also need travel-sized deodorants, shaving cream, toothpaste and brushes as well as disposable razors.

We need *you* as well. Could you be a shopper to stock our pantry or a shift worker for the overnight hours (we particularly need more men for our late night and early morning shifts). Our season ends in May, come join us for a shift one Thursday to see if this is something you could do next year. Although we have people for every shift, we need a back-up list of volunteers. Sometimes we are desperate for a sub, could you commit to just one or two Thursday shifts a season? Contact Jim Silvia at 747-0795.

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## Direct relief assistance renewing poor communities in the Caribbean and Latin America

Food For The Poor, the largest international relief and development organization based in the U.S., is an interdenominational Christian agency working to physically and spiritually renew impoverished people throughout 17 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Established in 1982 as a 501(c)(3) corporation, our goals are to improve the health, economic, social and spiritual conditions of the men, women and children we serve. By working together with like-minded organizations, missionaries, churches and communities in these regions, we ensure that aid reaches those who need it most.

We fulfill our mission by raising funds for development projects and acquiring gifts in kind to provide specifically requested direct relief assistance, which is distributed through our reliable in-country partners.

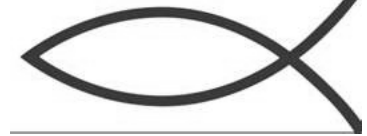
Our hope is that this ministry reflects God's unconditional love, which surrenders all, inspires trust and faith, and embraces all people regardless of race, status or creed. We believe that Christ is alive, and that we can best serve Him by being of assistance to those in the greatest need (**Matthew 25:31-40**). Finally, we stress the need for regular prayer to guide and maintain the purity of our mission, to link the church of the First World with the church of the Third World in a manner that helps both the materially poor and the poor in spirit.

On the weekend of March 24th & 25th Fr. Robert White will speak at all the liturgies about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Fr. White will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. White was ordained for the Diocese of San Diego in 1970. He studied at the Gregorian University in Rome.

**FOOD FOR  
THE POOR**



### Job Club is looking for a few good person's!

Have you ever thought about teaching? . . . or maybe you are a teacher and want to help others learn how to write a resume? . . . cover letter? Maybe you're a retired HR professional and want to help others answer tough interview questions? . . . or an Internet junkie and want to share your skills with others in their search for job leads? . . . or maybe you just want to help others succeed in any way you can?

Job Club is looking to form a committee of parishioners who will act as a tag-team of presenters. You can choose your topic and your time commitment. Phyllis Bacon, Job Club Coordinator, has all the lesson plans and materials needed to present the following topics:

<b>Topic #1:</b> Formulating a Career Objective and Networking	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2 hrs / month
<b>Topic #2:</b> Exploring Job Sites and Building a Personalized URL List	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2 hrs / month
<b>Topic #3:</b> S.T.A.R. ing Your Resume	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 4 hrs / month
<b>Topic #4:</b> Keywords and Cover Letters	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 4 hrs / month
<b>Topic #5:</b> Linked-In / Networking in Cyberspace	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 4 hrs / month
<b>Topic #6:</b> Preparing for an Interview and Thank You Notes	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2 hrs / month
<b>Topic #7:</b> Group Session / When All This Gets Too Much	<b>Time Commitment:</b> 2 hrs / month

. . . or you may want to do your own thing?

Contact Phyllis on the Job Club line at 708-527-6834 and she will be glad to assist you in becoming a member of our Job Club tag-team of presenters.

## Mass Intentions For The Week

### Monday, March 12

8:00 Patricia & Pat McCartan req by  
The Family

### Tuesday, March 13

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

### Wednesday, March 14

8:00 Angelo Principali req by  
The Family

### Thursday, March 15

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, March 16

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, March 17

#### Saint Patrick

5:00 Fr. Daniel O'Sullivan req by  
Alice Michalak

### Sunday, March 18

8:30 Patricia O'Connor  
10:30 Reg & Lorna Green req by  
Reg Green Jr.



The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 23, 2012, at 2:30 PM, at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Couples married in 1962 interested in attending this celebration should contact their parish to register.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312.534.8351 or visit the website:  
[www.familyministries.org](http://www.familyministries.org).



## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, March 17 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Laurie Miller, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Bev Helm  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Sam Bowns, Denise Douglas, Sally Fortune,  
Jim Silvia, Loren Bowns, Terri Cardin,  
Richard Marvin

#### Cantor

Lucy Lopez  
**Altar Servers**  
Myles Greska

### Sunday, March 18 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Mary Jane Riopelle, Chrys Rudnik,  
Jack Osmolski

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Mark Keth, Carol McCullough, Jane Mattio,  
Gerry Berish, Laura Hennessy,  
Jim Francesconi, Marilyn Carroll

#### Cantor

Faye Predny

#### Altar Servers

Karen Ertl, Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly

### Sunday, March 18 10:30 am

#### Lectors

Linda Marron, Vanessa White, Mike Gonzalez

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

David Perkins, Michelle Helson,  
Diane Gonzalez, Pat Benjamin,  
Sevena Merchant, Connie Rice, Anna Selling

#### Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

#### Altar Servers

Stephanie Sagun, Vincent Adami,  
Michael Adami

### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

All Fridays during Lent the NINA Council will have their Annual Lenten Fish Fry at St. Lawrence O'Toole's Sullivan Center serving from 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 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**

March 4 Collection \$5,686.00

Weekly Budget Over \$586.00

Budget Year to Date \$183,600.00

Total Year to Date \$172,810.00

**Budget Shortage TYD (\$10,790.00)**

**Maintenance Fund March 4 \$1,260.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$22,255.00**

### ***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***

***Rectory Phone: 748-6891***

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748-7997***

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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](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.