



# the Pillar

*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*March 18, 2012 Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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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:

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!**

## ***What are the Scrutinies?***

On Sunday, March 11, 2012, we celebrated a rite of sending for RCIA candidate Christina Santiago. Now officially designated as "The Elect", Lent is the final period of spiritual preparation before Christina enters into her full sacramental life at the Easter Vigil.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults designates three Scrutiny Rites as a major component of the Lenten journey. For the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent, we celebrate these "scrutinies" for the elect.

"The scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life."

The Catholic faithful are called to walk with Christina in her journey of spiritual cleansing and growth. Through the ancient penitential practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we search our own hearts and souls for those areas of darkness still in need of God's bountiful mercy and healing. As Christina prays that her sins and weaknesses be removed to embrace the life of faith, so we make the same journey with her, removing any spiritual darkness in our own lives. At Easter the whole Church stands renewed in the waters and the promises of baptism for our salvation and the salvation of the world.

During these next few weeks (the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent), we will be using the optional YEAR 'A' readings for use with the RCIA. The Scrutinies can be found on page 241 in the Breaking Bread Missal.

## **Walking the Labyrinth: "Springing Forward"**

Date: Tuesday, March 20 Time: 7-9 p.m.  
Fee: \$10

The Spring Equinox signals a time to renew ourselves and to begin again. As life is about to "burst forth" all around us, we will take this time to reawaken ourselves spiritually. As we gather, we will use the beginnings of this new season to shift our consciousness back to a place of discovery, and put a "spring" back into our step as we continue on this most sacred journey.

Facilitator: Mary Ann O'Donnell is a licensed Massage Therapist working at the Poverello Holistic Center here at St. Francis Woods. She is also Co-leader of our newly formed group- -A Woman's Sacred Circle



## **“Transformation in a Time of Uncertainty”**

Date: Sunday, March 25 Time: 9:30-4 Fee: \$75 (includes lunch)

*“Our time and place in history brings us to face to face with profound societal impasse...we can find no escape from the world we’ve built...yet it is only in the process of bringing the process to prayer, to the perspective of the God who loves us, that our society will be freed, healed, and changed.”* (Constance Fitzgerald, OCD)

Come and join us to explore the time we are living in through a process that taps into your faith and spirituality. Learn how to listen, speak, and pray in ways that invite conversations among different perspectives and invite you to a new place of understanding and action.

Facilitator: Nancy Sylvester, IHM is Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Communal Contemplation and Dialogue ([www.engagingimpasse.org](http://www.engagingimpasse.org)). She is past President of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious and served as National Coordinator for ten years of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby.



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**Easter is right around the corner!**



# Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

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).



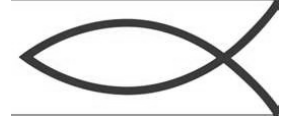
### Direct relief assistance renewing poor communities in the Caribbean and Latin America

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.

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.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**



**March 18, 2012**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16*

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we be generous in making some sacrifices for Him.

### 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 19**

**St. Joseph,**

**Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00 Clarence & Darlene Donarski req by  
Pat McCartan

**Tuesday, March 20**

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

**Wednesday, March 21**

8:00 Pat McCartan req by  
Barbara Principali

**Thursday, March 22**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, March 23**

**St. Turibius de Mogrovejo**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, March 24**

5:00 Pat McCartan req by  
Nancy Snow

**Sunday, March 25**

8:30 Pat McCartan req by  
Don & Judy Korte  
10:30 Timothy Field req by  
Del Sagun

### John Dear, S.J. -- Saturday, March 24, 6:30 p.m

Fr. John Dear, Jesuit priest, peace activist, organizer, lecturer, retreat leader, author/editor of 28 books on peace and nonviolence, and nominated by Archbishop Desmond Tutu for the Nobel Peace Prize, will present his groundbreaking new book, "Lazarus, Come Forth!" to south suburbanites this Saturday, March 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Liborius Church in Steger. All are welcome.

### Trauma Center Forum, Sunday, March 25, 2-4 p.m.

Park Forest's Mayor's Citizen Advisory Council is sponsoring a public forum on the need for a trauma center to serve the south suburbs. The event will take place in Park Forest's Freedom Hall, on Lakewood Boulevard next to the Library, next Sunday, March 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. Among the speakers are newly appointed chief executive officer for the Cook County Health & Hospitals System Dr. Ram Raju and Park Forest Deputy Fire Chief Bruce Ziegle. A full auditorium at Freedom Hall will confirm our need for a trauma center within adequate reach of south suburbanites with life-threatening-emergencies.

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, March 24 5:00 pm**

### *Lectors*

Sally Fortune, Tim Blumenthal,  
Denise Douglas

### *Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist*

Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Laurie Miller,  
Joe Augustyn, Eileen Rose, Bob Steiert

### *Cantor*

Lucy Lopez

### *Altar Servers*

Myles Greska

**Sunday, March 25 8:30 am**

### *Lectors*

Chrys Rudnik, Bill Seifert, Gerry Berish

### *Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist*

Richard Thomas, Judy Sopiarcz, Marilyn Olson,  
Mark Keth, Jane Mattio, Carol McCullough

### *Cantor*

Helen Silvia

### *Altar Servers*

Karen Ertl, Michael Rosenquist, Kevin Headly

**Sunday, March 25 10:30 am**

### *Lectors*

Adele Perkins, Arthur Bourgeois,  
Marilyn Bourgeois

### *Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist*

Raye Warkenthien, Kathleen Anderson,  
Pat Benjamin, Rita Oganwu, Roy Langer,  
Taneisha Langer

### *Cantor*

Cathy Williams

### *Altar Servers*

Linda Marron, Gary Marron, Vincent Oganwu

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.

### 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.

## ***Church Stewardship***

**Budget** **\$5,100.00**

March 11 Collection \$5,146.00

Weekly Budget Over \$46.00

Budget Year to Date \$188,700.00

Total Year to Date \$177,956.00

**Budget Shortage TYD (\$10,744.00)**

**Maintenance Fund March 11 \$470.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$22,725.00**

### ***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](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.