



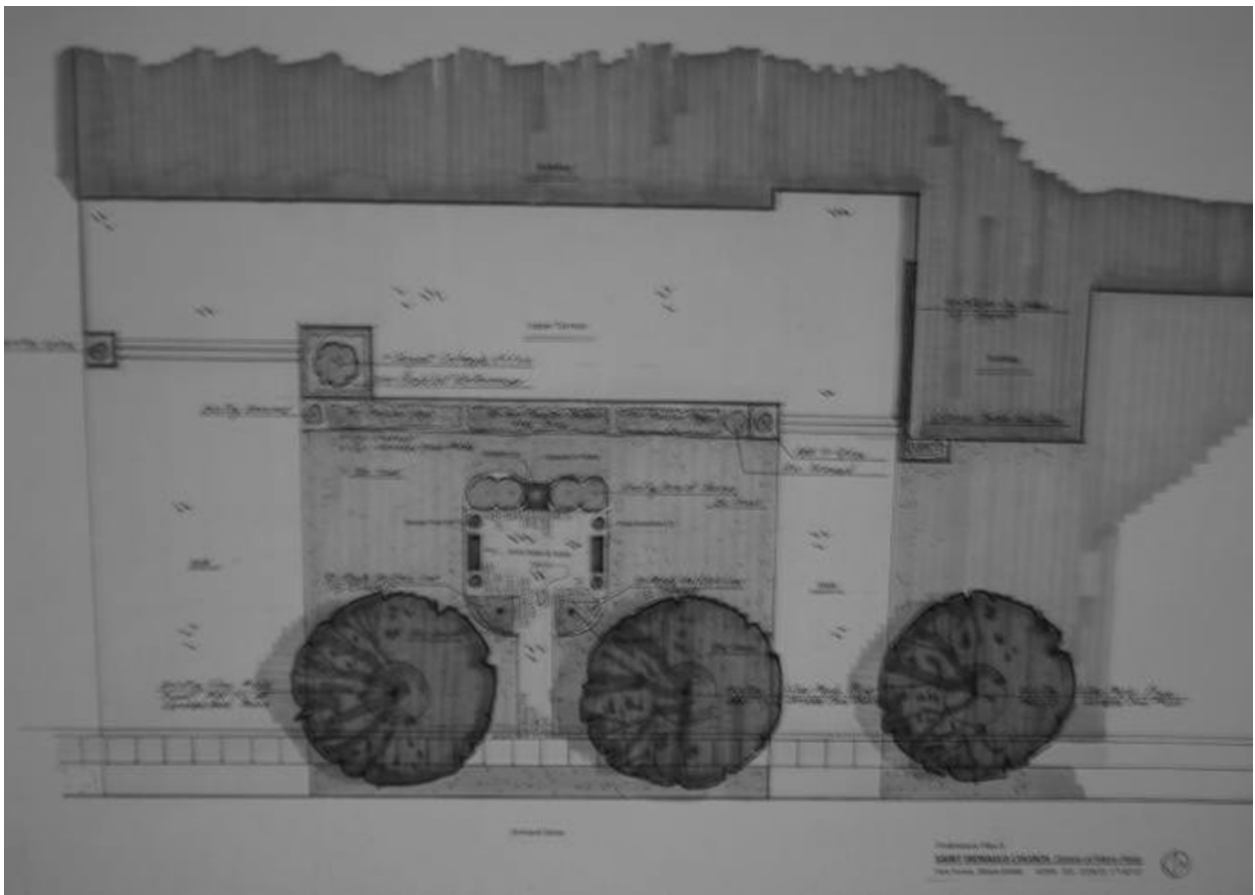
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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 15, 2012 Second Sunday of Easter

FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

Memorial Garden



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4 inch X 8 inch \$ 100.00*

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*Prices valid until 06/15/2012

graphics are available to add onto your brick for an additional charge

Saint Irenaeus Church; 78 Cherry Str., Park Forest, IL 60466

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Father Terry Johnson, Pastor

History of Divine Mercy Sunday

The Feast of Divine Mercy, celebrated on the Octave of Easter (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ Himself to *Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.



A plenary indulgence (the forgiveness of all temporal punishment resulting from sins that have already been confessed) is granted on the Feast of Divine Mercy if to all the faithful who go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Holy Father, and "in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. 'Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!')." "

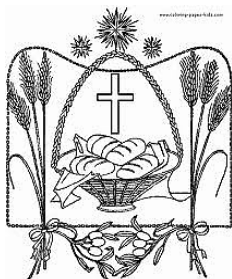
A partial indulgence (the remission of some temporal punishment from sin) is granted to the faithful "who, at least with a contrite heart, pray to the merciful Lord Jesus a legitimately approved invocation."



Regina caeli laetare, alleluia!

In this glorious Easter season, may all of us share in the joy of the Blessed Mother over the resurrection of her Son!

The 50 Days of Easter



The period from Easter Sunday through Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter Sunday), also known as the Octave (or eighth day) of Easter, is an especially joyful time. But the Easter season doesn't end there: Because Easter is the most important feast in the Christian calendar—even more important than *Christmas*—the Easter season continues on for 50 days, through the *Ascension of Our Lord* to *Pentecost Sunday*. (Indeed, for the purpose of fulfilling our Easter Duty, the Easter season extends until *Trinity Sunday*, the first Sunday after Pentecost!)

So keep on celebrating and wishing your friends a happy Easter!

As *St. John Chrysostom* reminds us in his famous Easter homily, read in Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches on Easter, *Christ has destroyed death, and now is the "feast of faith."*



“Experiencing Nature as Spiritual Practice”

Date: Monday, April 23 Time: 9:30-Noon Fee: \$20

As a way of continuing the Celebration of Earth Day, you will be invited to experience several practical and reflective exercises that have the power to nurture your connection to all of creation. As all of nature is waking up to a new season, you will be offered ways to cultivate spiritual practices that can renew and refresh your connection to the Holy, and assist you in moving more mindfully through the coming months.

Facilitator: Father Terry Johnson

The Koranda family wishes to convey our sincerest appreciation for all of your prayers and support during the passing of Albert C. Koranda. We are blessed with a wonderful Parish family here at Saint Irenaeus.

A special thanks to Pastor Father Terry Johnson for his ministry, support and care for our family during this difficult time. We are encouraged and blessed to know that Albert is in the company of our Lord.

*Sincerely,
The Koranda Family*



Marian Catholic Mothers Club

Invites Moms and
Dads of Prospective
7th Grade Students to

“How to Afford a Marian Catholic
Education”

Thursday, April 19, 2012
7:00 p.m.

Marian Catholic High School
Sr. M. Paul McCaughey, O.P.
Leadership Center

R.S.V.P. by April 17
Sr. Dorothy Marie (708) 756-9762
sdm@marianchs.com

April 15, 2012

2nd Sunday of Easter

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own.” - ACTS 4:32

Stewardship calls us to recognize, just as the early Christians did, that none of our possessions is our own. All that we have – our health, our education, our skills, our talents, and our livelihood – are gifts from God. The natural reaction when someone gives you a gift is to want to give something back. What do you give back to God?

ST. IRENAEUS MANNA PROGRAM



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

**Hundreds of retail, grocery, specialty stores, restaurants
and gas stations are in the offering.**

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

**A variety of gift cards are available for purchase
at the Manna table.**



Events from the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary

Spring High Tea Nina Council Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Spring High Tea on Sunday, April 15, 2012. The event will be held at St. Mary Ryan Hall, 227 Monee Road, Park Forest, IL beginning at 2:00 p.m. Tickets cost \$15.00 and can be purchased at the door.

Pall Cloth Workshops Nina Council Ladies Auxiliary will be holding Pall (burial) Cloth workshops starting this Tuesday, April 17th at St. Mary Parish Ryan Hall, 227 Monee Rd., Park Forest from 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. These pall cloths are sent to Haiti to bury their dead with dignity. There is no need to sew, we glue the crosses and other appliquéés to the fabric. For more information call Jackie Smith at 708-481-7949.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 16

8:00 Robert E. Sella req by
Rita L. Sella

Tuesday, April 17

8:00 Eugene F. Korte req by
Don & Judy Korte

Wednesday, April 18

8:00 Jack Delehanty req by
His Family

Thursday, April 19

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 20

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 21

St. Anselm

5:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Sunday, April 22

8:30 Hugh McCartan req by
Pat McCartan

10:30 Albert Koranda req by
The Staff at St. Irenaeus



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 21 5:00 pm

Lectors

Laurie Miller, Tim Blumenthal, Tom Koranda
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Denise Douglas, Bob Steiert, Sam Bowns,
Sally Fortune, Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Terri Cardin

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, April 22 8:30 am

Lectors

Bill Seifert, Mary Jane Riopelle, Harlan Smith
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Jim Francesconi, Laura Hennessy, Mark Keth,
Marilyn Carroll, Carol McCullough,
Chrys Rudnik, Jane Mattio

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headley

Sunday, April 22 10:30 am

Lectors

Mike Gonzalez, Terry Townsend,
Michelle Helson

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Rita Oganwu, Linda Marron, Vincent Oganwu,
Sandy Winder, Doris Foster, Connie Rice

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu, Michael Adami,
Vincent Adami

The South Suburban CROP Hunger Walk

Which benefits: PADS, Respond Now and the Rich Township Pantry,
will meander through Homewood with short and long routes.

APRIL 22nd, registration at 1:00

For more info and pledge envelopes please contact
Dennis Condon at 481-6078



Church Stewardship

Easter Budget	\$11,000.00
Easter	
April 8 Collection	\$10,064.00
Easter Budget Shortage	(\$936.00)
Maintenance Fund April 8	\$417.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$25,014.00
Easter Flowers	\$1,730.00
Holy Thursday	\$341.00
Good Friday	\$352.00

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.