



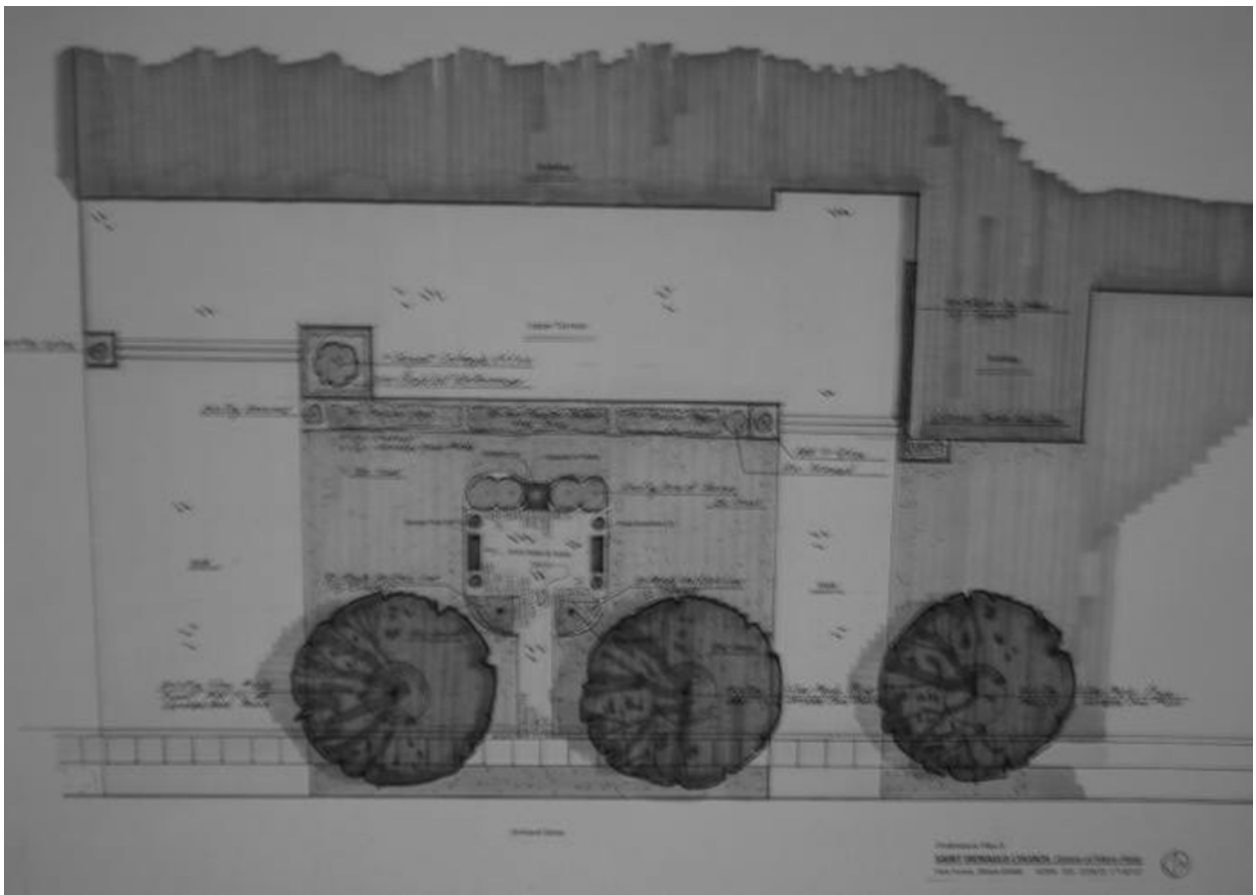
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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 22, 2012 Third Sunday of Easter

FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

Memorial Garden



Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick

LET US BUILD OUR FUTURE BRICK BY BRICK...

The St Irenaeus Mission Statement gives us direction and purpose. It is our "road map" if you will as we give reality and physical expression to the message and mission of Jesus. It challenges and affirms us as we offer our Time, Talent and Treasure for the building up of the Kingdom of God here in Park Forest.

"Our welcoming Christian community of St. Irenaeus Parish inspired by the words of our patron, "Humankind fully alive is God truly glorified", journeys together to bring the love of Christ to all in our parish family through worship, faith formation, social justice, and loving service while reaching out to the broader community."

Through **WORSHIP** we come together to give praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate and receive the Body and Blood of Jesus each week. Through the dedicated efforts of the liturgy planning team, choir and all those who make our Sunday Eucharistic liturgies prayerful we "bring the love of Christ to all".

Through **FAITH FORMATION** we come together to articulate our faith individually and as a community that holds and shares a One Faith, One Baptism and One Lord. Through Religious Education , RCIA, Bible Study, Lenten Faith Sharing Groups we come to discover and strengthen our existing relationship with Jesus within the community of faith as we "bring the love of Christ to all".

Through **SOCIAL JUSTICE** we come together to "bring the love of Christ to all" as we shelter the homeless through PADS, gather food each month for the hungry, visit the sick and lonely in hospitals and homes through the Ministry of Care, build a community garden in which others can learn to provide for themselves and others as we "bring the love of Christ to all while reaching out to the broader community".

Through **LOVING SERVICE** we come together to minister to parishioners and the community at large through countless hours of loving service and care as we "bring the love of Christ to all".

As we live out the St. Irenaeus Mission statement we come to a deeper realization of just how connected we all are to each other, how it is our lives are interconnected. We know deeply the love God has for us in and through the way we care for and are concerned about each other in healthy ways.

This parish community has a long history of living the mission of Jesus and this mission statement, one of the last things that Fr Dan O'Sullivan facilitated, gives us the direction we need to move us into the future..so **LET US BUILD OUR FUTURE BRICK BY BRICK.**

The Fr Daniel O'Sullivan Memorial Garden is a way for our community and the friends of Fr O'Sullivan to pay tribute to this man who meant so much to the community. It is a way for us to thank Fr O'Sullivan for all that he did for this faith community.

This fundraising program will enable us to raise funds to assist the parish in carrying out the goals of the mission statement, **WORSHIP, FAITH FORMATION, SOCIAL JUSTICE, and LOVING SERVICE**, as we continue to grow as a community and live as Jesus calls us.

I encourage you to consider helping St. Irenaeus to build its future brick by brick ...and help us reach our goal to raise \$55,000.00 to continue to "bring the love of Christ to all"!

Fr Terry

FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

Memorial Garden

SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE LEVELS

\$ 5,000 PREMIER GARDEN SPONSOR

5 Sponsorship opportunities available

\$ 3,000 MARIAN PRAYER BENCH

1 Sponsorship opportunity remaining

Sponsors

Matt & Michelle Helson Family

\$ 1,000 LIGHT THE WAY

8 Sponsorship opportunities remaining

Sponsors

James & Helen Silvia Family

Richard & Judy Sopiartz Family

\$ 500 HORTICULTURE

13 Sponsorship opportunities remaining

Sponsors

Kathy Murphy

William McClain

\$ 250 FLOWER POT

4 Sponsorship opportunities remaining

Sponsors

Chrys Rudnik (2)

Joan Cleghorn

Claire Differding

Phyllis Bacon & Nick Bataglia

Steve & Cheryl Cherny

Memorial brick with laser engraving is priced at:

4 inch X 8 inch \$ 100.00*

8 inch X 8 inch \$ 175.00*

Purchase bricks to commemorate your family, your business, wedding date, baptisms, others sacramental dates, deceased loved ones or any other occasion or person you want to honor

*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

(708) 748-6891

Father Terry Johnson, Pastor



Summer is upon us. It is time to do the schedule for Lectors, Eucharist Ministers, and Altar Servers for the Summer. This schedule will start the weekend of June 2 -3 and conclude the weekend of August 25 - 26.

Please let me know of your availability as well as any changes in preferences. I need this information by May 7, 2012 so the schedule will be ready by the weekend of May 12 -13. You can reach me at my email address:

lorenbowns@gamil.com or phone me at 312-531-2259.

Thank you for all you do as a part of the Liturgical Ministries here at St. Irenaeus Parish.

God's Peace

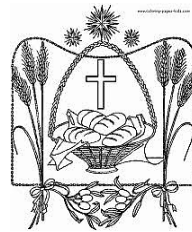
St. Irenaeus PADS Volunteers Dinner

In appreciation for all that you've done, all that you have given, St. Irenaeus invites all St. Irenaeus PADS site volunteers to a pizza dinner on Thursday, May 3 from 6-8 p.m. in Rm 8 of the Religious Ed building. Please rsvp the office at 748-6891 by April 30.



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."*

April 22, 2012

3rd Sunday of Easter

"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts. Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself.'" - LUKE 24:38-39

These words from the Risen Christ are good advice when we are troubled or doubtful about our stewardship decisions. Just look at the hands and feet of the Lord. How can we refuse to be the hands and feet of Jesus here on earth now when He sacrificed His entire body for us?

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.

Upcoming Events from the Knights of Columbus & Ladies Auxiliary

Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus Nina Council 3602 will be sponsoring a Blood Drive on Sunday, April 29th at St. Mary Parish Ryan Hall, 227 Monee Rd., Park Forest, IL from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Appointments are recommended and may be made online at www.lifeforce.org or call Life Source at 1-312-543-9606. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Donors should be at least 18 years of age and have had at least 8 weeks elapse since their last blood donation. LIFESOURCE also includes cholesterol testing and donors will receive these results within 5 weeks of the test. There is no cost to the donor.

Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meeting

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Nina Council 3602 Knights of Columbus will be holding their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, April 29th in room 8 of the St. Irenaeus Religious Education Building, Orchard Drive and Cherry Street, Park Forest, (enter off Cherry Street) at 2:00 p.m. For more information contact Jackie Smith 708-481-7949 or Linda Marron 708-747-0105.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 23

St. George; St. Adalbert

8:00 Reg & Lorna Green req by
Reg Green Jr.

Tuesday, April 24

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

8:00 Elizabeth & George Powers req by
Alice Michalak

Wednesday, April 25

St. Mark

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
Bill Hamill

Thursday, April 26

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, April 27

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, April 28

St. Peter Chanel;

St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

5:00 Rich Zaworski req by
The Family

Sunday, April 29

8:30 Val Wolff req by
The Russell Family

10:30 Albert Koranda req by
Cathy & Bill Williams

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, April 28 5:00 pm

Lectors

Laurie Miller, Denise Douglas, Sam Bowns
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Sally Fortune, Bev Helm, Dolly Mikolajczyk,
Barbara Principali, Richard Marvin,
Eileen Rose

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, April 29 8:30 am

Lectors

Helen Silvia, Chrys Rudnik, Gerry Berish
Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Jane Mattio, Marilyn Olson,
Carol McCullough, Jim Francesconi,
Mark Keth, Laura Hennessy

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headley

Sunday, April 29 10:30 am

Lectors

Raye Warkenthien, Linda Marron,
Vanessa White

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

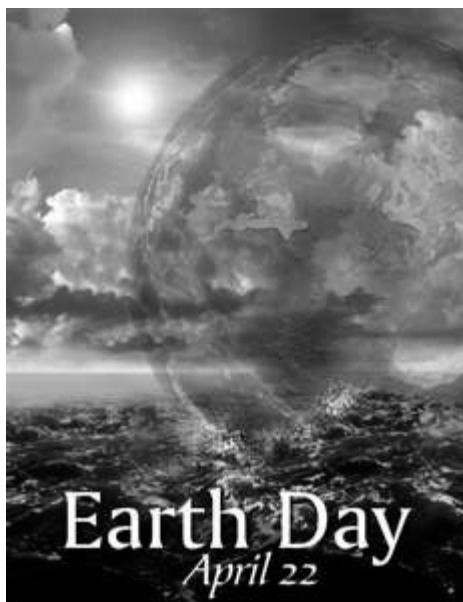
Roy Langer, Diane Gonzalez,
Taneisha Langer, Rita Oganwu,
Sandy Winder, Vincent Oganwu

Cantor

Lori Schwartz

Altar Servers

Gary Marron, Elysia Sawyers,
Stephanie Sagun



*South Suburban Chorale
presents*

Musique de France

Sunday, May 6, 2012 ~ 4:00 pm

St. Andrew the Apostle Church

*768 Lincoln Avenue
Calumet City, Illinois*

Free admission

Church Stewardship

Budget	\$5,100.00
April 15 Collection	\$5,484.00
Weekly Budget Over	\$384.00
Budget Year to Date	\$209,100.00
Total Year to Date	\$198,117.00
Budget Shortage YTD	(\$10,983.00)
Maintenance Fund April 15	\$281.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$25,295.00
Easter Budget	\$11,000.00
Easter	\$10,791.00

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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Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Friday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm,
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.