



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

April 29, 2012 Fourth Sunday of Easter



Congratulations to our Religious
Education Students receiving their

1st Holy Communion

Sunday, April 29th:

Ingrid Castaneda

Alexander Chojenski

Sara Leddy

Dominic Reitz

Jaqueline Pena-Tamayo

Ramon Pena-Tamayo

Ramblings

Last Sunday afternoon the First Communion class gathered to spend some time together to continue their preparation for this Sunday at 10:30 liturgy when they will join the rest of the Community of St. Irenaeus at the Table of the Lord. They will, for the first time, receive the Body and Blood of Jesus.

As they sat together and shared why they were excited about First Communion I reflected on my own commitment to Eucharist and the Body of Christ as we live it out here at St. Irenaeus and as we live it out as part of the universal Catholic Church.

Here at St Irenaeus ours is a rich and diverse history of service to the community that gathers each weekend and to the community at large in Park Forest and the Southland. Our unity in diversity is to be celebrated and held up as an example of what we hold true as people of faith. We live as a people committed to "bringing the love of Christ to all..." as we reach out to those on the margins-the hungry and the homeless, the sick and the lonely, the widow and the stranger. We are empowered by the Eucharist to do this. For me, each time I preside at liturgy with all of you, I am reminded just how sacred and holy this community is as we all live our everyday lives. As we continue the journey each and every day in our families, our work lives and in the world in which we live. We bring what we receive to the world, the Body of Christ, and make it come alive and real for ourselves and the world! What an honor and a privilege!

And so today we pledge to the First Communicants and their families that we will be for them the Body of Christ and promise to journey with them so that we all might become the living Body of Christ in the world!

Fr. Terry

PS I am in Racine this weekend, but will be back in time for 10:30 mass and First Communion.

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.



FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

Memorial Garden

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William McClain

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Chrys Rudnik (2)
Joan Cleghorn
Claire Differding
Phyllis Bacon & Nick Bataglia
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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

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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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

Peace be with you.

In one suburban family, a teenaged son's death by suicide fractured lives in unimaginable ways. Coming like a bolt of lightning, suicide is a loss like no other. Counseling and support from the Catholic Charities LOSS Program helped this family to heal and search for peace together. "This program is a gift from God. While a long road remains for our other child, I now have hope that she will do more than survive. She will thrive."

As the Risen Christ offers peace to the world, your gift to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day, May 13, will comfort the broken and the troubled.



Celebrating 95 Years

www.catholiccharities.net

MASS ON THE PATIO*

(*Weather permitting, if inclement weather we will meet inside of the RE building)

**Wednesday
May 16th, 2012
6:30 pm Gathering
7:00 pm Mass**

Pot-luck Dinner to Follow

Our Lenten Faith Sharing Groups invites you to a Mass on the Patio along with a Pot-luck dinner. Bring a dish to pass along with your choice of beverage and lawn chairs. Meat dishes & coffee will be provided, along with plates, napkins and utensils. Come and enjoy an evening of prayer and fellowship.

Please RSVP to the parish office 708-748-6891 by May14th.

**FIRST WEEKEND OF THE
MONTH FOOD PROJECT
May 5 & 6**



Thank you for your ongoing thoughtfulness and provision for the less fortunate. When you do your family's shopping this week, please remember the less fortunate who are unable to provide for enough food to supply even their most basic needs. Dry goods are always welcomed, as are canned fruits, meats, soups and vegetables. Thank you for whatever you can do.

**April 29, 2012
4th Sunday of Easter**

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes." - PSALM 118: 8-9

Too often our society trains us to take refuge in man-made riches. Yet Thomas Merton once wrote, *"There is no poverty so great as that of the prosperous."* Too many possessions can leave us empty - always questing for more things that do not really matter - while we ignore Our Lord.

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, April 30

St. Pius V

8:00 Barbara McCartan req by
Pat McCartan

Tuesday, May 1

St. Joseph the Worker

8:00 Tony & Stella Schiebel req by
The Family

Wednesday, May 2

St. Athanasius

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
Bill Hamill

Thursday, May 3

Ss. Philip and James

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, May 4

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, May 5

5:00 Pat & Patricia O'Connor req by
Alice Michalak

Sunday, May 6

8:30 Ted & Jeanne Goehler req by
The Family

10:30 Philip Godfrey req by
The Choir



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.



Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 5 5:00 pm

Lectors

Sally Fortune, Denise Douglas, Loren Bowns

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Joe Augustyn, Jim Silvia, Laurie Miller,
Terri Cardin, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Bev Helm,
Bob Steiert

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, May 6 8:30 am

Lectors

Mary Schmittgens, Chris Blue

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Thomas, Dennis Condon,
Judy Sopiartz, Marilyn Olson, Sara Veldhuizen,
Chrys Rudnik, Eloise Cooper

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headley

Sunday, April 29 10:30 am

Lectors

Stephanie Sagun, Arthur Bourgeois,
Marilyn Bourgeois

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Raye Warkenthien, David Perkins,
Michelle Helson, Diane Gonzalez,
Roy Langer, Gary Marron, Taneisha Langer

Cantor

Marianne Velut

Altar Servers

Vincent Oganwu, Michael Adami,
Linda Marron

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT 2012 ST. IRENAEUS PARISH

As of April 19, 2012

PARISH 2012 GOAL:	\$16,654.44
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$9,758.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$6,698.00
BALANCE DUE:	\$3,060.00

Church Stewardship

Budget	\$5,100.00
April 22 Collection	\$5,440.00
Weekly Budget Over	\$340.00
Budget Year to Date	\$214,200.00
Total Year to Date	\$203,556.00
Budget Shortage YTD (\$10,644.00)	
Maintenance Fund April 22 \$255.00	
Maintenance Fund YTD \$25,550.00	
Easter Budget \$11,000.00	
Easter \$11,002.00	

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.