



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

May 6, 2012 Fifth Sunday of Easter



Congratulations to the following students,
from the Religious Education Program,
who will be confirmed by
Bishop Perry on Sunday,
May 6th at 1:00pm:

Guadalupe Acosta

Michael Adami

Emily Aguirre

Celeste Alcantar

Vanessa Caldwell

Deon Daniels

Raul Garcia Jr

Juan Milan

Roberto Rosas

Mikayla Ruffolo

Elysia Sawyers

A Psalm to the Wind of Heaven

by Edward Hayes

O wind that blows when and where it will, teach m to reverence the Word of Heaven.

*O mover of tree tops and tall grasses, you who are the servant of no other forces,
open me up to the mysterious Breath of God.*

*O Divine Wind, blowing with the Spirit's sweetness through a chant-filled mosque in Arabia,
or causing a silent heart to dance in a hidden hermit's cave high in the Himalayas,
or caressing with compassion an abandoned packing crate in an urban slum, wherein sleeps a
homeless drifter; let me feel your loving touch.*

*Lift me up above my selfish interests, spreading my concerns wider than myself.
Exhale a gale of your grace into me and set me under full sail as your servant of life and love.
Remind me with your every movement that history has shown clearly how you are the private
property of none, how great and passionate movements have lost touch with your breath of life and so have
become empty of their youthful zeal.*

*Wind of Inspiration, Creative Spirit of God, teach me not to forget that you come always as gift.
Remind me always to be ready to receive and romance and dance with joy wherever and whenever you visit, or
risk that you may move me without me.*

May I ever be sensitive to your gentle breezes and willing to soar with your wild winds!

Congratulations to all those confirmed this weekend at 1:00 when Bishop Joseph Perry conferred the sacrament of Confirmation. It is great witness to the faith and fidelity of the families of those confirmed. Thank you for sharing and passing on our faith to your children. It is also a witness to the faith and fidelity of the entire Faith Community of St. Irenaeus, who each week give example of God's love in action as we all journey together in faith. How blest we are to share One Faith, One Lord and One Baptism!

Many thanks to Bishop Perry for celebrating the Confirmation Liturgy with us and for his continued pastoral guidance in Vicariate VI.

A big thank you to Michelle Helson and Marilyn Scherbarth for all they both have done and continue to do as they work with our students in preparing them for Confirmation. They do a terrific job!

May the Holy Spirit continue to fill our hearts with God's peace!

Fr. Terry

FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

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(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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

I am the good shepherd.

Mary saw a sign about openings at Catholic Charities' senior housing. She was a 68-year-old nurse's aide doing back-breaking work to make ends meet and avoid burdening her children. She wanted to retire, but her budget wouldn't allow it. She was accepted for an apartment paying only 30% of her income for rent. Her new affordable housing allowed her to retire and live comfortably with her social security benefits. "Thank you for my beautiful apartment; my days of aches and pains are over."

Your gift to Catholic Charities on Mother's Day, May 13, will rescue someone and carry her awhile on your shoulders.



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.



CELEBRATE PENTECOST

... they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues...

St. Irenaeus is blessed by the diversity of our parishioners. On Pentecost weekend, to experience the richness of all cultures, you will be invited to recite the Our Father in your native language.

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 questioning 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, May 7

8:00 Patricia & Pat McCartan req by
The Family

Tuesday, May 8

St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Molok'i

8:00 Patricia & Pat O'Connor req by
The Family

Wednesday, May 9

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by
Bill Hamill

Thursday, May 10

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, May 11

8:00 Communion Service

Saturday, May 12

Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

5:00 Albert Koranda req by
Terri Cardin

Sunday, May 13

8:30 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

10:30 Alicia Gutierrez req by
The Benitez Family

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, May 12 5:00 pm

Lectors

Denise Douglas, Bev Helm,
Dolly Mikolajczyk

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Terri Cardin, Richard Marvin,
Barbara Principali, Sally Fortune,
Laurie Miller, Joe Augustyn, Loren Bowns

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Myles Greska

Sunday, May 13 8:30 am

Lectors

Mary Jane Riopelle, Bill Seifert, Harlan Smith

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Walter Cooper, Eloise Cooper, Gerry Berish,
Richard Thomas, Judy Sopiartz,
Sara Veldhuizen, Chrys Rudnik

Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,
Kevin Headley

Sunday, May 13 10:30 am

Lectors

Adele Perkins, Linda Marron, Bill Carreras

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sevena Merchant, Pat Benjamin,
Kathleen Anderson, Doris Foster,
David Perkins, Michelle Helson,
Raye Warkenthien

Cantor

Cathy Williams

Altar Servers

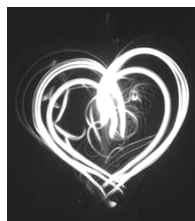
Stephanie Sagun, Elysia Sawyers,
Vincent Adami



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.



Fifth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2012

Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.

~1 John 3:18

Church Stewardship

Budget	\$5,100.00
April 29 Collection	\$4,392.00
Weekly Budget Short	(\$708.00)
Budget Year to Date	\$219,300.00
Total Year to Date	\$207,948.00
Budget Shortage YTD	(\$11,352.00)
Maintenance Fund April 29	\$398.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$25,948.00
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.

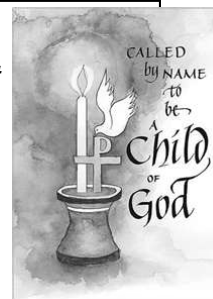
The Sacrament of Marriage

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.