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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

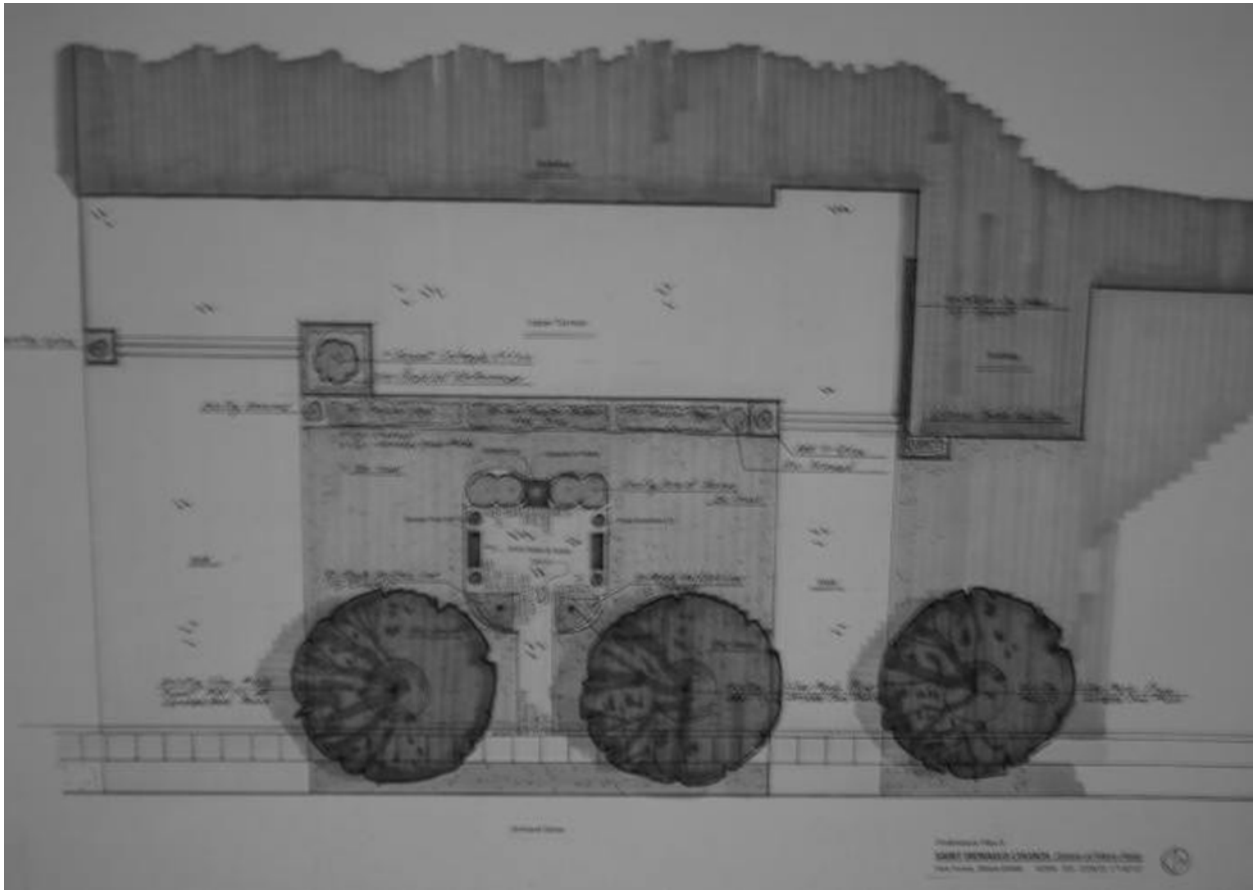
*May 13, 2012 Sixth Sunday of Easter*

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## FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

*Memorial Garden*



*Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick*

# ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

Office of the Archbishop



Post Office Box 1979  
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1979

May 2012

Dear Friends in Christ:

*“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.  
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are  
my friends if you do what I command you.... Love one another.”  
John 15:9-17*

This year, these words of Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel of John are proclaimed throughout the world on the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter. As we celebrate “Mother’s Day” in the United States, Jesus’ command to “love one another” takes on special meaning for all families in our country.

In the Archdiocese of Chicago, this day provides a special gift of love and support to mothers, grandmothers and families who are raising their children in poverty, hunger and homelessness, as we take up the *Catholic Charities Collection on Mother’s Day* in parishes throughout Cook and Lake Counties.

Your “Mother’s Day gift” to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago will assist thousands of struggling families and vulnerable children of all races and religions who rely on us to meet their basic human needs of food, clothing and shelter—as well as those parents and children who benefit from Catholic Charities’ professional services such as stable, affordable housing; job training; counseling and child care.

Since Catholic Charities’ founding in 1917, through two World Wars and the Great Depression, as well as the rising and falling economic tides of every decade, Catholic Charities has increasingly offered hope and help to struggling families, children and seniors of all faiths.

Catholic Charities conducts 157 programs at 162 locations in Cook and Lake Counties and annually reaches more than one million men, women and children in need. These services include accredited child-care programs, family and individual counseling, home-delivered meals for seniors, affordable apartments for low-income seniors, the St. Leo Residence for Veterans, emergency food pantries and weekly suppers.

Through your generosity to Catholic Charities, you offer Easter joy and a future of hope to mothers, fathers, grandparents and caregivers whose lives are governed by poverty as they struggle daily to provide food, clothing, schooling and safety to their most precious possessions, their children.

In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the nature of his unconditional love, and invites us to live in his love. As followers of Jesus, we strive to imitate the sheer magnitude of his generosity to us by caring for mothers and their families in need. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters who rely on our love and the services of Catholic Charities.

May the Risen Christ bless all mothers and their loved ones with the fullness of his love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Francis Cardinal George".

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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## *Memorial Garden*

### SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE LEVELS

#### **\$ 5,000**     **PREMIER GARDEN SPONSOR**

4 Sponsorship opportunities remaining  
Sponsors

John & Therese Goodrich

#### **\$ 3,000**     **MARIAN PRAYER BENCH**

Sponsors

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Sponsors

Joan & Leo Jacko

Kathy Murphy

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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

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

(708) 748-6891

Father Terry Johnson, Pastor



## 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.

### WEAR RED OR YOUR CULTURAL DRESS

Red is a color of joy and heat and action and exuberance and excitement. Red helps us remember the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the 50th day of Easter time. Your cultural dress symbolizes the many tongues the apostles were given to spread the word of God. Wear red and your cultural dress on Saturday, May 26 and Sunday May 27.



### CATHOLIC CHARITIES MOTHER'S DAY COLLECTION

## Love one another as I love you.

Helping others by donating to Catholic Charities has become an important part of the Mother's Day celebration at this parish. Thank you. Contributions can still be made online at [www.catholiccharities.net/donate](http://www.catholiccharities.net/donate) or mailed to 721 N. LaSalle St, Chicago, IL 60654.



## 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 May 14th.

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.

**May 13, 2012**

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13*

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.



## **Resale Extravaganza**

Friday & Saturday, May 18 & 19 - 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Gently used and new clothing, furniture, books, toys and household items.

Open to the public

Church of St. Mary  
227 Monee Rd.  
Park Forest, IL 60466  
708-748-6686



## Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, May 14**

**St. Matthias**

8:00 Joan McCartan req by  
Pat McCartan

**Tuesday, May 15**

**St. Isidore**

8:00 Pat Dahlberg req by  
The Family

**Wednesday, May 16**

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

**Thursday, May 17**

8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, May 18**

**St. John I**

8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, May 19**

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

**Sunday, May 20**

8:30 Marcella Perrin req by  
Bette & Harlan Smith & Family  
10:30 Louise Sobieck

## Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, May 19 5:00 pm**

**Lectors**

Loren Bowns, Tim Blumenthal, Tom Koranda  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Sam Bowns, Eileen Rose, Bob Steiert,  
Denise Douglas, Bev Helm,  
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Laurie Miller

**Cantor**

Lucy Lopez

**Altar Servers**

Myles Greska

**Sunday, May 20 8:30 am**

**Lectors**

Gene Schmittgens, Helen Silvia, Gerry Berish  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Chrys Rudnik, Sara Veldhuizen,  
Marilyn Carroll, Mark Keth, Walter Cooper,  
Laura Hennessy, Jim Francesconi

**Cantor**

Marianne Velut

**Altar Servers**

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,  
Kevin Headley

**Sunday, May 20 10:30 am**

**Lectors**

Theresa Townsend, Felicia Jones, Phil Schwartz  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Connie Rice, Doris Foster, Richard Guiney,  
Kathleen Anderson, Pat Benjamin,  
Sevena Merchant

**Cantor**

Melva LeBlanc

**Altar Servers**

Gary Marron, Linda Marron, Vincent Oganwu



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).



St. Irenaeus Church is very happy to welcome the following parishioner into our family:

*Linda Lacey*

## ***Church Stewardship***

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
May 6 Collection	\$5,697.00
Weekly Budget Over	\$597.00
Budget Year to Date	\$224,400.00
Total Year to Date	\$213,646.00
<b>Budget Shortage YTD</b>	<b>(\$10,754.00)</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund May 6</b>	<b>\$1,233.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund YTD</b>	<b>\$27,181.00</b>
<b>Easter Budget</b>	<b>\$11,000.00</b>
<b>Easter</b>	<b>\$11,022.00</b>

### ***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.

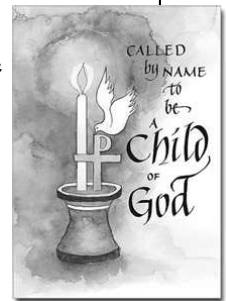
## ***The Sacrament of Marriage***

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***

***Rectory Phone: 748-6891***

***Religious Education Center Phone:  
748-7997***

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Loren & Sam Bowns, Deacon couple  
Michelle Helson  
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Terri Cardin, Administrative Assistance  
Nancy Pfeiffer, Business Manager

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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](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.