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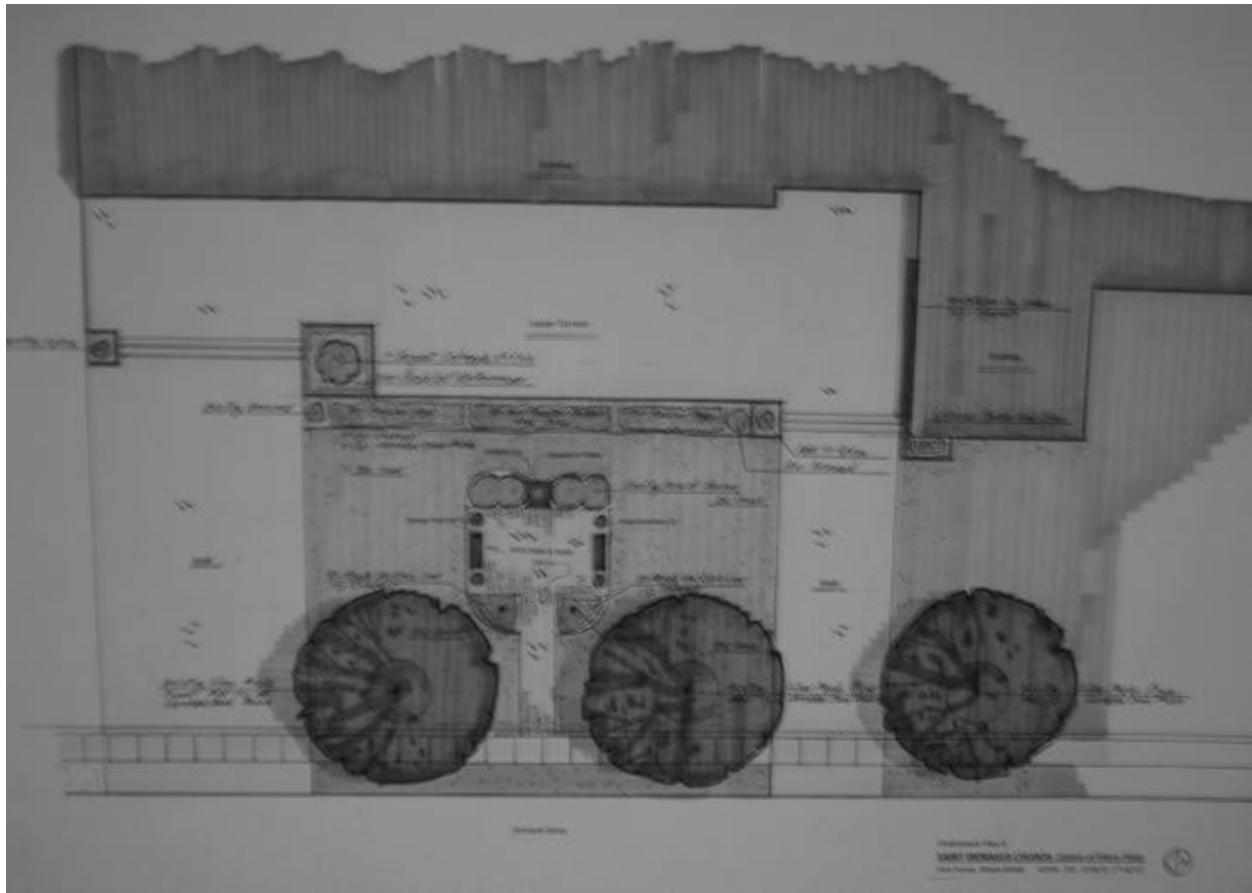
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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

June 17, 2012 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN

*Memorial Garden*



*Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick*

## Ramblings

You may have heard that the Vatican has appointed a panel of one archbishop and two bishops to oversee the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, an umbrella organization for approximately 80% of the different congregations of women religious who serve the mission of the gospel in the United States. I would like to share my thoughts around the current situation.

When I was first out of college I secured a teaching ministry at Elizabeth Seton High School in South Holland. Being fresh out of college, I was excited to be teaching religion full-time in this setting. Little did I know or understand how it would completely change my life and mold me into the pastoral minister who writes this today.

It was an exciting time and to be in full-time youth ministry was incredibly fulfilling. I learned how to do this thing called ministry from the women religious who took a chance on a rookie teacher. It was from them and the students at this all girls' Catholic high school that I learned the value and role of women in our Church and the world. I learned what collaboration and consultation meant. I learned that human integrity and dignity are central to our place in the universe. I learned that all genders, both women and men, can work together to build up the kin-dom of God. I learned that together we can all make valuable contributions to Church and society.

Now it is these women who are being treated unjustly and with disrespect. There is a concern about orthodoxy, feminism and pastoral practice. This comes from a group of men who have had very little pastoral experience in the "field."

Let's consider what the nuns do. They are theologians, doctors, lawyers, teachers, nurses, lobbyists, spiritual directors, to offer just a few. They sponsor universities, hospitals, soup kitchens, food pantries, women's shelters and schools. What this seems to indicate is that the nuns are smack dab in the middle of the action, right in the fray of people and everyday life. This is where Jesus would be and where the documents of Vatican II called the Body of Christ to be the very heart of God alive and living in the people and the community.

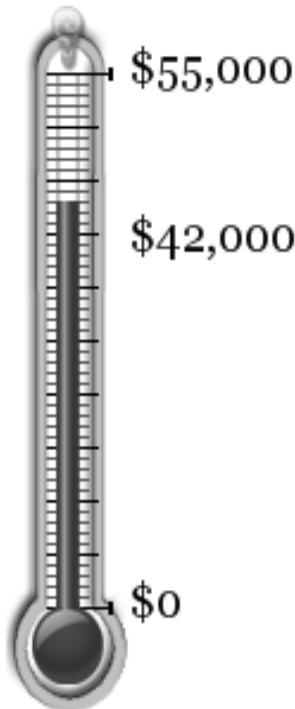
It seems to me that during the papacy of John Paul II he systematically restored the centrality of power back to Rome away from the local national bishops' conferences. And it seems that Benedict XVI continues in this vein. Perhaps the hierarchy needs to reform itself and open the dialogue to include these courageous women who know deep in every fiber of their being that the old structures of power and control are not based on the gospel message of Jesus but on the need of the institution to control and manipulate the masses.

All of us can follow the example of these women who have lived, each and every day, the baptismal call that each of us received. Their value is that what they believe and profess is the lived experience of their call to holiness. It is time to heed the call of the Holy Spirit and recognize that the old order must die and new life will flourish if we, with the nuns, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give shelter to the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned and offer the love and compassion of the Christ.

And that will be truly a movement of grace, a movement of peace and love which I have learned from the women religious who have mentored me. For them I give thanks and stand with them in solidarity.

The Holy Spirit always prevails. The Holy Spirit lives and moves among us and will bring us to that new life and new ways of being Church.      Fr Terry

# Help us Build our Future!



Help us reach our goal at the following levels:

**Premier Garden Sponsor \$5,000**  
*4 sponsors still needed at this level*

**Marian Prayer Bench \$3000**

**Light the Way \$1,000**

**Horticulture \$500**

*8 sponsors still needed at this level*

**Flower Pot \$250**

**Help us to reach our Commemorative Brick Goal:  
107 out of 300 have been sold**

**We need to reach our goal by June 15<sup>th</sup>!**

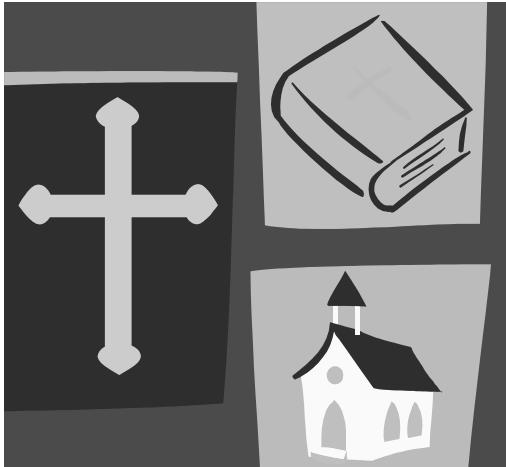
Credit cards accepted call the office for details.

**Thanks to those already pledged to help  
make our garden a reality:**

John & Therese Goodrich	\$5,000
Matt & Michelle Helson Family	\$3,000
McCullough Family Foundation	\$3,000
The Oganwu Family	\$3,000
Mike & Patty Jordan (3)	\$1,000
Don & Judy Korte (2)	\$1,000
James & Helen Silvia Family	\$1,000
Richard & Judy Sopiarz	\$1,000
Tensia & William Taylor	\$1,000
Charlie & Marilyn Olson	\$1,000
Joe Augustyn	\$1,000
Donna Gurley	\$1,000
Joan & Leo Jacko	\$500
William McClain	\$500
Kathy Murphy	\$500
Benito & Ann Garcia Jr.	\$500
Steve & Cheryl Cherny Family	\$500
Timothy & Julie Henning	\$500
Anonymous	\$500
Joan Cleghorn	\$250
Claire Differding	\$250
Richard Thomas	\$250
Phyllis Bacon & Nick Bataglia	\$250
John & Laura Hennessy (2)	\$250
Alice Michalak	\$250
Mike, Diane, Lisa, Selena Gonzalez	\$250
George & Terry Townsend Family	\$250
Walter & Janice McAuliffe	\$250
Damien (Bud) Ward Family	\$250
Judith & Ria Rolwing	\$250
Nneka Green	\$250
Chrys Rudnik (2)	\$250
Anonymous	\$250



**James C. Differding, Landscape Architect**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
@ ST. IRENaeUS  
JULY 30<sup>TH</sup> - AUG. 2<sup>ND</sup>  
FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-10  
FROM 6:00 - 7:30PM  
FOR MORE INFO. CALL  
MICHELLE @ 708-748-7997

**Vacation Bible School Registration**

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_

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Age: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child(ren) : \_\_\_\_\_

Number Where You Can Be Reached During the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternate Contact Information:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Child(ren) : \_\_\_\_\_

Number Where You Can Be Reached During the Event: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be returned in a sealed envelope marked "Vacation Bible School" in the collection basket or to the rectory with an accompanying \$10 per child (\$20 max per family).

"The most important thing a father can do  
for his children is to love their mother."  
~~Author Unknown

"To her the name of father was another name for love."  
~~By Fanny Fern.~~

"They didn't believe their father had ever been young;  
surely even in the cradle he had been a very,  
very small man in a gray suit,  
with a little dark mustache and flat, incurious eyes."  
~~By Richard Shattuck.~~

"Fathers, like mothers, are not born.  
Men grow into fathers-and fathering is  
a very important stage in their development."  
~~By David M. Gottesman.~~

"It is a wise father that knows his own child."  
~~By William Shakespeare (1564-1616)~~

"It doesn't matter who my father was;  
it matters who I remember he was."  
By Anne Sexton (1928-1974) U.S. poet.~~

"I cannot think of any need in childhood  
as strong as the need for a father's protection."  
~~By Sigmund Freud (1856-1939)~~

"A Man's children and his garden both reflect the  
amount of weeding done during the growing season."  
~~Author Unknown.~~

"The greatest gift I ever had  
Came from God, and I call him Dad!"  
~~Author Unknown.

## Happy Father's Day!

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, June 18

8:00 The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

### Tuesday, June 19

#### St. Romuald

8:00 Chris Predny req by  
Mom & Dad

### Wednesday, June 20

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

### Thursday, June 21

#### St. Aloysius Gonzaga

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, June 22

#### St. Paulinus of Nola:

#### Ss. John Fischer and Thomas More

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, June 23

#### Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Richard "Jake" Jacobson req by  
Becky Witt

### Sunday, June 24

8:30 James Bodziak req by  
The McClain Family

10:30 Frank M. Wessely &  
Victor M. Lemoine req by  
The Family

**June 17, 2012**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10*

We are accountable for the gifts God has given us on Earth – our time, talent and treasure. One day each of us will be asked by God what we did with those gifts. How will you respond?

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, June 23 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Tom Koranda, Tim Blumenthal,  
Dolly Mikolajczyk

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Terri Cardin, Bob Steiert, Sally Fortune,  
Richard Marvin, Barbara Principali,  
Eileen Rose

#### Cantor

Cathy Williams

#### Altar Servers

Myles Greska

### Sunday, June 24 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Gene Schmittgens, Mary Schmittgens,  
Helen Silvia

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Chrys Rudnik, Sara Veldhuizen,  
Marilyn Carroll, Carol McCullough,  
Dennis Condon, Jane Mattio

#### Cantor

Faye Predny

#### Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,  
Kevin Headley

### Sunday, June 24 10:30 am

#### Lectors

Michelle Helson, Adele Perkins,  
Mike Gonzalez

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Richard Guiney, Sevena Merchant,  
Doris Foster, Gary Marron,  
Kathleen Anderson, Pat Benjamin

#### Cantor

Melva LeBlanc

#### Altar Servers

Linda Marron, Vincent Oganwu

## Summer Scouting

Looking for summer fun for the kids? Join the Summer Scouting Program in the RE Building. Join us for some outdoor fun, skill building programs, good citizenship, Leadership and volunteer programs.

Boys grades 1 to 5 Contact Ken Griggs at [Kegriggs@juno.com](mailto:Kegriggs@juno.com).

Meeting every Monday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Girls grades 5 to 12 contact Helen Funk 708-747-3536. The First and  
Third Mondays of the Month from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.



## **Church Stewardship**

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
June 10 Collection	\$4,694.00
Weekly Budget Short	(\$406.00)
Budget Year to Date	\$249,900.00
Total Year to Date	\$236,925.00
<b>Budget Shortage YTD</b>	<b>(\$12,975.00)</b>

**Maintenance Fund June 10 \$423.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$29,547.00**

### **Summer Office Hours**

During the months of June, July and August, the parish office will close on Fridays at 12:00 noon. Thank you.

### **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*

### **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.

### **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.



### **Need prayers?**

*Call the St. Irenaeus Health Ministry Prayer Line at 747-0974 with your requests*

## **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

Coordinator of Religious Education  
Ann Koranda, Director of Music Ministry  
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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.

### **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.