

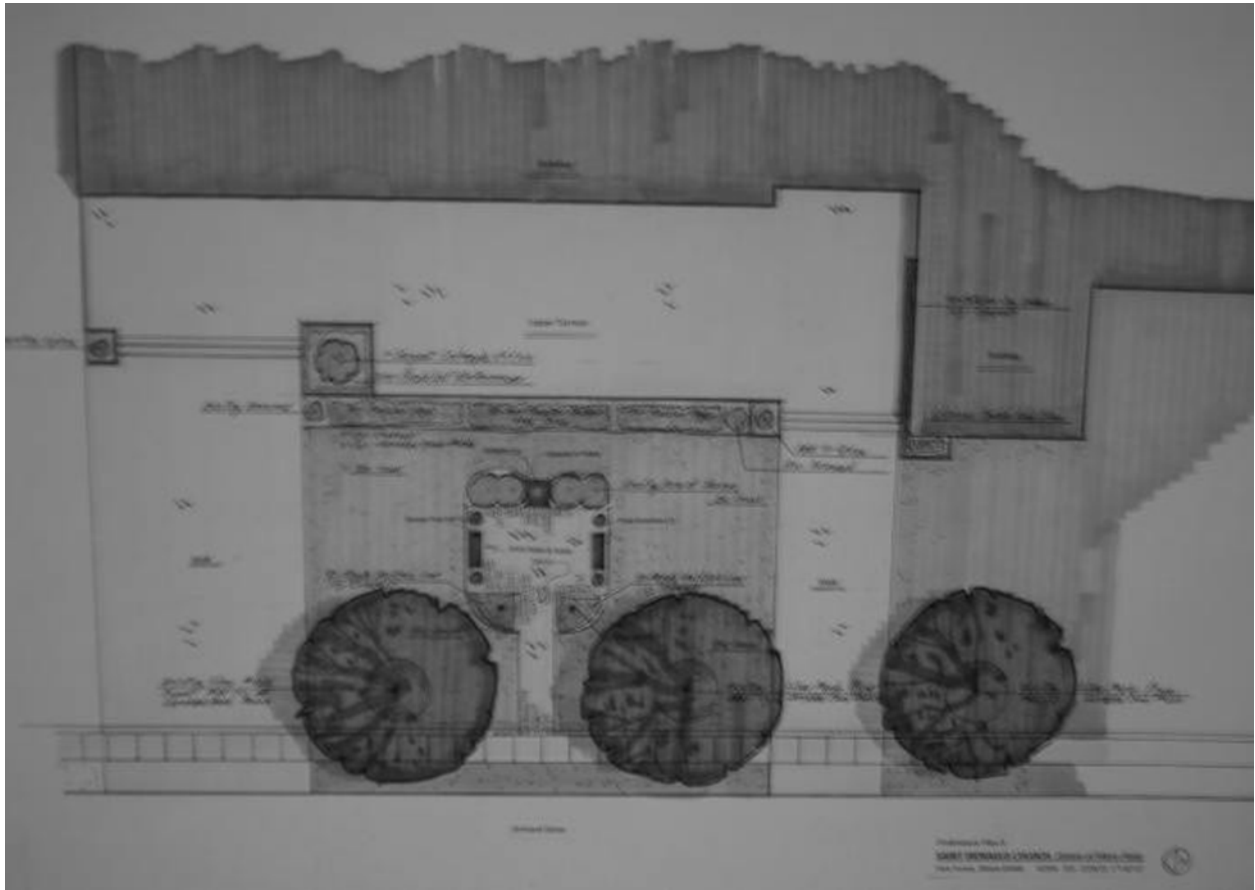


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*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*  
*June 24, 2012 Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

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## **FATHER DANIEL O'SULLIVAN** *Memorial Garden*



*Let Us Build Our Future Brick by Brick*

## Ramblings

As summer begins with the summer solstice this evening we begin a time when hopefully life slows down a bit and we can take advantage of all the wonderful opportunities around for refreshment and recreation. It is a time to visit family, to go to the water-the beach or the ocean, to visit with neighbors and festivals and other community gatherings.



My wish is that you may have the time to refresh and renew your spirit as well.

Some updates on happenings around the parish.

As was announced last weekend by the Research and Development committee work on the Fr Daniel O'Sullivan Memorial Garden will begin in late summer or early fall. What a great testament to the commitment and fidelity of the people of faith who make up this community...all of you! Thank you!

There is a new tenant in the religious education center, the American Association of Single Parents. They are renting two classrooms through August and there is a good chance that they will require additional rooms for their fall programs of before and after school care.

Beginnings Preschool and Daycare has been a tenant in here for many years. They are a "for profit" organization. The Archdiocese of Chicago is a "not for profit" organization and therefore is not able to lease to "for profit" organizations without jeopardizing their "not for profit" status. So as of June 30, 2012 Beginning Preschool and Daycare will be relocated to a facility in Richton Park. We wish them well as they move to a new location.

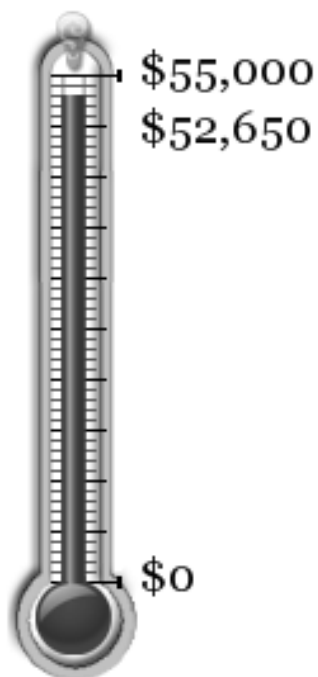
During the June and July the parish will be hosting a priest who is native to Sierra Leone in Africa. Fr Paul Karim belongs to the Spiritian Community of Missionaries and is currently serving in Croatia. Fr Karim will be with us visiting family here in the Chicago area and will assist the parish by presiding at various liturgies during his stay. I trust you will extend a warm St Irenaeus welcome to him.

I will be at a workshop in Cleveland Ohio next weekend June 29, 30 and July 1. I will return on July 1 in the late afternoon.

Have a great week.

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**

*7 sponsors still needed at this level*

**Flower Pot \$250**

**Help us to reach our Commemorative Brick Goal:**

*125 out of 300 have been sold*

**We need to reach our goal!**

Credit cards accepted call the office for details.

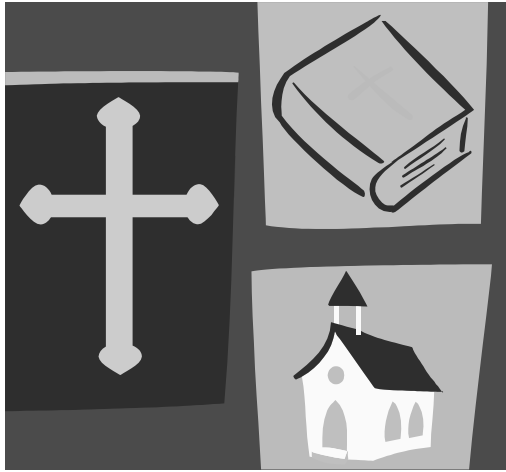
### **Thanks to those already pledged to help make our garden a reality:**

John & Therese Goodrich	\$5,000
Matt & Michelle Helson Family	\$3,000
McCullough Family Foundation	\$3,000
The Oganwu Family	\$3,000
Fran O'Connor	\$3,000
Mike & Patty Jordan (3)	\$1,000
Don & Judy Korte (2)	\$1,000
James & Helen Silvia Family	\$1,000
Richard & Judy Sopiartz	\$1,000
William & Tensia Taylor	\$1,000
Charlie & Marilyn Olson	\$1,000
Joe Augustyn	\$1,000
Donna Gurley	\$1,000
Terry Medhurst	\$1,000
The Johnson Family	\$500
The Ugonna Family	\$500
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



John & Marianna Shields	\$250
Arthur & Iconua Rice	\$250
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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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).

"for I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt. 25

Our conversations with Catholic Charities regarding the possibility of a food pantry at St. Irenaeus have brought us closer to opening the doors of our pantry. It is yet another way we at St. Irenaeus follow our mission statement's goal of bringing the love of Christ to others by providing "loving service



**Food Pantry  
Ministry**

while reaching out to the broader community." Do you have a desire to feed the hungry? To work for the success of our food pantry? If you are interested in volunteering in any way now or in the future, please join us in the rectory for refreshments and conversation on Thursday, June 28, the feast of St. Irenaeus, at 7 p.m. Please call the rectory at 748-6891 if you plan to attend.



### The Feast of St. Irenaeus

This weekend we will celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons in France. He was born of Christian parents around the year 125 and was well educated, and probably taught by people who knew the Apostles, especially St. Polycarp, a student of St. John the Evangelist.

When he was Bishop he divided his activities between the duties of his pastorate and writing against the various outgrowths of the heresy known as Gnosticism, which was spreading in Gaul and elsewhere. He also wrote in Greek many works, which have secured for him an exceptional place in Christian literature.

His name is derived from the Greek word meaning "Peace", and this was one of his characteristics. He was a man of peace who made peace among people of various factions of beliefs and brought people to God.

We pray to St. Irenaeus to bring Peace to our world today.



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 25

8:00 The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

### Tuesday, June 26

8:00 The Parishioners of St. Irenaeus

### Wednesday, June 27

#### St. Cyril of Alexandria

8:00 Marlene Hamill req by  
Bill Hamill

### Thursday, June 28

#### St. Irenaeus

8:00 Communion Service

### Friday, June 29

#### Ss. Peter and Paul

8:00 Communion Service

### Saturday, June 30

#### The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church; Blessed Virgin Mary

5:00 Mary Prosser req by  
The Family

### Sunday, July 1

8:30 Mickey Erbeck req by  
Frank & Eleanore Burns  
10:30 Alicia Gutierrez req by  
The Benitez Family

### June 24, 2012

#### Nativity of St. John the Baptist

*"...but after me one is coming, the sandals of whose feet I am not worthy to untie." - ACTS 13:25*

Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have is a gift from God. We can take credit for nothing. Do you take time daily to thank God for the gifts you have received? Do you show gratitude to God every day? Are you generous without expecting anything in return?

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday, June 30 5:00 pm

#### Lectors

Bev Helm, Marilyn Bourgeois,  
Tim Blumenthal

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Joe Augustyn, Terri Cardin, Richard Marvin,  
Dolly Mikolajczyk, Loren Bowns, Jim Silvia,  
Barbara Principali

#### Cantor

Lucy Lopez

#### Altar Servers

Myles Greska

### Sunday, July 1 8:30 am

#### Lectors

Bob Carreras, Chrys Rudnik, Chris Blue

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jim Francesconi, Laura Hennessy, Mark Keth,  
Marilyn Carroll, Sara Veldhuizen,  
Judy Sopiartz, Richard Thomas

#### Cantor

Faye Predny

#### Altar Servers

Michael Rosenquist, Karen Ertl,  
Kevin Headley

### Sunday, July 1 10:30 am

#### Lectors

Raye Warkenthien, Felicia Jones, Bill Carreras

#### Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Sandy Winder, Connie Rice,  
Kathleen Anderson, Doris Foster,  
Rita Oganwu, Vincent Oganwu, Roy Langer

#### Cantor

Lori Schwartz

#### Altar Servers

Elysia Sawyers, Stephanie Sagun

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REPORT 2012 ST. IRENAEUS PARISH

As of June 20, 2012

PARISH 2012 GOAL:	\$16,654.44
AMOUNT PLEDGE:	\$10,183.00
AMOUNT PAID:	\$8,528.00
BALANCE DUE:	\$1,655.00

## ***Church Stewardship***

<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$5,100.00</b>
June 17 Collection	\$4,891.00
Weekly Budget Short	(\$209.00)
Budget Year to Date	\$255,000.00
Total Year to Date	\$241,816.00
<b>Budget Shortage YTD</b>	<b>(\$13,194.00)</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund June 17</b>	<b>\$199.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund YTD</b>	<b>\$29,746.00</b>
Retired Priest of the Archdiocese	\$1,502.00

### ***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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### ***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.