



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

September 3, 2018 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we celebrated the Memorial of St Augustine who said “to sing is to pray twice”! Music raises our hearts and minds and souls to God so that we might give thanks and praise to the One who loves us and created us!

This weekend we welcome among us Ms Patricia Fointno as our new Director of Music. Pat comes to us with much experience and knowledge in the field of music and liturgy. But just as important she brings with her a love and faith in Jesus that shines forth in her musical talent and prayer.

We welcome Patricia Fointno to St. Irenaeus! May her time here be filled with much joy and peace! Welcome Pat!



You Are Needed

Kristopher W. Seaman

An often cited early Church document expresses the importance of participation at Sunday Eucharist:

When you are teaching, command and exhort the people to be faithful to the assembly of the Church. Let them not fail to attend, but let them gather faithfully together. Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the body of Christ of one of its members.

For you must not think only of other but of yourself as well, when you hear the words that our Lord spoke: "Who does not gather with me scatters" (Mt. 12:30). Since you are the members of Christ, you must not scatter yourselves outside the Church by failing to assemble there. For we have Christ for our Head, as he himself promised and announced, so that "you have become sharers with me."

Do not, then, make light of your own selves, do not deprive our Savior of his members, do not rend, do not scatter his Body!" (quoted from *Didascalia Apostolorum in Spring Time of the Liturgy: Liturgical Texts of the First Four Centuries*, Lucien Deiss, ed., Matthew J. O'Connell, trans. [Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 1967/1979], 176-7).

By not participating in Sunday Eucharist, we "deprive the body of Christ of one of its members." Each one of us as members of Christ's body is important. An analogy would be the family reunion. If one family member does not show, the reunion is incomplete. The Church gathered for Sunday Eucharist is likewise lacking when one person is missing. We know the parable of the lost sheep. This parable has the same point. The shepherd leaves the 99 sheep to find the lost sheep. Each person is needed in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his recent Apostolic Letter, *Porta Fidei* ("The Door of Faith"), suggests implicitly why it is important for us to participate in Sunday Eucharist. He says, "The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering



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us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church. It is possible to cross that threshold when the word of God is proclaimed and the heart allows itself to be shaped by transforming grace. To enter through that door is to set out on a journey that last a lifetime" (1).

Sunday Eucharist is the primary time when we enter through "the door of faith" to be transformed by Christ's grace. At Sunday Eucharist, we as the Church gathered meet Christ in his Word and in his Body and Blood. We enter deeper into communion (union) with Christ and the Church. As the pope explains, participating in the life of the Church "makes it possible to

perceive, ever anew, the marvels that God works for us. . . . What the world is in particular need of today is the credible witness of people enlightened in mind and heart by the word of the Lord, and capable of opening the hearts and minds of many to the desire for God and for true life, life without end" (15).

The pope often calls the liturgy a "school of faith." Through the liturgy, Christ, the great Teacher, teaches us to love as God loves us. By not participating in Sunday Eucharist, we miss the great privilege of being enlightened by Christ's Word, Body, and Blood. Liturgy is a door to faith where we meet Christ present to and with the liturgical assembly. When we open ourselves to Christ's presence, we grow and deepen our faith.

Having been enlightened by Christ in the liturgy, we are sent from the liturgy to witness to Christ's transforming presence that allows the world to be brightened by our faith-filled words and deeds. Indeed, each one of us is needed.

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got kids? got God?



Religious Education News & Registration Information Classes start September 23rd.

Registration for the St. Irenaeus Religious Education Program:

Every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-6:00 PM or in the parish office Monday–Thursday from 9:00-5:00 & Friday from 9:00-noon.

A minimum payment of \$25.00 for the book fee is due at registration.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions 708-748-6891.

*Children are our Future
Share your Faith with them.*

The Religious Education Program is seeking loving, enthusiastic Catholic adults to serve as Religion teachers and classroom aides. Also we are looking for a volunteer that speaks Spanish and can help translate

If you are interested please contact us at 708.748.6891 to discuss this opportunity. We will be happy to answer your questions.



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

If you or an adult you know is interested in becoming a fully initiated Catholic.

- ~want to deepen your faith through a learning and sharing experience.
- ~have been away from the Church but would like to return.
- ~have been baptized but never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith.
- ~have never been baptized.
- ~have never been confirmed.

We have an opportunity for you or someone you know.

Please call the rectory 748-6891 for more information.



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE Wednesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM

As an expression of solidarity and peaceseking, the faith communities of Park Forest are gathering to pray for peace in our village, in our nation and in our world. We will gather at St. Irenaeus Church, 78 Cherry Street, on Wednesday, September 5, at 7 p.m. for a vigil, and as an ongoing commitment, the first Wednesday of each month to join our hearts, our hands, and our voices for peace. See you there!

**Do You Have Any
Rosaries to Donate to a
Poor Parish in Africa?**

St. Lawrence O'Toole in Matteson is collecting used (or new) rosaries for Fr. Boniface Florkiah, Pastor of Christ the King Parish in Monrovia, Liberia. He has over 1200 parishioners and over 1000 students in his school, many of whom are orphans due to the Ebola outbreak. If you can help with this rosary collection drive, please bring your rosaries and put them in the specially marked basket by Sunday, Sept. 23rd so that they can get the rosaries to Fr. Boniface by October, the Month of the Rosary. If you have any questions or need further information, please call Lyn Gray at (708) 802-3468. Thank you for your generosity!



ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Wednesday Morning – 10:00 – 11:30 am

September 12, 2018 – November 7, 2018

Room 8 of the Religious Education Center

If you have NEVER studied the Bible or if you have been to a Bible Study--

ACTS is for YOU!

If you always wanted to Travel, especially the Mediterranean--

ACTS is for YOU!

If you want to learn about the movers & shakers of the early church--

ACTS is for YOU!

There will be a video lecture at each session, so the group can discuss and share their thoughts.

So come join us and share with us as we go on this great adventure.

A study guide and commentary will be included for \$ 20.00

Bring your Bible!

SIGN UP SHEETS AT THE BACK OF CHURCH OR CALL THE RECTORY

News From Nina Council 3602 Ladies Auxiliary

Nina Council 3602 Ladies Auxiliary will conduct its monthly meeting on Sunday, September 9, at 12:30 p.m. in the Religious Education Building at St. Irenaeus parish, 78 Cherry Street in Park Forest. Our membership consists of women from St. I's, SLOT, St. Mary's, St. Benedict, and St. Boniface parishes. We work with the Knights of Columbus in supporting their efforts while we promote many activities that contribute to the community as a whole. Women age 18 and over are welcome. We're always looking for new members. Please come to our meeting on September 9 and see what we are all about. Refreshments will be served.

Mystery Dinner

Nina Council 3602 Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a Murder Mystery Dinner titled "Totally 80s, Totally Murder" on Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018 at St. Irenaeus Religious Education Building, Orchard Drive and Cherry Street in Park Forest from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Tickets are presale only and cost \$30.00 per person. For tickets please contact Linda Marron at 708-747-0105. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m.

In conjunction with the murder/mystery dinner there will be a photo booth and a silent auction. The Ladies Auxiliary is also seeking donations for the silent auction. If you are able to donate any of the following items call Su Jawor at 708-224-7155 or email @ sujawor@yahoo.com. Items may include gift cards/certificates, electronic items, sports equipment, sports memorabilia, gift baskets, jewelry, paintings or cash. Our goal is to raise funds to support numerous charitable organizations that we donate to every year. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

PADS NEWS



My Fellow Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The time has come again for us to start a new season of PADS. My utmost thanks to all of the volunteers who made PADS the huge success that it was last season. I am looking forward to working with you this coming season. We are still in need of Team Leaders and people to work the various shifts, especially the second shift. Below you will find a description of each shift. ANY help would be appreciated. Persons willing to make donations of wash clothes, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, socks or willing to cover a meal are also welcomed and appreciated.

There will be a meeting on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 in the building next door to the Church to discuss how your involvement in PADS can mean so much to our guests. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Yours in Christ
Karren Holloway
Pads Site Manager

Shift 1:

(6:00 pm to 11:00pm)

- Welcome guests
- Register guests
- Take lunch orders for the following day
- Monitor guests, washrooms and hallways.
- Make bedrolls for the following week.
- Toiletry table checks in and out toiletries and rolls silverware for the following week, if necessary.

Shift 2:

(10:45pm to 3:00am)

- Make lunches for morning distribution.
- Monitor guests, washrooms and hallways.

Shift 3:

(2:45am to 7:00am)

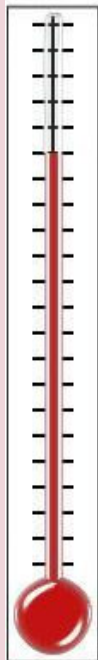
- Monitor guests, washrooms and hallways.
- Make coffee for the morning.
- Set out/prepare breakfast.
- Ensure all guests have left the building at close.

Shift 4:

(5:00am-7:00am)

- Monitor guests, washrooms and hallways.
- Serve breakfast.
- Ensure laundry is outside.
- Wash any necessary dishes.
- Ensure all guests have left the building at close.

Gymnasium Masonry Repair Help us Reach our Goal!



\$22345

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UPDATE: The Gymnasium roof and wall project has been completed. We are so close to our goal! As of August 27, 2018, 156 donors have raised \$18,427.07 of the needed \$22,345.00.

St Irenaeus thanks the 156 donors, who have helped us reach 82.5% of our goal!

Shopping with Scrip/Gift cards is easy!

Available Cards In Inventory/On Hand No Waiting

Subway \$10	Meijer \$25
Taco Bell \$10	BP Gas \$50
Burger King \$10	Speedway Gas \$25
Wendy's \$10	Shell Gas \$25
Starbucks \$10	J.C. Penney \$25
Dunkin Donuts \$10	Kohl's \$25
Panera \$10	Visa Gift Card \$50
Jewel Foods \$25	Chili's \$25
Walmart \$25	Target \$25
Mariano's \$25	Olive Garden \$25

By using Scrip gift cards, you can give 3% -25% of your everyday purchases back to the church.

A variety of gift cards are available for purchase at the Scrip table. If you have any questions please call the parish office at 708-748-6891 Thank You!

Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Liturgical Ministers September 8/9	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Lectors	Bernadette Maune Ben Ramos Beverly Helm	Chris Blue Renee Cruikshank-Ward Lynne Hostetter	Paul Bourgeois Arthur Bourgeois Marilyn Bourgeois
Altar Servers	Kevin Headley Karen Ertl	Joanna Mahiya George Mahiya	Evan Bourgeois Elysia Ontiveros Sara Leddy
Cantor	Karren Holloway	Marianne Velut	Marilyn Roche
Eucharistic Ministers	Dolly Mikolajczyk Bob Steiert Philomena Frank Barbara Principali Jo Anne Yapp	Dennis Condon Sara Velduizen Steve Austin Sandra Slone Marilyn Olson	Rita Oganwu Vincent Oganwu Diane Gonzalez Ada MacKenzie Kathleen Anderson

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:00 Winnie Maune req by
The Family

Tuesday, September 4

8:00 Connie Davis

Wednesday, September 5

8:00 Nick Modrack req by
The Family

Thursday, September 6

8:00 Mary Stack

Friday, September 7

8:00 Genevieve Zall

Saturday, September 8

5:00 Antoinette & Peter Perona req by
The Family

Sunday, September 9

8:30 Edward Zuckerman req by
Julia Wielgosz
10:30 Fr. Peter Mary Rookey req by
The Oganwu Family

**The Parish Office & The Food Pantry
will be closed Monday, September 3rd**

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This Week's Meetings

Monday

Centering Prayer 9:30 in the Chapel
Food Pantry 10:00-12:00 in the R.E. Center
Scouts 6:30 in the R.E. Center

Thursday

Contemplation Prayer 7:00 in the Chapel

If you have questions about
GiveCentral or would like our
Business Manager to assist you
please contact Karen Hoogland at the
Parish Office 708-748-6891



Catholic Charities Counselor

Our parish counselor Zinnia Carvajal, from Catholic Charities will be serving the community of St. Irenaeus on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. You can make an appointment with her by calling 312-655-7725.

Consejera de Caridades Católicas

La consejera de nuestra parroquia, Zinnia Carvajal, estara dando su servicio a la comunidad de San Irenaeus los Viersen de 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Usted puede hacer una cita con ella llamando al 312-655-7725.

Requesting Prayers:

If you would like to put a name on the list for prayers in church for the sick or deceased, please call the office no later than Thursday. Thank you.



Church Stewardship

Budget	\$5,800.00
August 26	
Weekly Collection	\$6,111.00
Weekly Give Central Collection	\$643.00
Total	\$6,754.00
Weekly Budget Over	\$954.00
Budget Year to Date	\$52,200.00
Total Year to Date	\$45,963.79
Budget YTD Short	(\$6,236.21)
August 26	
Maintenance Fund	\$138.00
Give Central	\$25.00
Maintenance Fund	
Total	\$163.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$2,956.00

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.

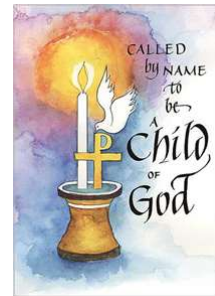
Need prayers?

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

Rev. Terry Johnson, Pastor
Katrina Seifert, Coordinator of Religious Education
Pat Fointno, Director of Music Ministry
Terri Cardin, Administrative Assistant
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Food Pantry Director
Ray Newbury, Head of Maintenance

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Facebook www.facebook.com/saintirenaeus

Mailing address:
78 Cherry St. Park Forest, IL 60466

Parish Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am-5:00 pm, closed from 12pm-1:00pm *Fridays 9:00am-noon.*

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.

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.