



the Pillar

St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

September 9, 2018 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then will
the eyes
of the blind
be opened,
the ears of
the deaf
be cleared;
then will the
lame leap
like a stag,
then the
tongue of
the mute
will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

Well, its September and after Labor Day, they say that summer is over! School has begun and the yellow busses and crossing guards are back on the streets and corners, summer is over I suppose! But it has been an exciting summer around here at the parish! Some updates for you all:

The Gymnasium roof and wall project has been completed. We are so close to our goal! As of September 4, 2018, 163 donors have raised \$19,178.07 of the needed \$22,345.00. St Irenaeus thanks those who have helped us reach 85.8% of our goal! We have scheduled a cleaning service to come in and do a deep cleaning in the gym-the ceiling, light fixtures, walls, windows and floors. All will be scrubbed and disinfected and the floor will be given a fresh coat of wax and polished.

Ms. Pat Fointno has joined us and begun her ministry here at St Irenaeus. Please introduce yourselves to her and extend to her a warm St Irenaeus welcome! She comes with much experience and a real passion for music and liturgy. Welcome Pat!

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday September 23. On behalf of the parish I'd like to thank Katrina Seifert and all the catechists for once again being willing to respond to their baptismal call to service as those who represent all of us as they share their faith and the faith of this community with our students and young people! Please pray for them! We are truly grateful!

The Parish Community Garden continues to be a successful resource for the St Irenaeus/Catholic Charities food pantry in providing fresh produce to the guest who come to the pantry each week. Thank you to Dominic and Kathy Balmeseda and their team of dedicated volunteers who each week tend the garden. There has also been a presence from Affordable Recovery Housing (ARH) as volunteers at the garden.

We are currently in the process of searching for a new St Irenaeus/Catholic Charities Food Pantry coordinator. Ms. Janice Van Zeyl is no longer the Food Pantry Coordinator, we thank her for her service. In the Interim Pat Ward and Joanne Yapp are working with the current volunteers to ensure the continued operation of the food pantry. Thank you to all for your continued volunteering and for assisting in the continuation of the food pantry mission.

The building committee has been working all summer and plans are being made to move the parish offices from their current location to a temporary location in rooms 9 and 10 in the school. This will enable 78 Cherry Street to be listed for rent through the Archdiocesan Real Estate Office. More information when it becomes available.

The Archdiocese is sponsoring a RENEW MY CHURCH SUMMIT on October 1 and 2. It will be an opportunity for all the parishes in the Archdiocese to gather to reflect on what it means to be called to renewal and to achieve the three imperatives of RENEW MY CHURCH which are -making disciples, building community, and inspiring witness. There will be a delegation from St Irenaeus attending. When that group is finalized I will share their names with you all. Please pray for all of us!

As you can see it has been a busy summer but all filled with God's presence and God's love in a variety of ways. May we continue to notice God's love and mercy, which abound here at St Irenaeus!

In God's Love, Fr Terry

P.S. I am in Racine this weekend!

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

Mark your calendars for our next

EAT & EARN

at

PANERA

(Matteson, IL)



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH from 4-8 PM (more info next week)

**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!



Little Rock Scripture Study

The premier Catholic Bible Study--three million strong!

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.

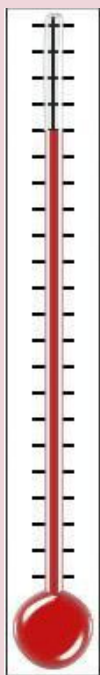
Shift 4:

(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!



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Shopping with Scrip/Gift cards is easy!

Available Cards In Inventory/On Hand No Waiting

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| 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 15/16	Saturday 5:00 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Lectors	Mary Jane Riopelle Michael Yukich Bernadette Maune	Emily Inman Rosemary Newhuis Michaela Parker	Mary Ellen Strezo Angelica Garcia Bill Seifert
Altar Servers	Kevin Headley Karen Ertl	Joanna Mahiya George Mahiya	Giselle Ontiveros Bianca MeKoum Basilio MeKoum
Cantor	Connie Manno	Patrick McGlynn Kathleen Yukich	Lori Schwartz Phil Schwartz
Eucharistic Ministers	Bob Steiert Dolly Mikolajczyk Chrystel Adenle Joe Augustyn Terri Cardin	Marilyn Olson Steve Austin Dennis Condon Sandra Slone Sara Veldhuizen	Diane Gonzalez Vincent Oganwu Rita Oganwu Pat Benjamin Ada MacKenzie

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, September 10

8:00 Winnie Maune req by
The Family

Tuesday, September 11

8:00 Eugene Korte req by
Don & Judy Korte

Wednesday, September 12

The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00 Bud Ward

Thursday, September 13

St. John Chrysostom

8:00 Peter Rubinas

Friday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:00 Merle Arr

Saturday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

5:00 Betty Jean Launsbach req by
Doug & Dorothy Worthan

Sunday, September 16

8:30 Ted & Jeanne Goehler req by
The Family

10:30 Fr. Peter Mary Rookey req by
The Oganwu Family

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.

www.facebook.com/saintirenaeus



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
September 2	
Weekly Collection	\$5,603.44
Weekly Give Central Collection	\$493.00
Total	\$6,096.44
Weekly Budget Over	\$296.44
Budget Year to Date	\$58,000.00
Total Year to Date	\$52,060.23
Budget YTD Short	(\$5,939.77)
September 2	
Maintenance Fund	\$425.00
Give Central	\$5.00
Maintenance Fund	
Total	\$430.00
Maintenance Fund YTD	\$3,386.00

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.

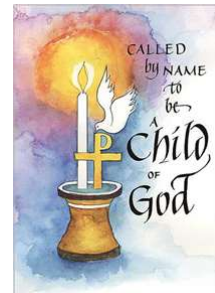
Need prayers?

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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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.