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# the Pillar

*St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois*

*August 2, 2009 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### **PARISH COUNCIL RETREAT**

On Saturday, August 15, 2009 the Parish Council has scheduled its annual retreat to be held in the St. Irenaeus Room in the Religious Education Center. Guest speaker will be Terry Shelley, Director of the Isaac Hecker Center, Young Adult Ministry, Archdiocese of Chicago at Marian High School. He has been instrumental in the "Theology on Tap" program for young adults in the south suburbs.

Parish Council members will be calling commissions and ministries members to confirm if they will be attending the annual retreat.

If you are interested in attending and are not a commission or ministry member please call Dolly Mikolajczyk at 747-7343.

We are looking forward to an exciting day of gaining new information, reflection and planning together. All parishioners are encouraged and welcome to attend.

**A TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS      Planning Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2009 - 7:00 p.m. R. E. Building**

**IMPORTANT!**

Whether you plan to host a table, bring a dish, or can help with setup the morning before, please make every effort to attend this meeting. We want to make this year's TASTE bigger and better than ever. And as a reminder, this year's TASTE is Sunday, September 20, from noon until 2 p.m. Mark your calendars.

***Humankind fully alive, is God truly glorified.***

*St. Irenaeus*

**THE SISTER OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR  
AN INVITATION TO PARTNERSHIP**

**Mission Appeal**

Sr. Evelyn McKenna, SND will speak on behalf of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur Missions in Africa and Latin America on August 8-9, 2009.

Sr. Evelyn will tell the Notre Dame story from personal experience in Congo. The appeal for support will be made to you for education and healthcare ministries of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, were founded in 1804 by Marie Rose Julie Billart, a French peasant women. The vision and hope of St. Julie Billart was that her sisters would go throughout the world, proclaiming God's loving care for all peoples. Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame serve in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and the United States. Throughout their long history as an educational order, they have always emphasized the care of the poor in the most abandoned places. They are women of courage and faith, unafraid of the personal cost of the living out of the Gospel. They stand with the poor through a diversity of educational ministries at all levels of society.

Today we welcome Sr. Evelyn McKenna, SND of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. Our prayers, encouragement, and the collection which will be taken up aligns our parish in a very particular way with the important work of these missionary Sisters. Let us be as generous as we can.

**"SACRED CONNECTIONS:  
THE UNIVERSE UNFOLD"**

Date: August 3rd Time: 9:30-11:30am or 7-9pm Fee: \$20  
"In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth...God saw how good it was." Give yourself time to contemplate the ever--unfolding story of the Universe being revealed through science; and the connection it has with your own spiritual growth. As we explore the 13.7 billion years of evolution, we will experience the grandeur of this place we call home.

Facilitator: Kitty Nagler

**"Tending the Holy"**

Date: August 18th Time: 7-9:30pm Fee: \$25  
Come spend some quiet reflective time under the stars. As evening turns into night, and the business of the day begins to wane, our natural bodily rhythms begin to slow down. It is the perfect time to reflect and listen deeply. We will meet at the labyrinth around a campfire to spend some time in silence, prayer, and conversation with each other. And we will tend the holy within.

Facilitator: Chris Hopkins

**"THE PORT"**

9263 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort IL 815-464-3880

**Thank you to all the women who participated in the Sixth Annual Service for the Feast of Mary of Magdala. A special thanks to Joyce Hempen for all her hard work in creating such a memorable evening.**

**RCIA**

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

*~have never been confirmed.*

*~have never been baptized.*

*~have been baptized but never received religious instruction in the Catholic faith.*

*~have been away from the Church but would like to return.*

*~want to deepen your faith through a learning and sharing experience.*

*We have an opportunity for you or someone you know. Starting September 14th, here at St. Irenaeus, **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)** meets at 7:30 on Monday evenings through Pentecost. Call the rectory 748-6891.*

**Scripture Sharing Group**

The Wednesday Morning Scripture Sharing Group meets in the Saint Irenaeus Room on Wednesdays from 10:15 to 11:30 AM. We will begin the 2009-2010 year on Wednesday, September 9. Our meetings are open to all -- men and women, young and old. No prior knowledge of Scripture is needed. We invite everyone interested in Scripture to join us. Our topic for this year will be "The Eucharist in the Gospel of John." We will use presentations on CD's by Brant Pitre, Phd, Professor of Sacred Scripture at Loyola University in New Orleans. Our discussions, which will be led by Merle Arr and Sylvia Lindecker, will be very basic but will prepare us for a more meaningful participation in the Sunday liturgy and, especially, in the Eucharist. Bibles and all other needed materials will be furnished. If you have questions or need more information, please call Merle Arr @ 708-748-7465 or Sylvia Lindecker @ (708) 747-8313. Watch the Pillar for more details.

## Peace & Justice

The health care debate has become a comprehensive reform bill in the House of Representatives. It establishes a national health insurance "Exchange" to create a marketplace for qualifying health benefits plans to be purchased by employers and individuals with income-based subsidies. The Exchange would include qualifying private insurance plans and a comprehensive, federally administered public health insurance option. Individuals and small employers would also be able to "shop" in the exchange.

All employers and individuals could opt to keep the coverage they currently have. Everyone in the U.S. would be required to obtain health care coverage either through an employer, through the Exchange, or through an existing public health program (i.e. Medicare or Medicaid). Those who do not obtain insurance would be assessed an excise tax equal to 2.5% of adjusted gross income. Hardship and religious exemptions are allowed.

**Urge your congressman to support this bill: H.R. 3200: America's Affordable Health Choices Act of 2009**

## Reflections on Today's Readings August 2 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15.**

"Tell them, 'In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the Lord, am your God.'" The Israelites quickly begin to grumble at the inconveniences that God has imposed on them. The Promised Land seems oh so far away and the "comforts of home," meager as they might have been, loom large in their thoughts. The Lord feeds them, but only for a day at a time. He wants to keep them from getting greedy as well as remind them that they are dependent on Him.

### **Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54.**

"The Lord gave them bread from heaven." The Psalmist sings in celebration of God's fidelity to a grumbling and complaining people whom he led out of Egypt. In spite of their ingratitude, the Lord led them to the Promised Land, providing them bread and flesh to eat along the way.

### **2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24.**

"You must put on that new man created in God's image, whose justice and holiness are born of truth. In the Middle East, clothes did not just make the man, they were the man. A change in one's status was signified by donning symbolic garments. A new king received a crown and new robes symbolizing the power of his new position. An Archbishop receives a new pallium, symbolic of the authority of his new position. Paul speaks of putting on Christ, symbolic of the Christian's new status in his community. The Ephesians don the garments of light, symbolizing their exodus from the darkness of ignorance and sin into the bright light of salvation. At Easter, we provide a symbolic new garment for the newly baptized.

Paul urges his Colossian community to, "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. 14 And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." (Colossians 3:12-14)

### **Gospel: John 6:24-35.**

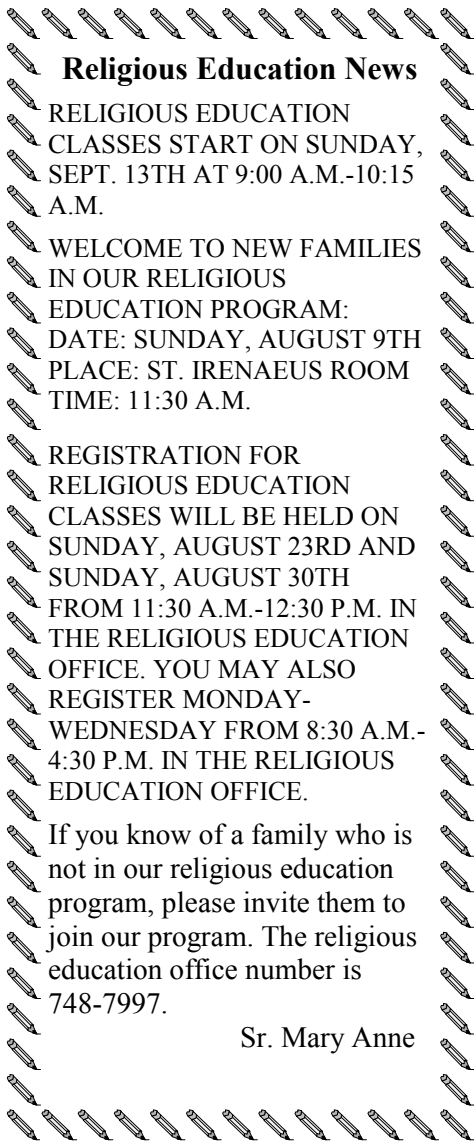
Last week, we left Mark's Gospel temporarily to read from Chapter 6 of John's gospel. We began with the account of the feeding of the 5000. Mark's Gospel has this story, but John's account leads into Jesus' discourse on the "Bread of Life." After the feeding of the 5000, Jesus and His disciples moved to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. The crowd followed and confronted Jesus, asking, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" (John 6:30-31). Our Gospel readings for the next four weeks dwell on Jesus' response. The "sign" he gives us is His real presence with us in the Eucharist.

In today's reading, Jesus tries to move the discourse from an earthly plane to a spiritual level. He recalls with His disciples the Exodus experience when their ancestors were fed in the desert. They still think on this level - bread and flesh provided day by day for bodily sustenance. But Jesus reminds them that after their ancestors ate, they still hungered. The bread he offers in giving Himself is heavenly bread: "I myself am the "Bread of Life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst."

## COFFEE & DONUT MINISTRY

On Saturday, May 2nd, a preliminary meeting was held with interested parishioners in this new ministry. This "team" discussed how we will implement this program, where to purchase donuts and when we will begin. If you haven't made your commitment to volunteer in one of our parish ministries, **here is your opportunity to get involved and become an active participant in this parish.** Please call Jan Pattyn at 748-2537 to learn more.

**The next meeting will be held in church on August 2 after the 10:30 Liturgy. We will convene in the vestibule of the church.**



### Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START ON SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH AT 9:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M.

WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 9TH PLACE: ST. IRENAEUS ROOM TIME: 11:30 A.M.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 23RD AND SUNDAY, AUGUST 30TH FROM 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE. YOU MAY ALSO REGISTER MONDAY-WEDNESDAY FROM 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. IN THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

If you know of a family who is not in our religious education program, please invite them to join our program. The religious education office number is 748-7997.

Sr. Mary Anne

### Mass Intentions For The Week

**Monday, August 3**  
8:00 Anna May Fischer req by Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

**Tuesday, August 4**  
8:00 Bernadine M. King req by Don & Judy Korte

**Wednesday, August 5**  
8:00 Betty Barnak req by Daniel O'Sullivan

**Thursday, August 6**  
8:00 Communion Service

**Friday, August 7**  
8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, August 8**  
5:00 Steve Cardin req by St. Irenaeus Funeral Meal Group  
Frank Mikolajczyk

**Sunday, August 9**  
8:30 Anthony Menza req by Connie Menza  
Carmen Bullington  
10:30 Charlotte B. Callahan req by The Family

### Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, August 1 5:00 pm**  
**Lectors**  
Sally Fortune, Beverly Helm  
Dolly Mikolajczyk  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Marilyn Carroll, Judy McDonnell  
Merle Arr, Jan Pattyn  
Brenda Harris, Richard Marvin  
**Cantor**  
Cathy Williams  
**Altar Servers**  
Elizabeth Hurd, Jack Osmolski

**Sunday, August 2 8:30 am**  
**Lectors**  
Gerry Berish, Therese Goodrich  
Helen Silvia  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Pat O'Connor, Laura Hennessy  
Richard Thomas, Kathy Murphy  
Patrick McCartan, Chrys Rudnik  
**Cantor**  
Marianne Velut  
**Altar Servers**  
Myles & Ray Greska

**Sunday, August 2 10:30 am**  
**Lectors**  
Phil Schwartz, Terry Townsend  
Raye Warkenthien  
**Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist**  
Kathy Anderson, Vincent Oganwu  
Connie Rice, Sandy Winder  
Pat Benjamin, Dave Perkins  
**Cantor**  
Phil Schwartz  
**Altar Servers**  
Michael Rosenquest, Jackie Rivas

### SPRED

SPRED is one of those ministries that benefit from people forming friendships within a small faith group. Yes, we welcome people with intellectual challenges and you may feel uncomfortable being with them. So in this light we invite you to come and have fun with our SPRED groups during the summer. Call Denise Carriel at 708-231-6016 for more details. We will resume our ministry in September when we calendar 24 sessions between September and May.

*"Our welcoming Christian community of St. Irenaeus Parish inspired by the words of our patron, "Humankind fully alive is God truly glorified," journeys together to bring the love of Christ to all in our parish family through worship, faith formation, social justice, and loving service while reaching out to the broader community."*

### 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. When necessary, arrangements can be made for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

We celebrate the sacrament of baptism on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents must attend a baptism preparation session. These sessions are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

### 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.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

College-Age? 20s or 30? Married or Single? We've got something for you!

Join us at Marian Catholic High School for a four week summer speaker series covering topics relevant to young adults.

August 5th-7:30 p.m.

The Challenge of Jesus: Is He the One or Should We Look for Another  
-Fr. Kevin Birmingham

Fr. Kevin Birmingham was ordained 12 years ago. He is currently the pastor of St. Anne in Hazel Crest. Fr. Kevin has served as a parish priest in Blue Island, Robbins, and Orland Park. He has helped lead retreats for people of all ages.

Where:

Marian Catholic High School  
700 Ashland Ave.  
Chicago Heights, IL 60411

Use the Ashland Ave, entrance and follow the signs!

Great Topics, Great Speakers, Great Company!

For More Information Contact:

Mr. Terry Shelly

Phone:(708) 756-9752

Email: [tshelley@yamchicago.org](mailto:tshelley@yamchicago.org)

Visit our website: [www.yamchicago.org](http://www.yamchicago.org)

### 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**

Rev. Terry Johnson, Administrator

Deacon Joe & Judy McDonnell

Deanna Martin, Lay Minister

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Terri Cardin, Parish Secretary

Director of Religious Education

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## Health Ministry News

### Keeping our Children Healthy

A growing body needs lots of attention: a healthy diet for strong bones and muscles, lots of encouragement and guidance for a healthy mind, and more than a few Band-Aids for those occasional cuts and scrapes. But it need something else, too-regular checkups from a doctor to make sure each child is growing up healthy.

### School-age children should have physical exams every year:

~Physical exams give you and your child an annual report of your child's growth and development.

~They also enable the doctor to spot any health problems at their earliest stages.

### What can you and your child expect at a physical exam?

~A comprehensive review of your children's health history.

~Follow up on any past medical problems.

~A complete examination.

~A discussion and examination of any new health problems your child may have.

### Annual checkups are also an opportunity for general discussions:

~Wellness: nutrition, exercise and injury prevention.

~Adolescent and teen issues: sexuality, alcohol, smoking, etc.

~Keep your kids healthy! Visit the doctor!

**The Healthy Ministry is taking Blood Pressures after Mass.**

### 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

See Pamphlet Rack in

front entrance of

Church for more

references

## Church Stewardship

### Budget Information - 4

**Budget Information \$4,650.00**

July 26 Collection \$4,104.00

Thank you to the 132 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected/envelopes \$3,695.00

Loose Money \$409.00

Budget Year to Date \$18,600.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$17,451.50

**09/10 Budget Shortage (\$1,148.50)**

**Maintenance Fund July 26 \$161.00**

**Maintenance Fund YTD \$2,384.00**

**Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.\$325,363.00**

**Total Collections \$327,747.00**

**Total Expenditures \$269,616.83**

### Morning Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday - 8:00 am

Communion Service - 9:30 am

Sat. Communion Service - 8:00 am

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:30, 10:30 am

### Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:45 pm

## Welcome to St. Irenaeus Church

78 Cherry St.

Park Forest, IL 60466

Rectory Phone, 748-6891

We are pleased to have you celebrate God's Eucharist with us. Place this completed form in the offering basket.

( ) I am new to this area and interested in joining the parish.

( ) I would like more information about the parish's \_\_\_\_\_ ministry.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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