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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

August 30, 2009 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Humankind fully alive, is God truly glorified.

St. Irenaeus

Sisters of Providence to host Chicago “Come and See Day” Sept. 26

The Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., will host a “Come and See Day” Saturday, Sept. 26, at Maternity BVM Convent, 1540 N. Monticello, Chicago. Young Catholic women who are exploring a call to religious life are invited to attend. The “Come and See Day” will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (CDT). Lunch will be provided. There is no cost to attend. Women will have an opportunity to meet with Sisters of Providence for personal interaction, communal prayer, small group conversations, personal reflection time and a question-answer period. Also, there will be time to learn more about the Congregation’s foundress, Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, who was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2006. The Sisters of Providence have served in the Chicago area for more than 120 years. Their presence in the Archdiocese of Chicago continues today. The Sisters of Providence also have had a presence in the dioceses of Rockford, Joliet, Peoria, Springfield and Belleville. More information about the “Come and See Day” can be obtained by contacting Sister Jenny Howard, the Congregation’s vocation director, at jhoward@spsmw.org or 1-800-860-1840, ext. 2897.

The Sisters of Providence, a Congregation of nearly 450 women religious, have their motherhouse at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, located northwest of Terre Haute, Ind. Saint Mother Theodore Guerin founded the Sisters of Providence at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods in 1840. Today, Sisters of Providence minister in 20 states, the District of Columbia, Taiwan and China.

For more information about any of the ministries of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, visit the Congregation’s web site at www.sistersofprovidence.org.

“God is My Tour Guide”

Date: September 21 Time: 9:30-Noon or 7-9:30pm Fee: \$25

Imagine you are on the trip of a lifetime planned and directed by the Divine Tour Guide. In reality you already are on that trip. Join us for a journey filled with prayer, stories, music and art, as we explore God’s presence in our travels whether around the world or around the block. Includes an outdoor labyrinth walk-comfortable shoes advised.

Facilitator: Suzette Horyza

“Scripture in Everyday Life”

Dates: September 28-(Peter, Me, and Ordinary Life), October 26-(Stephen, Timothy, and Servant Leadership), November 30-(The Twelve-Ways to be Disciples) Time: 9:30-11:30 am Fee: \$20 This scripture series is designed for both women and men to discover the timeless value of God’s word in the ordinary events of our everyday lives. Come and discover how we are all connected to each other, to God, and to the Universe!

Facilitator: Fr. Terry Johnson

“THE PORT”

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

FIFTH TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS UPDATE

The following folks have agreed to chair an ethnic table for our event on Sunday, September 20:

| Ethnic Table | Chair (Phone) |
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| Jamaican | Rita & Rudolph Thompson (754-8827) |
| Greek | Helen Funk (747-3536) |
| American | Mary Jane Riopelle (748-6205), Barb Ostroski (748-7511) |
| Portuguese | Helen & Jim Silvia (747-0795) |
| German | Karen Ertl (747-5632) |
| Eastern European | Diane Cash (363-4082), Tony Melcarz (748-2848) |
| African American | Doris Foster (481-0930), Sevena Merchant (748-2408) |

If you would like to provide a dish for any of these tables, please contact the chairperson directly.

We are still looking for someone to chair these ethnic tables: Mexican, Irish, Italian, Nigerian, Asian and Filipino. If you are interested and can help, please contact Cathy Williams (674-7614), Dolly Mikolajczyk (747-7343) or Terri Cardin (748-6891) ASAP.

All chairpersons are asked to attend one final meeting on Wednesday, September 9, at 7:00 p.m. in Room 8 in the R. E. Building. Please have your completed worksheets with you which identify the supplies you will need and the dishes your group will prepare.

Peace & Justice

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8/16/09:

When the Albuquerque C of C hosted a tour of the nearby Kirkland Air Force Base, they saw some of the new F-22 fighter jets which cost \$350,000,000 each. The F-22s are still rolling off the Lockheed Martin production lines, a large squadron of them planned for KAFB.

The group saw the Lockheed Martin F-16 which is used for the U.S. business class. It is a jet which is sold to dictatorships around the world. It is probably the most mass-produced war plane bringing in the most money to Lockheed Martin.

The group did not see photographs of the innocent victims of the drones developed at KAFB. Nor did they see the satellite control center overseeing the satellites which control the drones attacking people and homes in the Middle East.

They did not see the 2,000 WMDs stored there to enforce the ultimate power of US: mass genocide.

More information is available at www.stopthewarmac.hine.org.

Reflections on Today's Readings August 30 Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8.

In last week's first reading, Joshua addressed the Israelites after they had crossed the Jordan River to take possession of the Promised Land. Today, in a flashback, they are poised on the Plains of Moab, preparing to cross the River Jordan. We hear Moses instructing them in the Law that will govern their actions as they occupy the Promised Land. He exhorts them to: "Observe them (the statutes and decrees) carefully." Thus will the other nations be given evidence of their wisdom and intelligence and the closeness of their God.

Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5.

"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord."

2nd Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27.

James tells the early Christians to "Welcome the word that has taken root in you, with its power to save you." James' message is to take the Word into the world and put it to work. It is a message that speaks to us today. We gather on Sunday to profess our faith and to welcome Christ into our lives in the Word and the Eucharist. But, of the Word, James says, "If all you do is listen to it, you are deceiving yourselves." Later on in his letter, James, expanding on this theme, admonishes us, "If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?"

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

The "greatest commandment," Jesus tells his disciples, is to "Love your God." It comes from the Book of Deuteronomy. It is embodied in the Shema, the Hebrew profession of faith, which begins, "Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone! Therefore, you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and

with your whole soul, and with all your strength." The second greatest commandment comes from the Book of Leviticus. It is, Jesus tells them, like the first: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus taught his disciples that the whole law is summarized in these two commandments. Love your God and love your neighbor are action commandments. The Hebrew people internalized these laws and lived by them as they took possession of the Promised Land. By Jesus' time, though, the Law had been interpreted in a myriad of rules and regulations governing every facet of life. In following the rules, the people had all but lost the spirit of the Law. The Pharisees challenged Jesus under the rules of the Law: "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of our ancestors, but instead take food without purifying their hands?" Jesus took them to task, quoting Isaiah, "This people pays me lip service but their heart is far from me."

We find ourselves each Sunday much like the nation of Israel found itself on the Plains of Moab beside the River Jordan. We come to the liturgy to profess our faith; to praise and thank God; to welcome Christ in the Word and the Eucharist. But we must internalize what we profess, hear, and receive. Above all, we must heed what the Apostle James tells us: "If all you do is listen to [the Word], you are deceiving yourselves." If that's all we do: listen to the Word and then leave thinking, "Well, that's over for another week," we really are "deceiving ourselves." The liturgy is our opportunity to gather in community to praise, thank and be reconciled with God and with one another. But it is also, very importantly, our "pep rally," preparing us, strengthening us, firming up our resolve to go forth into the world to do the Lord's work; to love and serve the Lord and one another. The words that should ring in our ears as we walk out the door are the last ones we hear in the liturgy: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

First Weekend of the Month Food Project September 5-6, 2009

Where did the summer go? With the kids back in school, the needy among us may have to decide what is most important for them to buy-food or back-to-school supplies/clothes. Please keep this in mind when you do your family shopping this week. If you can, please fill an extra bag of groceries for our disadvantaged neighbors and bring it to Mass with you on September 5 or 6.

Religious Education News

Registration for St. Irenaeus

Religious Education Program:

Saturday, August 29th after the 5:00 Mass & Sunday, August 30th after the 8:30 & 10:30 Mass.

All above registration will be taken in the family room in the back of church.

You also may register during the day Monday-Wednesday from 8:30 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Call ahead if you plan to register during the day. 748-7997. At least the \$20.00 book fee for each child should be paid at registration time. The day registrations take place in the Religious Education Office.

Religious Education classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 13th at 9:00 a.m. with a prayer service in the gym.

Sr. Mary Anne

SPRED

Welcome New Volunteers

Spred is an archdiocesan program with a unique mission: to provide appropriate and meaningful experience of faith formation, sacramental preparation and worship for children and adults with intellectual challenges (including, but not exclusive of autism, learning disabilities or attention deficit disorder, behavior or emotional challenges, Down Syndrome or other genetic disorders). Many of these people live in our parish, while others live down the street at the Elisabeth Ludeman Center. I appeal to the members of our parish to support me in this effort. Our two SPRED groups at St. Irenaeus need four more volunteers who are willing to enter into friendship with these wonderful people. SPRED is not a teaching method, so we are not looking for special degrees or background. We invite ordinary people who enjoy friendship and laughter; who are open to meaningful relationships; who value the dignity of all people; who appreciate sacred and prayerful experiences; who are looking for a place of peace, security and love. SPRED offers all of this and more to both the volunteer and the special friends. For the sake of our friends who wait patiently, don't take this invitation lightly. We will resume our ministry in September when we calendar 24 sessions between September and May. Call Denise Carriel at 708-231-6016 or email denisedevine@hotmail.com

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, August 31

8:00 Sister Mary Sheila O'Connor

Tuesday, September 1

8:00 Steve Cardin req by
Terri & Ben Cardin
George & Evelyn Peterson
req by The Family

Wednesday, September 2

8:00 Charlotte B. Callahan req by
The Family

Thursday, September 3

St. Gregory the Great

8:00 Communion Service

Friday, September 4

8:00 Communion Service

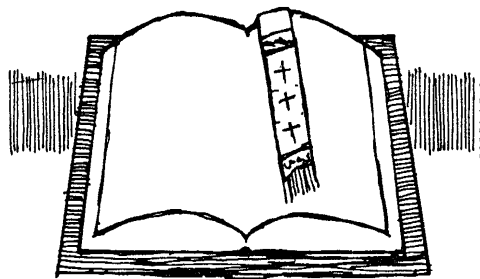
Saturday, September 5

4:00-4:45 **Reconciliation**

5:00 Ray Panka

Sunday, September 6

8:30 Ike Foster req by
The Children & Grandchildren
10:30 Becie Kennedy
The Homebound of St.
Irenaeus req by
The Ministers of Care



Welcome the Word

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, August 29 5:00 pm

Lectors

Beverly Helm, Judy McDonnell
Bob Carreras

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Jim Silvia, Richard Marvin
Joe Augustyn, Merle Arr
Brenda Harris, Marilyn Carroll

Cantor

Faye Predny

Altar Servers

Moira & Virginia Differding

Sunday, August 30 8:30 am

Lectors

Jen Willford, Nancy Willford
Robert Willford

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Gerry Berish, Pat O'Connor
Richard Thomas, Chrys Rudnik
Laura Hennessy, Patrick McCartan

Cantor

Helen Silvia

Altar Servers

Karen Ertl

Sunday, August 30 10:30 am

Lectors

Dolly Mikolajczyk, Terry Townsend
Deanna Martin

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist

Pat Benjamin, David Perkins
Vincent Oganwu, Jan Pattyn
Connie Rice, David Ostroski

Cantor

Phil Schwartz

Altar Servers

Jack Osmolski

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-Canva Conference.

ATTENTION ALL REGISTERED PARISH ADULTS!

If you are interested in becoming a Minister of Care at St. Irenaeus, The Ministry Commission of Vicariate V serving Deaneries C, D, A and E, is offering two separate four-class seminars on Ministry of Care: Theology and Practice (Certification) which meets the Archdiocesan requirements to minister to the sick and homebound members of the parish. Preparation includes such topics as spirituality of ministry, ministry to the aged, the experience of suffering, dying and death, pastoral listening skills, prayer and Eucharist and the theological and practical dimensions of ministry. This seminar provides fresh theology and insights into the practice of the Ministry of Care. Participants must be approved by the Pastor to serve in this ministry.

Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound in our parish and to local hospitals. The fee for taking the course is paid for by the parish.

The following classes are being held Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sept. 8, 10, 15 & 17, 2009 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Patricia Parish. If you are interested in the 2010 classes they are being held Mondays and Wednesdays, February 1, 3, 8, and 10 from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Barnabas Church.

If you would like more information on this ministry and/or are interested in registering for either workshop, please call Deanna Martin, Coordinator of St. Irenaeus' Ministry of Care, at 708-799-4567.

We know that you will find this beautiful ministry very spiritually rewarding.

Hotlines:

COURAGE
For single mothers and unplanned pregnancies
708-636-8001

Catholic Charities Family Shelter
312-655-7700
Senior Services
708-596-2222

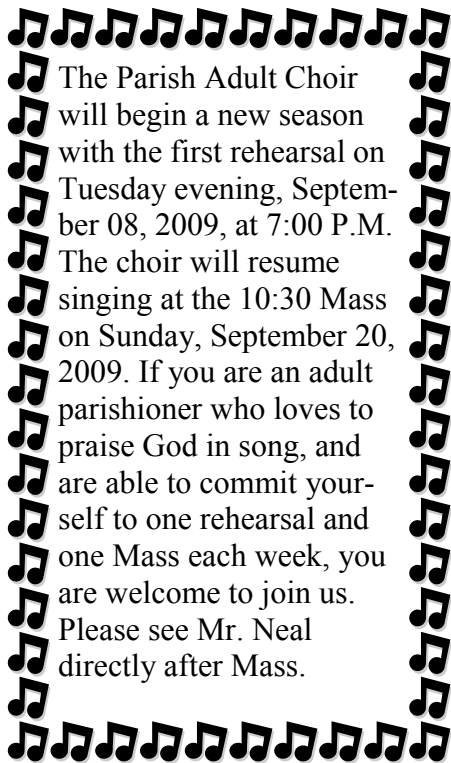
Crisis Center for South Suburbs
708-429-7233

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



The Parish Adult Choir will begin a new season with the first rehearsal on Tuesday evening, September 08, 2009, at 7:00 P.M. The choir will resume singing at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, September 20, 2009. If you are an adult parishioner who loves to praise God in song, and are able to commit yourself to one rehearsal and one Mass each week, you are welcome to join us. Please see Mr. Neal directly after Mass.

St. Irenaeus Ministerial Staff
Rectory Phone: 748-6891
Religious Education Center
Phone: 748-7997

Rev. Terry Johnson, Administrator
Joe & Judy McDonnell, Deacon Couple
Deanna Martin, Lay Minister
Robert Neal,
Director of Music Ministry
Terri Cardin, Parish Secretary
Sr. Mary Anne Yanz, O.P.
Director of Religious Education
Web-site www.stirenaeuschurch.com
E-Mail stirenaeus@archchicago.org

September 11, 2001

Everyone remembers where and what they were doing on September 11, 2001. Let us remember this date by attending the 8th Annual Peace Rosary at St. Irenaeus on Friday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in reciting one of the mysteries, please contact Barbara Jo Ostroski at 748-7511.

Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 8

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| Budget Information | \$4,650.00 |
| August 23 Collection | \$4,222.00 |
| Thank you to the 167 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend. | |
| Money collected/envelopes | \$3,552.00 |
| Loose Money | \$670.00 |

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Budget Year to Date | \$37,200.00 |
| Actual Income Year to Date | \$35,341.94 |

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$1,858.06)

Maintenance Fund Aug 23 \$233.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$4,499.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.\$325,363.00

Total Collections \$329,862.00

Total Expenditures \$269,616.83

Need prayers?

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

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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