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The Administrators Ramblings

Today the parish community gathers for its annual Taste of St Irenaeus to celebrate our diversity. We gather together as individuals bringing food from the countries of our ancestors to share from the one table. We gather around the tables filled with the food and nourishment of our cultures and countries and we are proud of who we are as individuals and as a community....we are a gifted, talented, generous and holy people. St Irenaeus celebrates all that it means to be a Eucharistic community as we gather around the foods of our heritage, the foods that physically nourished us and strengthened us as human beings living on Planet Earth. We celebrate all that the food of our cultures and customs as they continue to shape and mold us as citizens of this global community of which we find ourselves ever more connected to all that makes up Earth and the Cosmos. We celebrate our unity in our diversity today as we gather as the Body of Christ for the Taste of St Irenaeus. We recognize how God's

presence in this community continues to manifest itself in the many varied ways we are asked to respond to God's invitation to love. May we continue to grow in God's inexhaustible love in the days and weeks and years ahead! Please come join us in celebrating!

This week we will meet with the Protecting God's Children's office of the archdiocese as they are conducting audits in Vicariate VI. Sister Mary Ann and I will be meeting with several folks who might be interested in working on some kind of youth ministry program here at St I's. We have invited Hope Lutheran to begin a conversation about the possibility of collaborating in the area of youth ministry. The Parish Pastoral Council meets this Thursday in Room 8.

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. Please patronize the businesses who advertise in our parish bulletin.

FIFTH TASTE OF ST. IRENAEUS UPDATE

The TASTE Committee would like to extend a great big thank you to this year's Table CHAIRS for their help and participation.

Nigerian	Nneka Green
Italian	Victoria Merlo
Jamaican	Rita & Rudolph Thompson
Greek	Helen Funk
American	Mary Jane Riopelle, Barb Ostroski
German	Karen Ertl
Eastern European	Diane Cash, Tony Melcarz
African American	Doris Foster, Sevena Merchant
Irish	Susan Brown-Barber
Chinese	Biyng Huang
International	Colleen McGrain

HOUSING OPPORTUNITY FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

During the past year, ST. IRENAEUS PARISH and CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CHICAGO signed a cooperative agreement to assist homeless families in the Park Forest area. Recently, Catholic Charities asked for referrals of homeless families in St. Irenaeus and surrounding areas to New Hope Apartments, a two-year transitional housing program administered by Catholic Charities. To qualify, a homeless family must be living in a shelter, on the street, or residing temporarily in a hotel or motel.

Prompting Catholic Charities call for homeless applicants are upcoming vacant apartment units in New Hope Apartments. This is an opportunity for St. Irenaeus parishioners to reach out to homeless families in our community and invite them to take advantage of this unique housing opportunity. If interested, the homeless family should call the parish rectory and provide their first name, the number of persons in the family, and a means to contact the family.

WISDOM



IS PEACEABLE



**WEDDING
BANNERS
I**

**STEVEN M.
FRENCH
&
TARA
GREGORY**

1st Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20.

"Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him." Wisdom and licentious behavior are juxtaposed. The just man is an affront and a challenge to those who live only to indulge themselves. The just man lives in peace with his neighbors, thinking first of their welfare. His love of God and love of neighbor will bring him a rich life in this world. His wealth will most likely be in things spiritual rather than things material, but it will fulfill the promise of immortality in the world to come. By contrast, his antagonists live day to day with gusto, thinking only of themselves and of indulging their every material and worldly desire. Their creed is that you only live once so get the most out of this life while you can. They take a malicious view of the just man's goodness. His presence and the goodness he exudes are a reproach to them and their lifestyles and they would eliminate him from their lives.

Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8.

"Behold, God is my helper; the Lord sustains my life." The Psalmist puts his trust in the Lord "For haughty men have risen up against me."

2nd Reading: James 3:16 - 4:3.

"The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace." James holds out the joys of a just life to those who seek "Wisdom from above." Those who live in love of one another find a richness of life in peace and harmony. By contrast, those who are driven by envy and selfishness turn inward on themselves and eventually destroy their own lives and those who associate with them.

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37.

Jesus' resolute journey toward Jerusalem continues. He has told his disciples a second time that His journey will end in death, but that He will rise in three days. This talk makes no sense to them. It is completely at odds with the kingdom of power that one of the Jewish traditions of the Messiah has prepared them to expect. Not wanting to pursue His line of thought any further, they fall to arguing about who among them is the greatest. Their concern is to position themselves for a prestigious place in the what they perceive as the coming kingdom of power.

Jesus, aware of their conversation and concerns, calls them together, telling them, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all." Then, calling a child to him, he delivers to them another affront, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this for my sake welcomes me."

To the men in Middle-Eastern societies, women and children were expendable chattels to be treated last among persons. To suggest that they (the men) were to be servants to children (their chattels) and, by inference, to all the lowly people of the world, was an insult to their "honor." Men whose greatest concern in life was their "honor," and that seemed to be most men, were finding it increasingly difficult to follow Jesus as He made them more aware of the kind of kingdom He intended to bring about. They could begin to see that instead of gaining more power and privilege, what power and privilege they had was in danger of being diminished or lost. The coming events in Jerusalem would be the supreme test of their faith and they failed miserably, abandoning Him. But, in their failure dwelt the seeds of faith that the Holy Spirit would bring to fruition. Slowly and inexorably, kingdom did come about and it is here to stay.

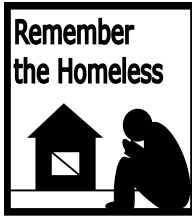
That We May Have Priests...

The Archdiocese of Chicago operates one of the most comprehensive seminary systems in the country. Over five hundred men are currently enrolled in one of our five programs. With your prayers and support, and by the grace of God, they will become our future priests.

University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary
St. Joseph Seminary
Casa Jesus
Bishop Abramowicz Seminary
Tuite Program

The Collection for the Seminary System for the Archdiocese of Chicago September 26-27, 2009
The envelopes are on the back tables.

A Recital in memory of the late pastor and late director of music ministries at St. Irenaeus church, the Reverend Daniel O'Sullivan and Dr. Mark Russakoff, respectively. Music will reflect their cultural heritages and interests. Presenters are clarinetist, Lynn Godfrey and keyboardist, Helen Silvia. Recital at 2:30 P.M., Sunday, October 18 at St. Irenaeus Church, 78 Cherry St., Park Forest, IL. 708-748-6891. There will be a free will offering.



**PADS SEASON
AT ST. I's WILL
BEGIN THURS.
OCT. 1st. 2009**

St. I's Needs your assistance for the 2009-2010 season.

We need volunteers to help staff the site and for back-up.

As in past seasons we are in need of white tube or crew socks (no low ankle type please) and inexpensive hand towels and wash cloth. The blue bins are in the church to accept your donations. We also need personal products. For more information see the PADS ministry pamphlets in the back of the church, along with volunteer forms. Pay us a visit if you are not sure that you want to volunteer or not.

The St. I's food meal donations will be done differently this season along with Friday morning clean up. We are asking for monetary donations to purchase the food for a meal and aid in clean up expenses. Thank you for all that have given food items in the past.

Should you have questions please contact the rectory and someone will call you back.

Last year we provided shelter and meals to over one thousand guests and we are expecting more this season. Please help your fellow human beings who are in need. We have all heard can you spare a dime, now we are adding spare some time!

Thank you, The guests that will use PADS

**Annual Fall Job Fair
Free and Open to the Public
Wednesday, October 21, 2009
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Prairie State College Business
& Community Education Center
202 South Halsted Street
Chicago Heights, Illinois**

**Mass Intentions
For The Week**

**Monday, September 21
St. Matthew**
8:00 Anna May Fischer req by
Ed & Mary Anne Fischer

Tuesday, September 22
8:00 Fran Jones req by
Daniel O'Sullivan

**Wednesday, September 23
St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)**
8:00 John O'Malley req by
Pat Dahlberg
Carl H. King req by
Don & Judy Korte

Thursday, September 24
8:00 Communion Service

Friday, September 25
8:00 Communion Service

**Saturday, September 26
St. Cosmas and St. Damian; Blessed
Virgin Mary**
4:00-4:45 Reconciliation
5:00 Roger Cleghorn req by
Barbara & Angelo Principali
Donald Thomas Marvin req by
Richard Marvin

Sunday, September 27
8:30 Magdalena Eissing req by
The Neighbors
10:30 Ray Greska req by
Terri Cardin

**Liturgical
Ministers**

Saturday, September 19 5:00 pm
Lectors
Bob Carreras, Merle Arr
Jan Pattyn

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Sally Fortune, Beverly Helm
Richard Marvin, Bob Steiert

Cantor
Melva LeBlanc
Altar Servers
Moira & Virginia Differding

Sunday, September 20 8:30 am
Lectors
Sara Veldhuizen, Gerry Berish
Brenda Harris

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Dennis Condon, Judy McDonnell
Deanna Martin, Kathy Murphy
Joe Augustyn, Carol McCullough

Cantor
Faye Predny
Altar Servers
Karen Ertl, Kevin Headley

Sunday, September 20 10:30 am
Lectors
Vanessa White, Mary Anne Yanz
Therese Goodrich

Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist
Kathy Anderson, Rita Oganwu
Dave Perkins, Lyn Schober
Pat Benjamin, Dolly Mikolajczyk

Cantor
Lori Schwartz
Altar Servers
Ale Rivas, Jackie Rivas

**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.

Knights of Columbus

On Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, 2009, the Knights of Columbus statewide conducted a drive to raise funds for "People with Intellectual Disabilities." Nina Council solicited funds to aid this endeavor at various locations in Park Forest, Richton Park, Matteson and Olympia Fields. Donors received a Tootsie Roll in appreciation of their gifts. All of the monies raised in this Drive are donated to worthy causes in this area. If you would care to make a donation through the mail, send it to Post Office Box 312, Park Forest, Illinois, 60466. This year's PID Chairman is Deputy Grand Knight Mike Gonzalez.

The Knights of Columbus, Nina Council #3602 which covers the parishes of St. Irenaeus, St. Lawrence O'Toole and St. Mary's will be sponsoring a **Blood Drive on Sunday, October 18, 2009** at Ryan Hall at St. Mary's School between 8:00 am and 1:00 pm. Potential donors are encouraged to register in advance for appointments on this date with their parishes, with LIFE SOURCE at 1-312-543-9606 or with the Nina Council Blood Drive Chairman, Edwin Fizer at 708-748-5399.

Donors should be in good health, at least 18 years of age and have had at least 8 weeks elapse since their last blood donation. LIFE SOURCE also includes cholesterol testing and donors will receive these results within 5 weeks of the test. There is no cost to the donor and these blood supplies stay within the Chicagoland area. Please help replenish those blood supplies typically depleted during the summer months.

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Lord's Landscapers

Have you ever wondered who is responsible for cutting the grass, planting the flowers, pulling the weeds around our parish grounds? Well, for your information, there is only a handful...six, to be exact...of parishioners who volunteer their time to do just that. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to keep the grounds looking good. (And these same folks have their own home properties to take care of as well.)

It would be great if we could afford professional landscapers to cut the grass weekly and keep up with the garden beds, but that is not possible. And it won't be long before the leaves will be falling and the grounds will need all those leaves picked up.

St Irenaeus is looking for men and women, boys and girls of all ages to become part of the Lord's Landscapers at this, your parish. You don't have to be especially talented...just willing to do yard work. In a few weeks, we will look for your help in raking leaves. We'll post a date in the PILLAR.

In the meantime, if you'd like to be one of the Lord's Landscapers at St. Irenaeus, please call the rectory.

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 - 11

Budget Information	\$4,650.00
September 13 Collection	\$3,531.00

Thank you to the 137 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected/envelopes	\$2,928.00
Loose Money	\$603.00

Budget Year to Date	\$51,150.00
Actual Income Year to Date	\$47,392.94

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$3,757.06)

Maintenance Fund Sept. 13	\$536.00
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Maintenance Fund YTD	\$6,233.00
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Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs.	\$325,363.00
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Total Collections	\$331,596.00
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Total Expenditures	\$269,616.83
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Need prayers?

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

Welcome to St. Irenaeus Church

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 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 _____

"Humankind fully alive is God truly glorified." St. Irenaeus