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St. Irenaeus Parish, Park Forest, Illinois

November 8, 2009 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Remember & Pray for our Deceased Parishioners

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Beginning with All Saints and All Souls Days, there will be a special table of remembrance at St. Joseph's altar during the month of November. Photographs of family and friends who preceded us will be honored throughout the month leading to Advent.



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**The Lord keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.**

-Psalm 146:7

Proclaimers of The Word

You are invited to the Annual Meeting of Lectors at St. Michael's Church in Orland Park on November 9 at 7 pm. This is an opportunity to pray with other proclaimers of the word, discuss issues common to lectors, and listen to a presentation on the spirituality of ministry. A car pool from St. Irenaeus to St. Michael's will be leaving our parking lot at 6 pm. If interested in attending the meeting, please call the rectory at 748-6891.

The Administrators Ramblings

As we make our way through this Month of Remembrance and as we recall with fondness those who have gone before us in faith it may be helpful to reflect on the symbols of the funeral liturgy. The Mass of Resurrection is the way we as the people of God celebrate all that Jesus has done for us. I offer these reflections for our prayer during this sacred time of memory.

As we gather in Church we allow our religious tradition to speak to us and for us. The symbols of colors, spoken words, gestures and faith signs all call us to hope in that which is eternal.

The vestments the priest wears are white. They are signs of life and hope. Though we mourn the death of our loved one, we look beyond death to faith in the God of life and hope. It is Jesus who said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The person, who believes in me, even if they die, shall live for ever."

We bless the casket with Holy water. Water speaks to us of Baptism, the events in the life of our loved one which called us a child of God. We cover the casket with a pall, a large white covering. It reminds us of baptism. We are all clothed with God and we have all put on Christ.

Standing before the casket at the front of the church during the mass of resurrection is the Paschal Candle, the light of Christ. It was first lighted in this Church in the darkness of early Easter morning, as the first sign to us that Christ, our Risen Savior, has shattered the darkness of death and hopelessness. Like the light that shines in total darkness...life in the midst of death...hope where there is sorrow...the light of Christ stands before our deceased loved one and before all of us as a sign of her new life and the promise of eternal life in Christ that is promised to all.

We hear the words of Sacred Scripture which speak what we believe to be true for us and for our deceased love one. In life there is death. We will mourn. But for those faithful to the Lord, this life has changed, not ended.

We will come forward to share in the Eucharist, the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life. At this table we are united once again with all those who have gone before us in faith.

We surround our deceased loved one with the sweet smell of incense. It is an ancient symbol of respect for the body, as the temple of the Lord. It is our prayer that our loved one's spirit rise like a pleasing fragrance before God. In life and death we all belong to God.

We gather at the funeral liturgy as we do throughout our lives, in good times and bad, in sickness and in health, in love and in death, proclaiming to the world by our presence here and by the actions of our lives that God will bring us to new life, even in the midst of sorrow and death.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

Fr Terry

Grazie, Grazie, Grazie

Our 29th Annual Spaghetti Dinner participation again showed the spirit of our parish family. Families and friends gathered together to enjoy a good meal, to socialize and to enjoy each other's company.

We thank the following for their generous donations: Lain-Sullivan Funeral Home and Crematory, Solo Cup Company, Flowers by Don, Chicago Dough Pizza, and all other people making monetary donations toward various expenses. We also thank all of our volunteer workers who worked together for the benefit and success of the parish Spaghetti Dinner: cooks, set-up crew, servers, bar workers, ticket sellers, dessert makers and clean-up crew.

We served dinners to 74 children and 378 adults. Our total income for ticket sales, donations and the bar was \$4,771.26. Our total expenses came to \$611.20. The final income to the parish was \$4,160.06.

Thanks again to all for making the St. Irenaeus Parish Spaghetti Dinner a success.

Reflections on Today's Readings November 8 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16.

“As the Lord, your God lives, I have nothing baked; there is only a handful of flour in my jar and a little oil in my jug.” The widow of Zarephath welcomed Elijah, the prophet into her home, and was hastening to offer him the glass of water he had requested when he asked for food. She was hesitant to provide for him out of her meager supply of oil and flour but, at his insistence, she baked a cake for him.

We cannot know the widow's thoughts as she used the last of her oil and flour to feed this stranger. We only know that she was following the customs of her culture to provide hospitality. Did she believe Elijah's blithe promise that her flour jar and oil jug would be magically refilled? Whatever she thought, she had great faith that she would somehow be provided for. That she lived in Zarephath, a town in Sidon, tells us that she was a pagan. Had she been a believer, she might have had in her mind the words of today's Psalm: “The fatherless and the widow he sustains.” But, she was a gentile, a non-believer. All she had was hope born of her faith in the promise of a stranger. She relied on that and life-sustaining food was provided.

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10.

“Praise the Lord, my soul.” The Psalmist sings in praise of the goodness of the Lord for he protects those most in need of protection: “The Lord raises up those who were bowed down.”

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28.

“Christ, offered once to take away the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him.” Paul tells us of the sacrifice of Christ. The widow of Zarephath, a gentile, gave Elijah, the Man of God, all that she had to sustain life but she still had her life and her hope born of her faith. Christ's sacrifice was life itself - the ultimate sacrifice: His life for our salvation. We cannot know whether, in His humanity, Christ believed that God, the Father, would raise Him up. We only know that, in His ultimate love for us and His unquestioned faith in His Father, He died that we might be saved. The bond forged between Christ and us through baptism into His death, allows us to share in His divinity.



Gospel: Mark 12:38-44.

“Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than the other contributors.” The widow of the Gospel, like the widow of Zarephath, gave all that she had and had nothing left to sustain her own life. Jesus did not necessarily condemn the wealthy; they did contribute generously from their wealth. He only pointed out the greater faith of this widow, who gave from her poverty, while the other contributors gave from their surpluses.

That Jesus was touched by this widow's faith and sacrifice as well as that of the widow of Zarephath is certain. Later, as He began His public ministry in His home town of Nazareth, He extolled the faith of the widow of Zarephath of Sidon, and also that of Naaman, of Aram, both pagans. His fellow Nazareans were initially impressed with Jesus when He preached. But they were outraged when Jesus reminded them that it was only to the widow of Zarephath that Elijah was sent to miraculously multiply her oil and flour and only to Naaman that Elisha was sent to cure him of his leprosy. Though they had been in awe of His message and the confidence with which He spoke, they were outraged at His apparent preference for foreigners over His own people and tried to kill Him.

Mass Intentions For The Week	Liturgical Ministers
<p>Monday, November 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome 8:00 Dick Niendorf req by Kay Maenza Family</p> <p>Tuesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great 8:00 Russell Weekes req by Bill & Cathy Williams</p> <p>Wednesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day 8:00 Norma McClain req by The Family Patricia O'Connor</p> <p>Thursday, November 12 St. Josaphat 8:00 Communion Service</p> <p>Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 8:00 Communion Service</p> <p>Saturday, November 14 Blessed Virgin Mary 4:00-4:45 Reconciliation 5:00 Roger Cleghorn req by The St. Irenaeus Funeral Meal Group</p> <p>Sunday, November 15 8:30 Jeanne & Ted Goehler req by The Family John M. O'Malley req by Don & Judy Korte 10:30 John MacKenzie req by The Family</p>	<p>Saturday, November 7 5:00 pm</p> <p><i>Lectors</i> Tim Blumenthal, Merle Arr, Jan Pattyn</p> <p><i>Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist</i> Richard Marvin, Barbara Principali, Judy McDonnell, Beverly Helm, Sally Fortune</p> <p><i>Cantor</i> Cathy Williams</p> <p><i>Altar Servers</i> Moira & Virginia Differding</p> <p>Sunday, November 8 8:30 am</p> <p><i>Lectors</i> Mary Jane Riopelle, Gerry Berish, Jack Osmolski</p> <p><i>Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist</i> Dennis Condon, Joe Augustyn, Chrys Rudnik, Kathy Murphy, Carol McCullough, Deanna Martin</p> <p><i>Cantor</i> Faye Predny</p> <p><i>Altar Servers</i> Karen Ertl, Kevin Headley</p> <p>Sunday, November 8 10:30 am</p> <p><i>Lectors</i> Terry Townsend, Lyn Schober, Agnes Caruso</p> <p><i>Extraordinary Ministers/Eucharist</i> Rita Oganwu, Dolly Mikolajczyk, Kathy Anderson, Linda Marron, Gary Marron, Pat Benjamin</p> <p><i>Cantor</i> Phil Schwartz</p> <p><i>Altar Servers</i> Elizabeth Hurd, Stephanie Sagun</p>

Peace & Justice

From *Pax Christi*: [Part 2]

More ways to love enemies:

- Read or view something on nonviolence and love of enemies.
- Get to know someone you consider different from yourself. Learn about this person's hopes and fears. Share your own.
- Fear is perhaps the most paralyzing enemy. Pray for the love that casts out fear.
- For one day be conscious of how you use the words "us" and "them."
- Meditate on Colossians 3:12-15. Try to recall it through the day. With what two virtues can you "clothe yourself" with this week?
- Write a note of thanks to a person who has shown you what it means to "love your enemy."
- Pray for people who suffer in countries at war. From newspapers or magazines, cut out pictures of people who are suffering and keep them in a bible, prayer book, or over the kitchen sink.
- Participate in a small group studying the effects that corporate globalization has on the poor.
- When you read the newspaper, be on the alert for people who treat enemies lovingly.

[More next week.]

Witnesses of Faith

Sponsored by St. Irenaeus Adult Faith Formation Committee

Each month come and learn about the life and spirituality of some of the heroes
of our Catholic Faith

St. Irenaeus Catholic Church

Religious Education Center Room 8 7:00-8:30 pm

Dorothy Day

Monday November 16, 2009

Fr. Terry Johnson

Archbishop Oscar Romero

Monday March 15, 2010

Fr. Terry Johnson

Thomas Merton

Monday April 19, 2010

Mr. George Stapleton

Each Presentation will conclude with refreshments and fellowship.

A free will offering will be taken to help offset the stipends for the speakers.

**RSVP to Terri Cardin at St Irenaeus Parish Office by the Wednesday prior to the session you will be attending,
or if you need a ride 708.748.6891**



In the lives of those who, sharing in our humanity, are however more perfectly transformed into the image of Christ, God vividly manifests His presence and His face to all people. He speaks to us in them, and gives us a sign of His Kingdom to which we are strongly drawn, having so great a cloud of witnesses over us and such a witness to the truth of the Gospel. Lumen Gentium

Year for the Priest

During the Church's Year for the Priest, pray for our ordained priests and for those whose calls to be priests and deacons go unheard because of current church discipline. Access our great Catholic tradition of intercessory prayer by praying this novena on the first Friday of the month throughout the Year of the Priest, which ends in June, 2010. Share the novena with your friends. If you would like an email reminder to pray the novena, sign up for our Future Church Update E-newsletter.

Novena to the Holy Spirit for an Inclusive Priesthood

Holy Spirit, I believe in your work among us and within us.

I come to you committed to the full expression of the Gospel through the work of the Church. I am saddened by the lack of priests to provide the Eucharist, the Bread of Life, especially in the developing world. I am one of many who hunger for an inclusive priesthood that allows all who are so called to discern ministry to the People of God as a deacon or a priest.

I ask your grace and intercession:

O Holy Spirit, may the fire of your love renew priests all over the world in love and service to the People of God.

O Holy Spirit, let our Church celebrate the gift of celibacy as a powerful grace and yet recognize that it is not given to all called to the ministerial priesthood. We pray for the day that both celibate and married priests serve you through the sacrament of Holy Orders.

O Holy Spirit, let our Church celebrate the powerful expression of love and commitment that is the gift of marriage, a gift that can only enhance the ministerial priesthood for those so called.

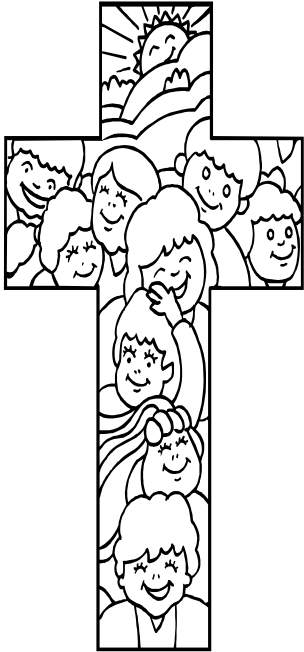
O Holy Spirit, continue gifting Catholic women with love, service, and trust that their faithful perseverance will one day lead to structures that mirror their full baptismal equality in the Catholic Church.

O Holy Spirit, open the hearts and ears of our bishops and our Pope to support and encourage the diaconal and presbyteral calls of both married and celibate Catholics.

O Holy Spirit, I bring to you my love and concern for the worldwide Church and ask for your guidance as we move ever closer to the reign of God where all have a place at the table of God. Amen

Extra copies are available in the pamphlet rack in back of church.

Religious Education News



Parent Meeting for Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Irenaeus room. At least one parent should be present for this meeting. This meeting is for parents who have a child in the second grade room. Attendance is mandatory for parents.

Witness of Faith Topic: Dorothy Day Monday, November 16th at 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the St. Irenaeus room. The speaker will be our administrator Fr. Terry Johnson. Sr. Lorraine Therese DeFebbo, OSF gave a very nice presentation on Therese of Lisieux. The attendance was very good and people enjoyed refreshments after the talk.

Save your inkjets: There will be a box in church and in the religious education center for used inkjets. I can turn 10 inkjets in once a month and get credit from Staples. The credit can be used for office supplies. Thank you for saving your ink-jets.

Sr. Mary Anne

Clean Up Day Saturday, November 14th 9:00 A.M.

It won't be long before the leaves will be falling and the grounds will need all those leaves picked up. We need help cleaning up the grounds, men and women, boys and girls of all ages to become part of the clean up. You don't have to be especially talented...just willing to do yard work. Please bring a rake or a leaf blower if you are able. We will have a chili lunch when we are finished. Please call the rectory 708-748-6891 to volunteer.

St. Irenaeus Parish Coffee and.....

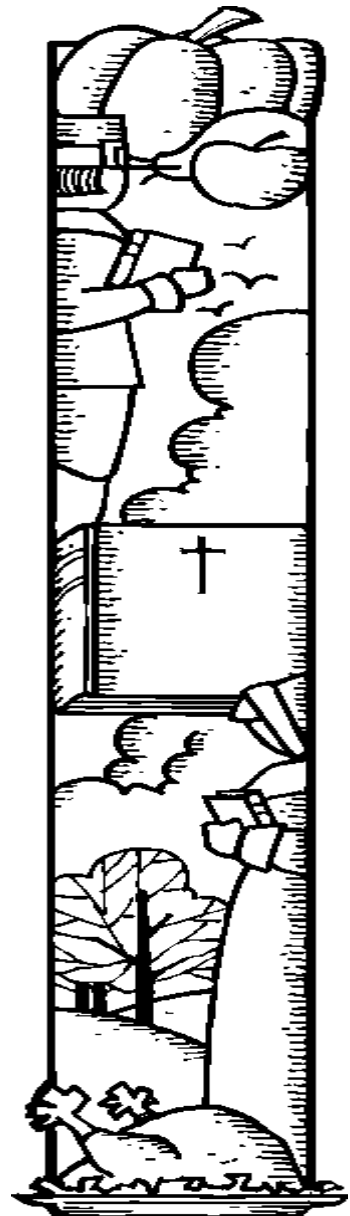
A gathering of families and friends in an atmosphere of community and fellowship. Please join us in the back of the church Sunday, November 15 after the 8:30 & 10:30 liturgy.



ADVENT BOOK SALE

Bethany
Retreat House
will be here

with an Advent/Christmas book sale November 21-22 in the vestibule for the weekend liturgies. Sister Joyce Diltz will be happy to help you find just the right book for your Advent reading and for that special someone on your gift list. The bookstore offers a wide selection of adult and children's books, including titles on prayer and meditation, spirituality, personal growth, journaling, scripture, loss and grieving, and more. There are also CDs of meditation and liturgical music.



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Church Stewardship

Budget Information - 17

Budget Information \$4,650.00

October 25 Collection \$4,605.00

Thank you to the 128 families who used their stewardship envelopes last weekend.

Money collected/envelopes \$3,793.00

Loose Money \$812.00

Budget Year to Date \$83,700.00

Actual Income Year to Date \$76,641.94

09/10 Budget Shortage (\$7,058.06)

Maintenance Fund Nov. 1 \$812.00

Maintenance Fund YTD \$9,753.00

Collections Prior Fiscal Yrs. \$325,363.00

Total Collections \$335,116.00

Total Expenditures \$269,616.83

All Saints \$1,185.00

All Souls \$193.00

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.

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

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

Hope for the Holidays

There are many reasons why this year may be more difficult for those who have lost a loved one. VITAS Innovative Hospice Care of Chicagoland South would like to have the support to make this holiday season appropriate for you and your family.

We are offering this one-hour seminar free of charge, at various times for your convenience. The leaders are members of the VITAS bereavement team.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

November 16, 17 & 18, 2009 7-8 p.m.

Thursday & Friday November 19 & 20, 2009 10-11 a.m.

VITAS office 8528 West 183rd Street Suite M Tinley park, IL

For information and to reserve a space in any group, please call Chaplin Ron Walker, VITAS Bereavement Service manager, 708-781-4405

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.