



**New Pastor Announced for St. Irenaeus
Effective July 1st, 2020
A Note from Fr. Brian**

I am hopeful that most of you received my letter mailed to each registered household concerning some important events that will be forthcoming in June. With the approval of the Archbishop, I will be retiring from active pastoring and will assume the status of “senior priest.” In my letter I mentioned that your new pastor will be named in the coming months – certainly before Easter. Once again in life, I was wrong!

Last Sunday afternoon I received a call from the Archbishop’s office informing me that Fr. Gerard LeBoeuf has been named the fifth pastor of St. Irenaeus effective July 1st. I am delighted with this news! Evidently the number of assignment changes this year, along with a rather long retirement list, has prompted those in authority to start early with the parish assignment changes. We must have been at the top of the list!

I will allow Fr. Gerry to introduce himself in coming bulletin articles so that you will get to know about him and the many talents he brings to the church. I can tell you that I have known Fr. Gerry since his days in high school. He was a student at Cabrini High in Allen Park back in the 1980’s when I was assigned as an associate pastor to that congregation. Who knew that a member of the student body would not only enter church ministry but also would follow me in serving you, the people of St. Irenaeus.

The Lord truly keeps those surprises coming! So for now the work of pastoring and parish life continues, and you will come to know more about your new pastor in the weeks and months to come.

From all of us in the St. Irenaeus family, “Welcome, Fr. Gerry, to our family, and may your years with us be blessed and fruitful!”

Fr. Brian

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