The Lord appointed seventy-two, whom he sent in pairs to every town.
SJC said thank you and farewell to Fr. Darrio last weekend!
THANK YOU ALL

Thanks, everyone, very much, for the beautiful farewell Mass and reception last Sunday. As always, the liturgy was perfect—the SJC choirs, cantors, musicians, lectors, ushers and communion ministers always are. The reception in the Parish Center was a real pleasure, too. Thanks to everyone (especially MJ Martin) who helped put it all together. Thanks also to those who have expressed their gratitude and good wishes to me at all the other Masses these last few days and weeks. You humble me with your kindness and appreciation.

Three great years here have gone by quickly. SJC is a wonderful place to learn what all parishes should be like. Every priest should be assigned to this type of parish during their priesthood to see the many possibilities that exist when a group of dedicated and talented staff members work together with the support of the parish community for the good of all. I’m very fortunate, privileged and blessed to have been assigned here.

I won’t be opening my gifts until sometime in July. Thank you for all of them. I hope to get thank you notes out to everyone I can, a few at a time, over the next few months. Please understand my busyness! The astounding $15,000.00 check for St. Cyprian Parish from so many of you really stunned me. It is most appreciated and will be put to very good use.

Feel free to visit me sometime at St. Cyprian’s. River Grove is only about 30 minutes away. It would be great to see you. My new e-mail address is dboscutti@comcast.net Stay in touch!

God Bless all of you in every possible way. Keep working well with Fr. David Dowdle as he continues shepherding this awesome parish. I know your goodness helps him tremendously. I’m very appreciative of the guidance and inspiration he has given to me these last three years.

Each of you good people has truly touched my heart. I’ll be forever grateful.

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This Week at SJC

Monday, July 2
10:30 a.m. 11th Step Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Saturday, July 7
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Independence Day Mass
Wednesday, July 4 at 9 a.m.

Please note: There is no other Mass on this day.

Tuesdays with Mary
7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Please Note: No 7 p.m. Tuesday Family Rosary on July 3rd. Have a great holiday and hope to see you on the 10th!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Volunteers are needed for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at Saturday evening and Sunday Mass. Preparation materials and training are provided. Please help us to continue to offer this wonderful ministry. The commitment is only once a month but the reward is great!

Please call Megan O’Brien at 708-784-0732.

SJC Job Opportunity
St. John of the Cross Parish is seeking an Adult Formation Director to foster and promote faith formation of adults in our parish community. The Director develops, plans, and coordinates enrichment and formation experiences in collaboration with the Pastor, Pastoral Staff, and Ministry Advisory Group. For more detailed job description, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnofthecross.org. Qualified interested applicants are encouraged to send their resume and cover letter to:

MJ Martin, Director of Operations at mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org

www.stjohnofthecross.org Go to our parish website to learn more!
Reflecting on Living the Gospel
Mark 5:21-24, 35b-43

A woman with a hemorrhage has “suffered greatly” and “had spent all that she had” to get well. Jairus’s daughter is “at the point of death” and he will do anything to bring her back from the brink. Love for life has these two gospel characters approach Jesus with faith. In response to their faith in him, power goes out of the body of Jesus, restoring their life. In both cases Jesus’ power is passed through physical contact: the woman touches the hem of Jesus’ garment; Jesus takes the hand of the little girl. Both Jairus and the woman demonstrate faith, and both have their wish for healing granted. Do we ourselves have the faith to touch and be touched by Jesus so that whatever is dead within us may be restored to life? Would Jesus ever ask of us, “Who has touched my clothes?”

It is Good News, indeed, that Jesus’ inauguration of God’s kingdom vanquishes death and restores life. Like Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage, all we need do to overcome the harsh reality of death and our fear of it is to reach out and touch the nearness of Jesus with utter faith and confidence. In the Christian mystery, death is the doorway to life. Just as Jairus and the woman overcame their fears in order to receive life from Jesus, so must we surrender our own wills in order to encounter Jesus and receive life. God’s reign of life is not established by avoiding death, but by embracing it. Embracing death (dying to self) is as simple as smiling at the children even when we’re bone tired or taking an hour out of our day to visit the sick. When we surrender in humility to his goodness and power, Jesus offers us life and in this we encounter the Lord of life. Our very surrender to his mercy and power over life is our reaching out in faith to touch Jesus.

Closing Prayers
May we deepen our faith in the healing power of Jesus and reach out and touch him with faith.

May we always be a source of strength and encouragement for those in any need.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:
· I experience Jesus touching me and healing me when . . .
· I find it easy to come to Jesus to touch him when . . .
· I find it difficult when . . .
Of course, we pray at Mass. Maybe it’s less obvious, but we also think at Mass. Thinking means, first of all, perceiving and sensing what’s around us. And at Mass, we are surrounded by decorated spaces, by other people, momentous words, and by the harmonies of music.

Thinking also means that we move from perceiving with our senses to understanding with our minds. We come to understand that death and sin do not have the last word. We understand that eternal life and hope have grasped us. Finally, thinking moves us from understanding to making decisions and taking action. We decide we cannot live by old habits or other people’s expectations. We move freely, that is, with the freedom of the children of God.

We think at Mass. We perceive with our senses, understand with our minds, and decide with wise and free hearts. We think at Mass. We never leave quite the same as when we arrived.
Youth Catechesis

Register for 2012-13 YC

Stop by the YC Office to register for next year. The only way we can reserve a spot for your child is with a completed family registration form.

But it’s easy!

Complete the pre-printed form
at our office!

TO REGISTER STOP BY TODAY!
Office Hours through July 13th
Monday thru Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Open Late for Registration
Wednesday, July 11th until 7:00 p.m.
We will be once again CLOSED the last two weeks in July while the school has maintenance completed.

As always we are available by appointment to meet your evening needs, just call.

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@stjohnofthecross.org *
708-246-6760
stjohnofthecross.org/yc

Please consider being a YC Teacher!
Pass on the Faith you received to others!!
This is the year for you to grow spiritually by sharing with our students!
The wonderful volunteers teaching your children welcome you to join them.

Sport Camps

Youth Catechesis               Sport Camps

High School Aged Cheerleading
Coaches Needed for SJC’s New
Cheerleading Squad for the 2012-2013
School Year! If interested please contact
Amy Pacella at  pacella4@att.net
CALENDAR
July 8-14
Habitat for Humanity work tour to South Dakota
July 10
Reunion for OLC & ND vision groups

ATTENTION
PARENTS OF
TEENAGERS:

You keep hearing that in order to get into a great college your teenager needs to show leadership potential and have extra-curricular activities.

HERE’S SOME GREAT PLACES FOR TEENS TO SHOW THEY can lead peers in positive ways, work with a team & enjoy giving of their time in service!!!!

Day of the Spirit Team is growing...and is in need of musically talented teens!

Our Frosh-Soph Retreat Team got together last week & is going to offer a fantastic retreat.

Our Freshmen Experience team is looking for a couple more teens to share their knowledge & experience with our incoming freshmen!

Our teens care about sharing their faith & are willing to give their time over the summer to make strong & fun preparations!

Information about these leadership roles can be found at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

Fill out applications & get in touch with Katie Hayes to join the team!

AUGUST KAIROS RETREAT
SPONSORED by SFX

The youth ministers from St. Francis Xavier, St. Cletus, and St. John of the Cross continue their collaboration to provide a very special retreat program for all teens in our community.

St. Francis is preparing host the 11th Kairos retreat this summer. Kairos is a relaxing four-day retreat for teens, planned by teens, and presented by teens. Incoming juniors and seniors, as well as recent 2012 high school graduates are invited.

Kairos provides an opportunity to spend time with friends, as well as to make new ones. Retreatants get a chance to develop better relationships with the people in their lives and with their faith. Kairos will guide you to deepen your understanding of who you are and how you want to live. K11 will take place Thursday, August 9th at 6 p.m. until Sunday, August 12th in the afternoon.

Spots are limited and are filling fast. Brochures and application forms can be found on the St. Francis Xavier parish website, http://www.sf xl.org/parish/education-2/kairos-retreat/.

All retreatants from past Kairos retreats have called the Kairos weekend one of the best, if not the best, weekend of their lives. Sign up today!

If you have any questions feel free to phone Terri Simeoni, 709-352-0168 or email her at tsimeoni@sfx-lg.org

WANTED: YOU, adults of our parish!

We have opportunities for adults to share their faith, time & energy for a variety of lengths of time:
1 event, three months, 6 months, 1 year or 4 years!

Descriptions can be found at: www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

Questions can be directed to Katie Hayes 708-246-4404 ext. 140 or khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Past adults who have gotten involved have said:
“I learned so much about my faith by sharing it with teens”
“We had fun getting to know such wonderful teenagers!”
“I will miss having them over now that they’re off at college.”
Mysticism is an exotic word. Few of us connect mysticism with ordinary experience, especially with our own experience. Mysticism is generally seen as an exotic thing, a paranormal thing, a special kind of consciousness given only to the most elite within the spiritual life, something for spiritual athletes, or for the weird, visions and altered states of consciousness, snakes and ladders in the spiritual life.

But mysticism isn't extraordinary, paranormal, or weird, but an important, ordinary experience given to us all.

What is mysticism? The British Carmelite, Ruth Burrows, defines it this way: Mysticism is being touched by God in a way that is deeper than language, thought, imagination, and feeling. It's knowing God and ourselves beyond explicit thought and feeling.

But how is this possible? How do we know something beyond our capacity to speak about it, imagine it, or even clearly feel it?

Perhaps a description of a life-changing experience from her life by Ruth Burrows can be helpful here. In her autobiography, Before the Living God, she shares this incident: As a young woman in her late teens, she was sitting in chapel one day. She wasn't there for a particularly prayerful purpose, but had been consigned there as a punishment for acting out at a class retreat. As she sat alone in that chapel she had a mystical experience, not that an angel appeared to her or that she has some special vision or some altered state of consciousness. The opposite: Sitting in that chapel she had a moment of rare, simple, and privileged clarity, a deep grounding in herself and in reality, where, for that moment, she was in touch with what was deepest and most true inside her and with what is deepest and most true inside of reality. And, in that, she knew, beyond the explicitness of words, imagination, and feeling, something of the reality of God and something of her own truest being. The experience changed her life. In that moment, she knew what she had to do and, against much of her own temperament, she became a contemplative nun - and eventually, of course, a woman whose spiritual insight has helped mentor many of us.

C.S. Lewis, sharing about his own conversion to Christianity, describes something similar, though in his case the experience was a longer, protracted one which crystallized in a moment of privileged clarity that had him, for that moment, in touch with what was deepest and most true inside of him and inside of reality itself.

Describing in his autobiography, Surprised by Joy, the moment when he first knelt down in the acceptance of Christianity, he shares that, for him, the moment was far from ecstatic. Rather, he knelt down as "the most reluctant convert in the history of Christendom." But he knelt because, as he describes it: "I had come to realize that the harshness of God is kinder than the softness of man and God's compulsion is our liberation."

How does Lewis understand God's compulsion? In much the same way the same way as Ruth Burrows understands her mystical experience, namely, as a moment of simple clarity within which one touches and comes to realize what's is deepest and truest inside of oneself and inside of reality itself and, in that clarity, knows what one has to do - as opposed to what one's intellect might think it wise to do or what one's heart affectively wants to do. Lewis became a Christian because he was in touch with this experience inside his mystical center and it told him what he had to do.

And what makes up our mystical center? Bernard Lonergan called it the brand of the first principles - oneness, truth, goodness, and beauty - inside the human soul. Henri Nouwen called it "first love", namely, the dark memory of once having been loved and caressed by hands far gentler than any we have ever met in this world, the unconscious memory of having been with God before we were born. Some mystics call it the inchoate memory of God's kiss as he puts our souls into our bodies.

Most of us don't have a name for this, but we speak of something as "ringing true" or as "not ringing true" to us. But to what does something ring true or false? Do we carry some kind of "bell" inside of us? In fact we do. We can call it our conscience, our deepest center, our moral center, the center that tells us what we have to do, or that place inside us where we long for a soul mate, but we all know that there is a place inside of us, one that we touch in our most sincere moments, where we know the brand of the first principles, inchoately remember God's kiss, and know what we need to do to be true to who we are.

When we are in touch with this deep center and act out of its nudges and imperatives we, like Ruth Burrows and C.S. Lewis, are living a mystically-driven life.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
One in Prayer with Loved Ones in the Military

Michael Ryan Burke, grandson of Joseph & Laverne Kusper
Captain Brandy Caffy, friend of Julie and Katie Warren
A1c Matthew Callaghan, son of Judy Callaghan
Lt. Mark Callari, grandson of Jane Domagala
Captain Sean Christopherson, friend of Katie Warren
Matthew Curin, son of Donna Curin
2Lt. Ken Engberg, Army National Guard
Capt. Michael Federico, son of Rick & Jeanne
Petty Officer MM2 (SS) Daniel Fox, USN, son of Chris and Irene O’Ryan-Fox
Pfc. Amy Harris, niece of Gary & Barbara Ainge
Sgt. Joseph Johnson, son of Pete & Jan Van Merkestyn
Capt. Kevin Junius
2Lt Catherine Kane, niece of Michael & Terese Kane
Pfc. John T. King, cousin of Catherine Mini
Lt. Matthew Kopp, nephew of Larry & Mimi Powers
Msg. Carl Kroll, son of Mary Lou Kroll and brother of Judi Llapitan
Master Sgt. Matthew Kusper, grandson of Joseph & Laverne Kusper
Spc. Robert Marburger, son of Kathleen and David
Major Brendan D. Masini, M.D., grandson of Marilyn & Charles Scallon
Tim McMillan
Douglas Murphy, brother of Jeanne Fornari
Rief Murphy, nephew of Bill & Molly Iovino
Sgt. Krista Nelson, USMC, niece of Mary and Len Novotny
Ross Rafferty, nephew of John Rafferty
Sgt. Daniel Roche, cousin of Jacqueline McDonnell
Cameron Saltus, cousin of Jack and Rory Gordon
Alex Scalise, nephew of Cathy Pesch
Lance Cpl. Nicholas Schultz, friend of the Chrusciel Family
Jarett Smith, grandson of Dan and Jo Rudakas
Pfc. Robert M. Sullivan, son of Michael & Helen
Spc. Alex Teckenbrock, 3rd Infantry Div. ARMY
Alex Uribarri, son of Mari Uribarri
Lt. Katie Warren, daughter of Julie Warren
Spc. James C. Woods, nephew of Mary Neel

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, and that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Readings for the Week

Monday: Am 2:6-10; Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Jn 10:24-29
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15; Mt 8:28-34
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Mt 9:1-8
Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Mt 9:9-13
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Mt 9:14-17
Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6a

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 2
6:30 Bahija Dandan; 7:45 Julie Bergamin; Anne & Charles Ward
Tuesday, July 3, St. Thomas
6:30 Our Beloved Dead 7:45 Francesco Brotto; Norma & Tom Galvin
Wednesday, July 4, St. Elizabeth of Portugal
9:00 a.m. John Santucci; Rita & John Tiberi
Thursday, July 5, St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria
7:45 John Hetreed; Eugene Garvy
Friday, July 6, St. Maria Goretti
7:45 David V. Yu; Rose O’Brien Rispin
Saturday, July 7
8:00 John Jurkacek; Betsy Hague
5:00 Galloway & Hague Families; Kelli O’Laughlin
Sunday, July 8, Fourteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 Lino Lupetini; Sylvester Kwit
9:00 Bahija Dandan; Clyde Masters
10:45 Antoinetta & Joseph Gualtiere; Jerry Lutzen
5:00 SJC Parishioners & Mary Queen of Heaven Parishioners

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
William Mueller, father of Mary Kay
Dr. Michael W. Orth, father of Michael, Meg, Mary, Monica, Marty and Michelle
Harry Richards, husband of Ruth and father of Mary & Jim, grandfather of William and Kaitlyn

Wedding Banns
Todd Bialas & Laura Crabb

Baptism Preparation Meeting
Changed to Thursday, July 12
Due to the July 4th holiday, the meeting has been changed to July 12th at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Godparents as well as new babies are most welcome to attend with parents. Please call the Parish Center if you are coming or if you have any questions.

For News & Resources Visit:
Archdiocese of Chicago website: www.archchicago.org

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Our Sharing Parish, Our Lady of Charity School in Cicero, recently hosted a group of SJC volunteers on June 18-22. The energetic group worked on many projects readying the school for classes in the fall. With the addition of a new classroom, much work needed to be done, and this wonderful group of volunteers was up to the task! Our service team working alongside Pastor Mark Bartosik and School CEO Clem Martin, spent much of their time cleaning, moving furniture, washing windows, painting, waxing floors, and on many other projects. Our Lady of Charity Parish is very grateful for all of the help and hard work. Both parishes look forward to continuing our Sharing Parish Partnership!

Many thanks to our team of Kelsey, Ev, Ann Maria, Chris, Dan, Al, Adam, Bill, Mike, Tom, Katie, Marianne, Katie B, Bella, Ellen, & Megan!