"On the 50th Anniversary of our Parish, we honor our past and give to future generations a renewed church building. We pray that this holy place continue to be ‘a parish for all the people’ to worship our gracious God."

— From Gratitude Display in Community Room
Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the culmination of what started almost two years ago: the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration (2010-2011) and our Legacy Campaign (2011-2012). We rededicate our church building having installed a new lighting system throughout the building, renovating the Tabernacle Chapel, Mary Chapel, Community Room, priests’ sacristy, men’s and women’s rest rooms, upgraded the sound system, the air handlers and the walk area in the Jesus and the Children Garden. Just this past week the furniture arrived for the community room, the plaque recognizing the donors was installed, and the quotation from Fr. Bennett was etched into the glass over the main entrance.

In renovating the sacristy area we came across a relic of St. John of the Cross that Fr. Bennett brought back with him from a trip to Rome in 1969. Fr. Brendan Lupton gave me the documentation that went with the relic as well as two other relics that were not documented when I arrived in 2007. Little was I aware that the discipline of the church had changed many years ago, and that relics were no longer required to be entombed in the top of the altar as I had been taught when I was a child. The renovation of the building presented an opportunity to do something with the relics that had been handed down from the founding pastor. A significant part of the Legacy Campaign was to honor Fr. Bennett in the refurbishing of the sacred space that he and the parishioners had erected some seventeen years after the founding of the parish and just a couple of years before he was to retire in 1980.

I asked for help in dealing with the relics from Fr. Richard Fragomeni, rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii on the near west side of Chicago. In addition to his responsibilities at the Shrine, Fr. Fragomeni is also a professor of liturgy at Catholic Theological Union and is recognized as an expert on relics in our archdiocese. When I asked him about the proper way of handling the relics as part of the conclusion of our renovation, he immediately offered a gift to SJC of a relic of St. Theresa of Avilla, for whom St. John of the Cross was her spiritual director. Both St. John and St. Theresa were members of Carmelite communities and together they worked to reform their religious order. Symbolically, by having both relics present at the same time and interring them beneath the altar together, we are honoring all those men and women who have worked together to build this parish into a community of believers from its foundation. In addition to her relic, Fr. Fragomeni also offered the relic of the much loved St. Terese of Lisieux, more popularly loved as The Little Flower, another Carmelite. Another reason for its significance is that Fr. Fragomeni ALSO gave us relics of St. Terese’s parents. They are the first husband and wife whose cause for sainthood has been initiated (which is why they are called “Blessed”). They emphasize the tremendous importance of marriage and family life. Their faithful love as husband and wife is absolutely essential to the stability of society. Their married love enabled them to encourage religious vocations in their children. As a Church we are at a critical time in our history for vocations to priesthood and religious life. If parents do not encourage their children to be open to God’s call, discerning a vocation is that much more difficult to accomplish. Please pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood. As our parish begins to feel the shortage of priests more keenly, it is no longer possible to deny that this is an issue for our parish and, indeed, for the whole archdiocese.
While that is a rather lengthy explanation of how the relics fit into our church renovation, by no means do I mean them to overshadow the most important aspect of our anniversary celebration and Legacy project. Do you remember the kick-off weekend when we gave Christmas ornaments away? What about the opening Mass with the Cardinal and the dinner under the tent? How about the Breakfast with Santa, Lenten Mission with Fr. Keehan, the organ recitals and spirituality speakers? Of course, who could forget the Family Fest and carnival and so many other activities that filled the Jubilee year? What all those activities and events did was to rekindle old relationships, begin new friendships and generate an awful lot of positive feelings for many people about belonging to SJC. Whether primarily social, musical, spiritual or family centered, the full year of activities included the incredibly generous response that enabled all the physical improvements to our beloved church building. One parishioner recently remarked, ‘When you walk in to the church now you real feel like it’s a new building. Everything is so bright and fresh.’

I want to thank Bishop Manz for joining with us today to preside at the rededication. I am so grateful to everyone who had anything to do with any part of this celebration that began nearly two years ago for some. If you haven’t had a chance yet, walk around and see everything that has been done to the church. Visit the Tabernacle Chapel and see the refurbished tabernacle and the new artistic glass that hangs over it and also around the sanctuary lamp. Walk through the Mary Chapel and see the new furnishings, lighting and reupholstered chairs. Stop in the Community Room to see the new plaque with every donor’s name on it as well as the custom built cabinetry and furniture. Stop by the priests’ sacristy and see the new counter, cabinetry, flooring and lighting. You’ve heard the new sound system; you’ve felt the upgraded air handlers and new ceiling fans and of course the new lighting throughout the worship space. Even the rest rooms have been renovated and made handicapped accessible.

Fr. Bennett and the founding parishioners built a school and created a parish. They built two different worship spaces and completed the entire square block campus. It is our sincere hope that building on their foundation, we have equipped the physical plant sufficiently that the spiritual realities may more easily be celebrated, our God more joyfully worshipped and our parish family more deeply united for many years to come.

Through the intercession of St. John of the Cross and all the saints, may God grant you, your family and your loved ones his choicest blessings.

Peace,
Fr. David

Parish School Job Opening
St. John of the Cross Parish School is in search of a Director of Advancement. The job description can be found by clicking on the opening page of the school website under Director of Advancement. The Director of Advancement for St. John of the Cross Parish School is responsible for the annual fund, development of alumni base, and marketing. Please send your cover letter and resume to Mrs. Marybeth Wingert at wingert@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us. Submit cover and letter by June 18, 2012.
Living the Gospel
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

“Eat the Passover.” Jesus clearly places giving us his Body and Blood to eat and drink in the context of his ultimate passing over from death to life. His gift of the Eucharist is an ongoing expression of this total gift of self. Jesus’ Passover is an expression of immeasurable and enduring love in Jesus’ very self-giving. By giving us his Body and Blood, Jesus gives us his life. His offering of self to us is total and mediates a new covenant between God and us. This new covenant demands of us the same total self-giving. We are to give of ourselves in total self-giving like Christ so that we may receive the eternal inheritance promised to us who are faithful. We who partake of Jesus’ Body and Blood, then, also participate in his Passover. In the Eucharist we both give over our lives and receive the fullness of Life. Yes, we celebrate with great joy total self-gift. Christ’s. And ours.

The celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ is an eloquent summation of the paschal mystery celebrated at Easter. The shedding of blood is paschal—passing over—because it always requires a death, and in the history of salvation death always brings new life. Thus, the body broken and the blood shed, while commemorating death, also celebrate life: his sacrifice becomes a gift; his defeat becomes our victory; his weakness is our strength; his brokenness is our healing; his Eucharist is our blessing. As we share in Christ’s Body and Blood, we surrender ourselves to be like Christ—a Passover lamb for our world today. For the most part we don’t need to look for opportunities for total self-giving; the circumstances of daily life generously present them to us. The difference is that followers of Christ see self-giving not simply in terms of an inconvenience that cannot be avoided but as the means to fullness of Life.

Closing Prayers
May we continually be transformed by the gift of Christ’s Body and Blood.
May we be nourished to give of self to all those who are in any need.
Our Father . . .

For Reflection:
· Like Christ, I give my body and blood for others whenever I . . .
· I have experienced passing over from death to new life when . . .

Meditation
Fr. Richard Rohr

To span the infinite gap between the Divine and the human, God’s agenda is to plant a little bit of God, the Holy Spirit, right inside of us! (Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 14:16ff).

This is the very meaning of the “new” covenant, and the replacing of our “heart of stone with a heart of flesh” that Ezekiel promised (36:25-26). Isn’t that wonderful? It is God doing the loving, in and through us, back to God, toward our neighbor and enemy alike, and even toward the sad and broken parts of ourselves.

Adapted from Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality, p. 97

Prayer:
Break through my closed door, O God.

Questions of the Week:
Adults: Do I see the Eucharist simply as an obligation or as a means of life?

Children: Do I remember that Jesus comes to me every time at Mass and that I can ask him for anything I need?

Gracious God, thank you for the family that surrounds me in this earthly life. Help us to honor each other with love and tenderness. Give us the courage to forgive one another when we are hurt or betrayed. Give us the desire to help each other walk the path of human life. Give us the willingness to bear each other’s burdens, share each other’s laughter, and give each other space and room to grow. When we look into each other’s eyes, or touch one another’s hearts, help us see your presence and bow with gratitude and awe. I ask this for the sake of your love.

Renee Miller
A friend of mine jokingly says that when she dies she wants this epitaph on her gravestone: There was always something!

And there always is! All of us appreciate her frustration. Invariably, there's always something, big or small, that casts a shadow and somehow keeps us from fully entering the present moment and appreciating its richness. There is always some anxiety, some worry about something that we should have done or should be doing, some unpaid bill, some concern about what we need to face tomorrow, some lingering heartache, some concern about our health or the health of another, some hurt that is still burning, or some longing for someone who is absent that mitigates our joy. There's always something, some loss, some hurt, some anxiety, some bitterness, some jealousy, some obsession, or some headache, that is forever draining the present moment of its joy.

Henri Nouwen once gave a very simple, poignant expression to this: “Our life,” he writes. “is a time in which sadness and joy kiss each other at every moment. There is a quality of sadness that pervades all the moments of our life. It seems that there is no such thing as a clear-cut pure joy, but that even in the most happy moments of our existence we sense a tinge of sadness. In every satisfaction, there is an awareness of limitations. In every success, there is the fear of jealousy. Behind every smile, there is a tear. In every embrace, there is loneliness. In every friendship, there is distance. And in all forms of light, there is the knowledge of surrounding darkness.” There's always something!

Jesus had his own way of expressing this. There is an incident recorded in the Gospels wherein Peter approaches Jesus and asks him what reward a disciple will receive for following him. Jesus replies that anyone who gives up father, mother, spouse, children, house, or land in order to be his disciple will receive these back (mothers, spouses, children, houses, lands) one hundred times over. But then he adds a rather unwelcome clause: “though not without tribulation”. There will always be something - some stress, some jealousy, some persecution - which can wipe out both the recognition and the enjoyment of the hundredfold. In effect, what Jesus is saying is that we can have everything - and enjoy nothing! Why? Because there will always be something impaling itself into the present moment that can cause us to lose perspective and thus lose the richness and joy inside of our own lives.

In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus specifies what that something often is, namely, jealousy. We can have everything and enjoy nothing because we are jealous of what other people have. How true. How often do we denigrate our own lives and talents, failing to see and savor their richness, because we would like to be someone else, someone rich and famous, someone set apart. Our lives are rich, but we are not content within them because we would want what someone else has.

There is a rich literature today, both within religious and secular circles, that tries to challenge us to not let our anxieties, heartaches, jealousies, and worries block us from entering fully into the present moment. Most of that literature is good since it formulates the right challenge. Sometimes, however, some of these authors give us the impression that, if you focus your attention and work hard at a few techniques, this is an easy thing to do. It's not! Entering into the present moment, truly entering it without being waylaid by our own heartaches and headaches, is one of the most difficult psychological and spiritual tasks in all of life.

Our lives are rich, and that is true for all of us, not just for the rich and famous. At the height of his fame, the poet, Rainer Marie Rilke, received a letter from a young man, complaining that he wanted to be a poet but was handicapped because he lived in a small town where nothing exciting or noteworthy ever happened. Rilke wrote back to him and telling him that if his life seemed poor to him than he probably wasn't a poet after all because he couldn't pick up the riches of his own life. Every person's experience is the stuff of poetry. There are no lives that aren't rich; but most of us are blocked from entering into the richness of our own lives and can never appreciate the hundredfold … because there’s always something.

The challenge is to be present to the richness inside of our own lives, and that means learning to celebrate the temporary, the imperfect. That means learning how to go to the great banquet that lies at the heart of life, even while our lives are not yet fully healthy and complete. And part of that means accepting too how difficult this is, enjoying the times when we do get there, forgiving ourselves for mostly falling short, and having an epitaph engraved for ourselves that reads: There was always something!

Rev. Ron Rolheiser

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Come join us as we reach for the SKY!! VBS at St. John of the Cross is amazing! It’s interactive, filled with games, skits, crafts, and snacks – all while learning about God’s love for us! All children entering kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall can register online at our website: www.stjohnofthecross.org!

For questions, contact the YC office at 708-246-6760 or yc@sjcross.org

Registration fee is $30.00

Volunteers are WELCOME!!!
CALENDAR
June 18-22 LOCAL WORK TOUR
June 26 Final meeting for Habitat trip

WANTED: YOU, adults of our parish!

The adults listed below have served for four years as home group leaders for our high school teens. As they graduate with 50+ seniors we will have 80+ freshmen entering our youth ministry who are in need of adult mentors.

Consider calling any of these couples to get information and hear why it was worth the time & commitment & care to be a home group leader!

Ed & Mimi Giles
708-783-1126

Mike & Maria Baumel
708-246-6099

Dan & Wendy Duquette
708-246-1582

We know the time commitment of 4 years sometimes doesn’t work so we ALSO have opportunities for adults to share their time & energy for shorter commitments: 1 event, three months, 6 months or just 1 year!

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

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

Day of the Spirit Team met last week for a great kick-off meeting. Our Freshmen Experience Team & Frosh-Soph Retreat Team will gather soon. If you want to apply please contact Katie Hayes ASAP!

WE ARE IN NEED OF 2 MORE ADULTS for our July 28-Aug 4 WORK TOUR to our sharing parish Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Williamsburg, KY

Contact Katie ASAP to volunteer for an opportunity of a lifetime!
God Bless Our Graduates

Class of 2012
**This Week at SJC**

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

**Tuesday, June 12**
7:00 p.m. Rosary

**Wednesday, June 13**
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

**Saturday, June 16, Garage Sale, 9 a.m.—2 p.m.**
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

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**Parish News**

**SJC Shawl Ministry**
The lovely summer weather does not diminish our need for shawls. We will gather at the Parish Center at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13.

We have patterns, yarn and assistance if needed. Please join us to knit, pick-up or drop off shawls or learn about the ministry.

Questions: Please call Sheila Gallagher at 708-246-7836.

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**Tuesdays with Mary**

**The 7 p.m. Family Rosary is Back!**

Join us in the beautiful Mary Garden (between the church and rectory) on Tuesday evenings this summer.

Bring your blanket, your beads and your family or just yourself! All are welcome. No experience praying the Rosary is necessary!

Just show up, You’ll be on your way home by 7:30 p.m. and happy you took the summer timeout for prayer in such a lovely setting.

The 3 p.m. Tuesday Rosary will resume after school starts in August. Meanwhile, hope to see you this Tuesday night!

For more information, go to www.11queenofhearats.org

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**2012 Summer Basketball Camps**
*(For boys & girls entering grades 3 - 8)*

July 23 - 27, 2012
July 30 - August 3, 2012
Grades 3-5th: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Grades 6-8th: 10:00 a.m. – noon

Fee:
$85 per session if registered by July 20th
$95 per session at the door
Includes a T-shirt and basketball
Camps will be held at SJC

To register, go to the SJC School website (www/stjohnofthecross.org/school) under “Athletics” and choose “Basketball Camp.”
Complete the registration form and return it with the fee (payable to St. John of the Cross) to SJC Parish School, Attn: Donna Webster, 708 51st Street, Western Springs, IL 60558

For questions, contact Brian Shannon at 708-494-3333.

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**BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS**
Our weekly bulletin communicates the news and events at SJC Parish and Archdiocesan news. We also include information on select community events.

**Deadline:** Submit articles by 10:00 a.m. on Monday prior to the publication date. Holiday issues have earlier deadlines.

Submit questions or articles to srozsypal@stjohnofthecross.org.
**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Fr. Bob Colaresi, O. Carm is leading his 27th Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 14 - 25, 2012. Includes Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Capharnaum, the Sea of Galilee; Mount Tabor; the Mount of Beatitudes; Multiplication of the Loaves & Fishes; Mount Carmel; Cana of Galilee; Baptismal Renewal in the River Jordan; Gethsemani; Mount of Olives; Way of the Cross; Church of the Holy Sepulchre; authentic Passover meal; Dead Sea; Massada; Jericho; the Judean Wilderness; and much more!

*Follow the footsteps of Jesus! Scripture comes alive!* Several parishioners have gone with Fr. Bob the last few years. For further information and detailed brochure contact: Darlene Jindra at the Carmelite Spiritual Center (630) 969-4141.

**In a Job Search? Don’t Give Up!**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, June 21 at 7:00 p.m. As an experienced job seeker, you already know the mechanics of how to look for jobs. The challenge becomes how do you continue to persevere until you find a job? Our speaker, Jeff Garton, will offer ideas on how to achieve higher levels of self-motivation, optimism and resilience to find jobs faster despite the slow recovery. Jeff’s program will help you:

- Understand how to create the best mindset skills and advantages to stop self sabotage and bring prolonged periods of unemployment to an end.
- Define the three steps required for enabling jobs to find you better.
- List the four tipping points you must fulfill before networking contacts or employers are willing to assist you.

Mark your calendar now and join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road. You will leave with a far better mind set than you came with. Everyone is welcome and there is no fee to attend.

*Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For information, visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org.*

**Can You Help??**

It’s once again time to think about this year’s school supply recycling project. With the help of many of you last year in collecting, sorting and packing supplies more than three hundred boxes were distributed to the following organizations all of whom were most grateful for what they received:

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Helpers of all ages are needed to sort and pack this year’s supplies on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 6/11 and 6/12, from 9 until 12 at Mary Lee and Jim Larsen’s home, 4521 Harvey in Western Springs. Please come for as little or as long as you would like. There will be a pizza lunch and a chance to swim afterwards for those that can stay. If you know of any additional schools or organizations that might be in need of supplies this year or you have any gently used school/art/office supplies that you would like to donate, please call Mary Lee and Jim at 708-246-3987.
**HOPE: An Immigrant Story**

“I was a stranger and you welcomed me…” (Matthew 25:35)

“I received my permanent residency on February 10, 2011. I just had to wait 21 years.” These are the words of Maria, an immigrant from Mexico who came to the U.S. in 1990 to find a better life for her children. Though she is a permanent resident, her son is not. “My son graduated from U of I. However, because he’s still undocumented he won’t be able to practice his profession here. If I could trade place with anyone it would be with him.” Maria is now involved in the Immigrant-to-Immigrant Ministry, which she says helps her live out the gospel message “to love thy neighbor.”

~ Maria – Chicago, IL

**Outdoor Yoga with Patti Essig at Loretto Center/2012**

Classes will be held on Saturday from 9am - 10:15 a.m. Bring your own yoga mat and whatever you need for comfort. Classes will be indoors at Loretto if it is raining.

**Class Dates:**  
June 16, 23, 30  
July 14, 21, 28  
August 4, 18  
September 1

**No classes** July 4 and 7, August 6, 8, 11, and 25

**Registration and payment taken at Loretto Center. Please call 630-653-7918. Cost is $12 per class. For directions go to [www.lorettocenter.org](http://www.lorettocenter.org)**

**Pillars**

A waterfall in stunning outdoor living areas. Gourmet kitchens you will want to cook in. Beautiful old world craftsmanship combined with modern amenities. What do these three sentences have in common? They describe the homes on the 2012 Pillars House Tour. The Pillars House Tour charmed local community members for 13 years, opening historic and modern homes alike to guests in support of Pillars’ life changing work. On **Sunday, June 10th from 1 p.m.—4 p.m.** Party for Pillars, the mental health and social service agency’s newest fundraising event, will include a Mini House Tour with three unique and beautiful homes which are sure to delight and inspire guests. For more information contact Colleen Mallon at 708-995-3512 or visit [www.pillarscommunity.org](http://www.pillarscommunity.org).

Pillars aspire to build healthier communities by making connections and changing lives.

We build healthier communities by providing quality mental health services, social services and education for people of all ages.
Lord Hear Our Prayer

Pray for our Sick

God of love,
ever caring, ever strong,stand by us in our time of need.
Watch over _______ who is sick,Look after him/her in every danger, andgrant him/her your healing and peace.We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Mary Bartucci
Garth Christie
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Nick Saldana
Bruce Soifert
Norma Sumpay
Diane Tymick

Wedding Banns
Colin Peterik & Meredith Miller
John Hendrickson & Kelsey Hlavin
Kristine Cronin & Robert Staeheli

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Helen Budzinski, sister of Helen Klimek
Carol O’Malley, mother of Tim and grandmother of Danny and Timmy
Patricia Wilson, mother of John

Baptisms
Kaleigh Rose, daughter of Stephen and Nancy Powers Grossi
Luke Kellen, son of Mark and Amy Frigo Lehmkuhl
Deiman J oseph, son of Lloyd and Farrah Penafiel Fojas
Jack William, son of Jeffrey and Brooke Voelker Thiede

Mass Intentions
Monday, June 11, St. Barnabas
6:30 Florence Devine
7:45 Rita and J ohn Tiberi; Our Beloved Dead

Tuesday, June 12
6:30 Sam Marotta
7:45 J ohn S. Piszczor; Enrique Dej uses Rodriguez

Wednesday, June 13, St. Anthony of Pad
6:30 J oe Tiberi
7:45 Eugene Garvy; J ean Primo

Thursday, June 14
7:45 P at Wehner

Friday, June 15, The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
7:45 Eugene Garvy; Ted & Leona Rompalo

Saturday, June 16, The Immaculate Heart of Mary
8:00 Mr. Varsberg; Officer Mark Keller
5:00 Florence Solty; Phyllis Yocom; Robert Plechaty

Sunday, June 17, Eleventh Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 J ohn Rydzewski; J oseph Scelsi
9:00 Bruno Sirus; Raymond Cochran
10:45 Gene Figliulo; Brian Donovan
5:00 J oe Soukal; J ohn Santucci

Italics—Living

Trying to get in touch with us? More info is on our website: www.stjohnofthecross.org

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Air Conditioned Restaurant & Carry Out-Seating for 200 Delivery Service
CALL 354-4500 YOUR ORDER WILL BE READY 5525 LA GRANGE RD.
Our success relies on YOU! It is your generous donation of items and volunteer support that keep the sale going year after year. Check your closets, toy boxes, cupboards, attic, basement and garage for items to donate. Please separate and label your bags i.e. adult clothing, boys’ clothes, housewares items, etc. Given the multitude of items received, this really saves us time! Give generously and please give items in usable condition.

The “mission” of the Garage Sale means giving to those in need, respecting others less fortunate, bringing together volunteers in a Christian spirit, raising funds to support local charities within our community, supporting the parish as a whole, and it means... making a difference in the lives of others!

**Volunteer Information**

All Volunteer Meeting: May 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

We need your help! Believe it or not...it’s fun, it’s crazy, it’s truly an amazing event you won’t want to miss out on. You’ll meet and make new friends while giving back to the community!

**Volunteer Hours – Come Anytime – No Need to Sign Up!**

Just come when you can...give an hour, or two or more...on any or all days. Truly, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!

Free babysitting available: Call Rita Forster (708) 246-4519

**Organization & Set-up Days**
- Friday, June 8: 10am to 2pm
- Saturday, June 9: 9am to 3pm
- Mon. – Thurs., June 11 – 14: 9:30am to 8:30pm
- Friday, June 15: 11am to 3pm

**Sale Day**
- June 16: 8:30am to 2pm
- June 18th: 9:30am to 1pm

* Please let a Garage Sale/Room Chair know which hours you can work these days

**Clean-Up Day**
- Monday, June 18: 12 pm to 5/6:00pm

**Pre-Sale Shopping Night:** Work six or more hours and shop before the sale on Friday, June 15th from 3pm to 5pm.

**Student Volunteers:** Volunteers for service hours are required to sign-up. 7th graders or older wanting to volunteer or to baby-sit, call Maureen Chopp (708) 246-7280

**General Volunteer Questions:** Mary Beth White (708) 246-6339

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**Donations Accepted at the School:**
- Saturday, June 9 from 8am – 2pm
- Mon-Wed, June 11 – 13 from 8am – 8pm
- Thursday, June 14 from 8am – 4pm ONLY

NO DROP OFFS ACCEPTED FRIDAY, JUNE 15TH

**We Will Not Be Able to Accept:**
- Any items if stained, torn or damaged including clothing, undergarments, linens, stuffed toys, furniture and rugs
- Items with missing pieces/parts • console stereo, console TVs, electric organs, typewriters, trophies
- Exercise bikes, non-motorized treadmills, Nordic tracks • Bikes not in working condition • Baby cribs or mattresses, trampolines, drapery rods • Encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines • Large appliances (stoves, microwave ovens, washers/dryers) or humidifiers
- Artificial Christmas trees/stands, sis/ski boots • Computers 7 years or older, ANY monitor other than flat screen • Construction materials, kitchen cupboards, shutters, metal sheving/cabinets/desk tires • Fireplace equipment • Large metal filing cabinets • Perishable/non-perishable food items

**LARGE ITEM PICK-UP**

Available Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 11-13 thanks to our all-volunteer crew. To schedule call Marian Orth (708) 246-2160 or Connie Madden (708) 246-4363. Last day to request pick-up is June 8. Donations receipts available.

Pick-up volunteers and vehicles are needed! Call Connie Madden (708) 246-4363 to offer your services.

**General Sale Questions:** please call Garage Sale Co-Chairs Mary Beth White (708) 246-6339, Gia Schurka (708) 351-1891 or Laurie Klafta (708) 784-0667.

Thank you for your support! - The SJC Women’s Club