God bless Fr. Darrio with strength, wisdom and grace to lead the people of St. Cyprian Parish. Join us as we say thank you and farewell today at the 10:45am Mass and reception.
Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we say ‘thank you’ and ‘good-bye’ to Fr. Darrio Boscutti after three years of priestly ministry here at St. John of the Cross. As you know by now, he leaves us to take up the responsibility of being pastor for St. Cyprian’s Parish in River Grove. Fr. Darrio has endeared himself to many by his low-key personality, his enthusiasm for Work Tours and scouting, his willingness to do whatever the school or YC program asked of him and his presence to the hospitalized. He had a significant presence to the teenagers at Kairos retreats and the Crossroads program.

Most of you got to know him through his homilies at Sunday Mass. Whether you took him up on his offer to show you his colonoscopy pictures, or hummed along with the Black Hawks theme as he hoisted his version of the Stanley Cup (found in the basement among Fr. Ken’s stage props), or any number of other ‘classic’ Darrio jokes or stories, he gradually revealed himself to be a happy priest, a nice guy and someone easy to be around.

His new assignment will bring with it some challenges. He will be the only priest in a parish with a lot of funerals, more weddings than the three of us split between us here and some significant financial challenges. The upside for him, of course, is that he is now less than 10 minutes from his parents home. While I thought he would be with us a lot longer, he feels strongly that the time is right for him to accept the role and responsibility of being pastor. We priests will miss him as an eager co-worker, but the parishioners will miss him simply because he is a very nice guy. Please keep him in your prayers and he will most certainly keep you in his heart.

On another note, on Monday of this past week Fr. Filbert received a disturbing phone call from his father. His mother had unexpectedly collapsed and was unconscious at a local clinic. He hurriedly made arrangements and left for Tanzania Tuesday afternoon. He had been planning on spending his vacation in Tanzania for the month of July, so now he will be gone for six weeks. Please keep his mother, father, sister and Fil in your prayers. When we get further updates we will be sure to let you know.

This brings up another complication. Two years ago I made a commitment to give a retreat for deacon candidates the last week of June in Boise, Idaho. As it now turns out, Fr. Darrio will be moving to his new parish and will have his last Mass here on Wednesday morning. So from Wednesday until next Monday evening there will be no SJC priest here. We have been assured that both St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus will be available to help out with funerals, should they occur. Because of the incredible generosity and flexibility of a number of priests, all the Masses have been covered.

Moving forward with only two priests may very well cause some decisions to be made about our Mass schedule and other priestly responsibilities. I beg your patience during this transition time. No decisions have been made about anything but there have been some discussions about a number of things, including meetings and other administrative responsibilities. Together we will figure a way forward.

Pray for Fr. Filbert and his mother. Pray for Fr. Darrio and his new parish. And pray for our parish. With trust in God and some re-prioritizing, we will be the best community of faith we can be.

Peace,
Fr. David

O God, who raised up St. John the Baptist to make ready a nation fit for Christ the Lord, give your people the grace of spiritual joys and direct the hearts of all the faithful into the way of salvation and peace. Amen. (Opening Prayer)
Reflections

Living the Gospel
Luke 1:57-66, 80

Everything about John pointed to the unexpected. He was conceived in the womb of an elderly woman. He was not named after his father. He spent his life in the desert rather than in the temple following in the footsteps of his priest-father. His “manifestation to Israel” was not about himself, but pointed to Another, the Messiah whom we celebrate and adore as our divine Savior. As God’s chosen ones, everything about us also points to the unexpected: the hand of God is upon us and through us the presence of the Savior is announced for God calls us to be a light to the nations. Yet for God none of this is the unexpected.

What is not unexpected is the connection between John and Jesus and saving events. The hand of God was with John in order to point to the Messiah; John’s whole being was directed to his relationship with Christ. God’s saving plan is heralded by John, but accomplished in Christ. More than celebrating the birth of a key player for announcing Jesus’ mission, this solemnity celebrates the unexpected wonders of God’s whole plan of salvation that is happening now. John was beheaded because he boldly announced the dawn of salvation. But John’s announcement could not really be silenced and Christ’s light could not be extinguished. God’s plan would be fulfilled in Christ who brings us salvation. John testifies to Jesus as Messiah and Savior. So must we. We don’t have to look far for what in the world or in our own lives needs the light of Christ. The challenge of this solemnity is to have the courage to announce the presence of Christ, not simply in words but also in deeds. John called for repentance; we ourselves must repent of any sinfulness in our own lives. John witnessed to Christ; we must encounter Christ in our lives and prayer, and then witness to his abiding presence within and among us.

Closing Prayer
May we be, like John, witnesses of Jesus’ saving presence among us.
May we faithfully listen to the many ways God’s presence is announced to us.

Reflection
· The unexpected in my life has been . . . I know the unexpected comes from God because . . .
· When I understand myself to be part of God’s whole plan of salvation, my life is like . . .

Meditation
Fr. Richard Rohr

Jesus says, “If you eat this bread you will live forever” (John 6:51). You’re indestructible, as it were. You see, if I live by the momentary identity that others give me, that’s what dies when I die, and I’m left with nothing. Your relative identity is what passes away. When Jesus says He’s giving Himself to you as the “bread of life” and “If you eat this bread you will live forever,” he’s saying, “Find yourself in Me, and this will not pass or change or die. Eat this food as your primary nutrition, and you are indestructible.”

You learn to live in what Thomas Merton would call the True Self—who you are, and always have been, in God. Who you are in God is who you forever are. In fact, that’s all you are, and it is more than enough. Everything else is passing away. Reputations, titles, and roles do not determine our identity. As Paul puts it, “I live no longer; not I, but God lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). When I hand out the bread I love to say to the assembly, “You become what you eat. Come and eat who you are!”

Adapted from Eucharist as Touchstone (CD, MP3)

Prayer:
Eucharisteo. I give thanks.

Conversation for the Ride Home
Adults:
In what area of my life do I most need to continue to grow into my identity as a faithful follower of Christ?

Children:
What can I say and do to show others that I am a child of God at home, at school, and in my neighborhood?

Loving Father,
True to the example of John the Baptist, may we always behold the Lamb of God, your Son, and love him with all obedience. Amen.
Tuesdays with Mary
7 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
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!
For more information, go to www.11queenofhearts.org
Please Note: No 7 p.m. Tuesday Family Rosary on July 3rd. Have a great holiday and hope to see you on the 10th!

Baptism Preparation Meeting Changed to Thursday, July 12
Normally our Baptism preparation meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month. 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.

This Week at SJC
Monday, June 25
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
1:00 p.m. Little Rock
10:30 a.m. 11th Step Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
7:00 p.m. Protecting God’s Children Workshop

Tuesday, June 26
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
6:30 p.m. Crossroads Work Tour Formation
7:00 p.m. Protecting God’s Children Workshop
7:00 p.m. Rosary

Wednesday, June 27
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
6:30 p.m. Christian Meditation Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, June 28
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Friday, June 29
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

Saturday, June 30
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Special Independence Day Mass
Wednesday, July 4 at 9am
Wednesday, July 4 is Independence Day. Please consider beginning this important day with the celebration of the Eucharist at 9am. For Catholic Americans, the Eucharist remains at the heart of all that we are and all that we do. Let us gather and give thanks to God for his many blessings to us and to this great land. Let us also remember to pray for those who do not have the great blessing of living in a land with political and religious freedom.
Please note: There is no other mass on this day.

Former parish school teacher, Mrs. O’Neil, passed away in Florida several weeks ago. There will be a Memorial Prayer Service in the Mary Chapel on Tuesday, June 26th at 5 p.m. followed by a gathering in the Parish Center.

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.
CALENDAR
June 26 Final meeting for Habitat trip
July 8-14 Habitat for Humanity work tour

SJC LOCAL Inter-generational Work Tour at Our Lady of Charity June 18-22 was a great week of service, prayer, community & simplicity! We had teens from every grade, a parent, and a few retirees who made the week a great time to bond across generations in service to God & others!

Day of the Spirit Team is growing! Our Freshmen Experience Team & Frosh-Soph Retreat Team will gather this week. Our teens care about sharing their faith & are willing to give their time over the summer to make strong & fun preparations! Contact Katie Hayes if you want to join us!

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 khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

“Fr. Mark was so strong!”
The pastor worked alongside our teens to help clean out the attic!

“The blue was beautiful!”
This crew painted the pre-K & Kindergarten bathrooms for 2 days!

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 found on the St. Francis Xavier parish website, http://www.sfx-lg.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!
TO REGISTER FOR YC
STOP BY TODAY!
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!

BECOME A YC CATECHIST!
Share Your Faith!!
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.

YC Summer Office Hours:
Monday thru Thursday
8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
We will be closed the last two weeks in July, while school maintenance work is 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

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.

For News & Resources Visit:
Archdiocese of Chicago website:
www.archchicago.org
USCCB: US Catholic Council of Bishops website:
www.usccb.org

stjohnofthecross Go to our parish website to learn more!
The mission of Helping Hand Center is to assist persons with disabilities to achieve their highest level of independence through quality programs and services.

The vision of Helping Hand Center is that people with disabilities and their families will select Helping Hand for rehabilitative services because of its ability to provide high quality, flexible and appropriate services that achieve desired outcomes.

Youth Catechesis is sponsoring a cakewalk at the Helping Hand Family Picnic Saturday June 30, 2012. Over 200 individuals are expected to participate. We need your help!

Baked items are needed for the activity. Cakes, cookies, brownies, cupcakes to be used as prizes are in great need. Drop off any donations at the Parish Center Thursday, June 28th or Friday, June 29th on the designated table in the Parish Center Lobby. All donations are greatly appreciated!!!

Would you like to spend a fun, relaxing afternoon playing cards with fellow parishioners and friends? We are looking for people to sign up now. Our bridge group starts in September and ends in May with a luncheon. We meet the third Wednesday every month at 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center.

If you would like to join us, please call Lynn Workman at 708-784-9257.

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### Protecting God’s Children Workshop

#### WHO
All Parents, Coaches, Room Parents, any Volunteer in the parish who has regular contact with children

#### WHAT
Workshop includes 2 (two) thirty-minute videos and discussion

#### WHEN
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Participants need to be present for one entire workshop to receive approval; no one will be admitted once workshop begins.

Please choose a date that works for you.

#### WHERE
St. John of the Cross Parish Center

#### HOW
You will need to register for this training by going on-line to the internet site for Virtus Training at www.virtus.org Click on the “registration” on the left side, choose “begin the registration process” and then choose “Chicago IL”

#### WHY
We are all affected by the abuse of children by representatives of the Church and society. In response, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provided guidelines for the safety of our children in their Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People.

These recommendations have then been translated into an action plan by Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago. Every employee and volunteer who has regular contact with children is required to attend a training session of Protecting God’s Children. These workshops will inform and inspire participants to be part of the solution and to help keep our youth safe from harm.

If you have any questions, contact MJ Martin at 708-246-4404, ext. 123 or mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org

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### LADIES BRIDGE

Now is a GREAT time to attend the PGC Workshop at SJC. The August & September dates will fill quickly, and (remember) life becomes so busy again as school starts. Take the time now!
Women’s Club Garage Sale 2012
Father's Day

Each year we celebrate "Father's Day", a day on which we're asked to get in touch with the gratitude we should feel towards our own fathers. For some of us this is easy, we had good fathers; but for many it's difficult: How do you feel gratitude if your father was someone who was mostly absent or abusive?

Sadly, our world has too many absent and abusive fathers. Because of this, many of us go through life struggling, however unconsciously, with the capacity to find a healthy balance between freedom and discipline in our lives. Instead we are forever vacillating between being too hard on ourselves or too easy on ourselves. Moreover, if we had an absent or abusive father, we tend to go through life always unconsciously seeking something that has been withheld from us, namely, our father's approval. This leaves us inhibited, often angry, and yearning for a father.

Father-hunger, the hunger to be affirmed and blessed by our own fathers or by someone who represents him, is today perhaps the deepest hunger in the world, especially among men. Not enough people have been affirmed and blessed by their own fathers or by the archetypal father figures in their lives.

What is a father? Anthropologists tell us that the archetypal father is meant to have these qualities: He is meant to order, carry, feed, and bless his family. What does this entail?

First of all, he is meant to be a principle of order rather than disorder. A good father lives in such a way that his family feels safe and secure when he's around. A bad father, through absence, non-reliability, or by being abusive, makes the family feel unsafe. For example, we see how a father can be a principle of disorder in a situation where he is unfaithful, is an alcoholic, or is nursing some other addiction. His behavior then will be unpredictable and his children will be forever guessing as to whether he will come home or not - and what kind of mood he will be in if he does come home. Slowly the unpredictability will wear on his children to the point where they will feel their father as a principle of disorder, of chaos. Conversely, a good father, even if his family considers him boring and unexciting, will make his family feel safe and secure.

Next, a good father carries his family rather than asks them to carry him. A good father is an adult, an elder, not a fellow-sibling or a child (in his behavior) forever demanding that the family carry him. A good father does not make his own problems and concerns, his own tiredness and heartaches, the center of family's attention. Rather he relates beyond his own tiredness and heartaches so as to make the focus of attention the heartaches and headaches of his family.

Beyond this, a good father feeds his family rather than feeds off of them. A good father does not demand, however subtly and unconsciously, that his children bring meaning, satisfaction, and glory into his own life. Rather he is more concerned that his children and his family find meaning, satisfaction, and happiness in their own lives. Good parents feed their children; bad parents feed off of them.

Finally, a good father affirms and admires his children rather than demand that they affirm and admire him. A good father expresses to his children his pride in them as opposed to being threatened by their talents and achievements. He doesn't demand that his children express their pride in him. Daniel Berrigan, in a mature autobiography written late in his life, shares how he had to struggle with various issues his entire life, particularly with authority, because of the absence of a blessing from his own father. He shares, for example, how he would be afraid to share with his father the good news that he had just published a book because he feared his father's jealousy. After sharing this, he asks his readers: Is it any wonder that he has been leery and suspicious of every authority figure during his entire adult life? The absence of a father's blessing leaves us with a constriction of the heart.

Perhaps an image can be helpful here: When a cow gives birth, her calf comes out of her womb severely constricted, rigid, bound-up in a glue-like afterbirth. But nature has taken this into account and given the mother the proper instinct. She immediately turns round and licks that constriction off her calf. A soon as she's finished, the calf stands up, tests its legs, and begins to walk on its own.

As humans, we are born into the same condition. We also come into this life constricted, rigid, bound-up in a glue-like afterbirth. But nature has taken this into account and given the mother the proper instinct. She immediately turns round and licks that constriction off her calf. A soon as she's finished, the calf stands up, tests its legs, and begins to walk on its own.

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A good father does this perfectly, but if your father did it even half-adequately, express your gratitude and count our blessings!

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

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.
Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Lam 2:2, 10-14; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43
Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 223-24; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mk 5:21-43 [5:21-24, 35b-43]

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, and grant him/her your healing and peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Mary Bartucci
Garth Christie
David Harrington
Karen Hult
Ruth Ilg
Emily Johannes
Adriane Kane
Harry Kannty
Jacob Kenny
Betty Knott
Cathy Laskey
Greg LaValle
Yvonne Lowry
Merideth Mangold
Thomas Martin
Olga Matusik
Elmina Ngwila
Nancy Olin
Greg Palaschak
Andrew Park
Matthew Pecis
Raymond Principe
Robert Rachford
Harry Richards
Rosemary Rissler
Nick Saldana
Bruce Soifert
Bob Sturenfeldt
Norma Sumpay

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Mary Corcoran, sister of Fran Connelly

Italics—Living

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Mass Intentions

Monday, June 25
6:30 James Purcell
7:45 Jude Rutkowski; John K. Quinlan

Tuesday, June 26
6:30 Patricia Wilson
7:45 Amedeo & Adina Mesantoni; Dominic Cairo

Wednesday, June 27
6:30 Margaret Prost
7:45 Eugene Garvy; Joseph Feeney

Thursday, June 28, St. Cyril of Alexandria
7:45 Mark Bestler; Peggy Abhalter

Friday, June 29, Ss. Peter and Paul
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Jack Polivka

Saturday, June 30, First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church
8:00 Richard Ryan; Yasuji Imai
5:00 Mary Alwan; Elizabeth Treacy

Sunday, July 1, Thirteenth Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 SJC Parishioners and Kolbe House Parishioners
9:00 Jack Polivka & Joanne Costigan
10:45 Frances Albertson; John Alvin Dicken
5:00 Dr. Jerry Scanlon & Peterson Twins
Katie Courtemanche

Baptisms

Dimeji Jeffrey, son of Bamidele & Ines Lawson Ayoola
Jolene Irene, daughter of John & Lavinia Greene Bastin
William John, son of Ryan & Sharon Petzold Hamilton
Kaitlyn Ryan, daughter of Kirt & Kristen Hage Hartman
Emily Finn, daughter of Timothy & Molly Burt Henningsen
Kent Jameson, son of James & Qualita Montre Woods
Madelyn Rose, daughter of Joseph & Noreen Baldassona Smrz

Wedding Banns

Matthew Yena & Megan Potokar
Todd Bialas & Laura Crabb

Trying to get in touch with us? More info is on our website: www.stjohnofthecross.org
May you recognize in your life the presence, power and life of your soul.
May you realize that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging, connects you intimately with the rhythm of the universe. May you have respect for your individuality and difference.
May you realize that the shape of your soul is unique, that you have a special destiny here, that behind the facades of your life, there is something beautiful and eternal happening. May you learn to see yourself with the same delight, pride and expectation with which God sees you in every moment. And may God bless you on this day and always.
Amen.

—from Benedictus by John O’Donohue