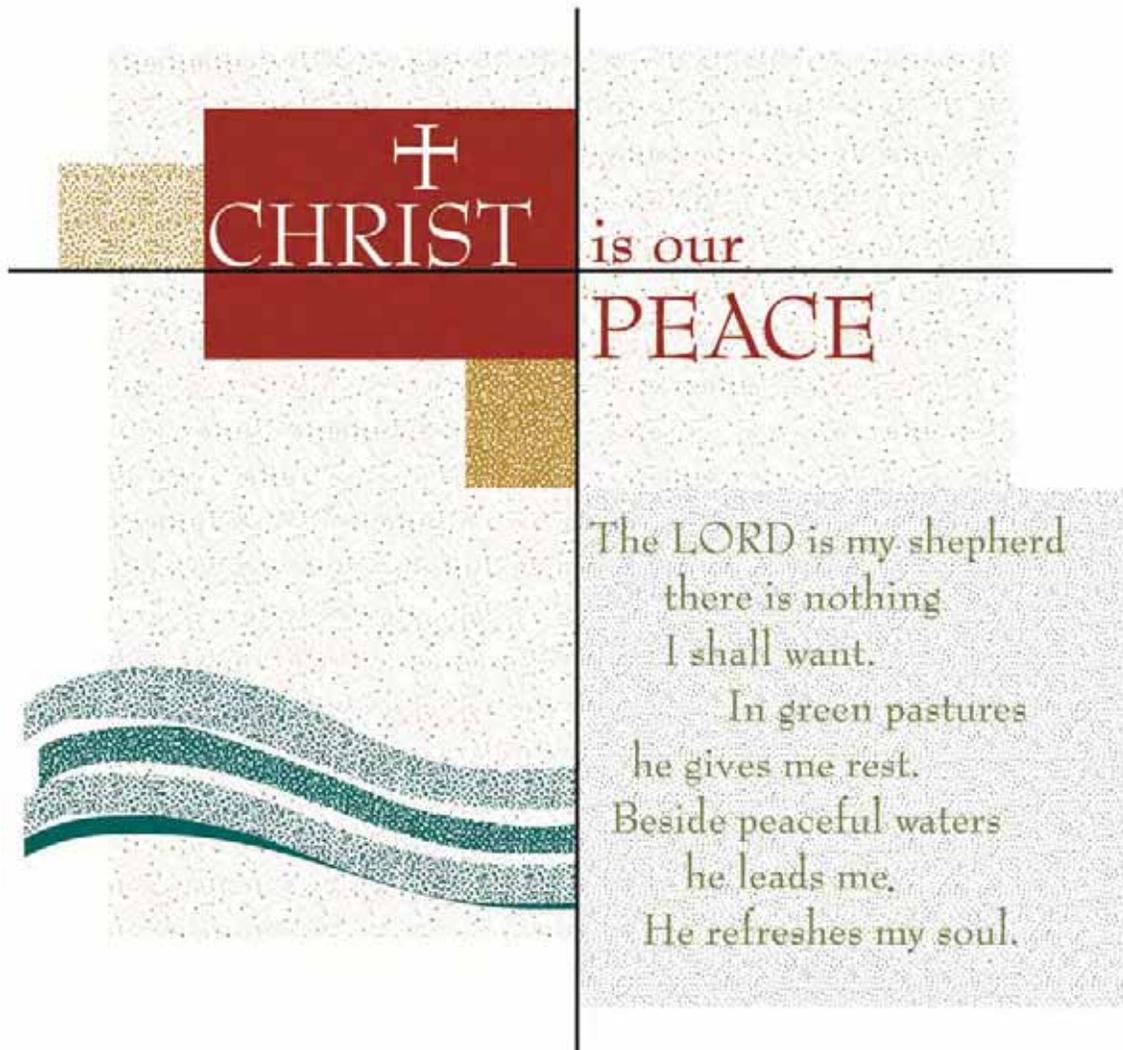


ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 22, 2012



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Fr. David

Dear Parishioners,

2012: The summer of relentless heat and no rain. Midway through July the devastating effects are becoming clearer. Farmers are plowing under stunted crops and ranchers are selling off herds they can no longer feed. The cost of food will surely climb dramatically as the effects of this draught ripples through the food processing chain.

Part of the scariness of these extreme weather conditions is the vast extent of the country that is impacted. The latest weather report I listened to said the farmers are starting to compare these conditions to the Dust Bowl of the 1930's. The fires that have plagued the western states for weeks are adding another horrific dimension that I do not remember being a part of those historic times.

I have tried to free seniors from the obligation of Sunday Mass when the extreme temperatures and conditions of winter threaten safety and health. The principle is that if God wants you to be in church on Sunday he has to give you two things and they have to be at the same time: good health and good weather. Extreme summer weather conditions are no different than extreme winter conditions. Many people have difficulty breathing when the temperatures rise as much as they have of late. Fragile health can deteriorate quickly when body chemistry gets thrown out of kilter by excessive perspiration or loss of appetite due to very hot weather. Simply standing in the sun and heat can quickly overpower someone who may be waiting for a car to pick them up. Please do not jeopardize your health by trying to get to church.

Several weddings have been scheduled in the past few weeks for 2013. There is definitely an uptick in weddings from the last two years. SJC recently hosted an archdiocesan meeting introducing the use of a computer generated marriage preparation inventory. One of the things the presenter said by way of introduction was this amazing set of statistics: in 1975, the archdiocese had 16,000 weddings. In 2010, there were 5,500. Every institution I can think of, including organized religion, is under tremendous strain around the world. The institution of marriage is no exception. And it has been happening for a long time already. The other astounding statistic is that in 2002, 15% of children born in the United States were born to unmarried parents. In 2010, that number had jumped to 42%. The parents have no intent to separate or break up, but neither have they any expectation that they will marry. For the first time in human history, people are trying to transmit values to the subsequent generation without the support of societal institutions, like church or marriage.

We have learned painfully that we cannot trust financial institutions or investment brokers to necessarily serve our best interests. So where do you put your money? Political institutions at every level of government have proven themselves to be corrupt time and time again. So does it really make a difference which party gets your affiliation if neither really represents you? Corrupt religious leaders have failed miserably and broken the law in addition to the violation of human dignity. So where do you pray and to whom do you belong? Dysfunction is the norm for the institution of family life. Can we learn to forgive one another in spite of our failures and dare to dream of healing for our very broken world? Only if we can find a spiritual home and be nourished and strengthened by a power greater than ourselves. Thank God for the gift of the Eucharist. Take time to read the word for the week of *Understanding the Mass One Word at a Time.*

Peace,

Fr. David

KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME



Quiet

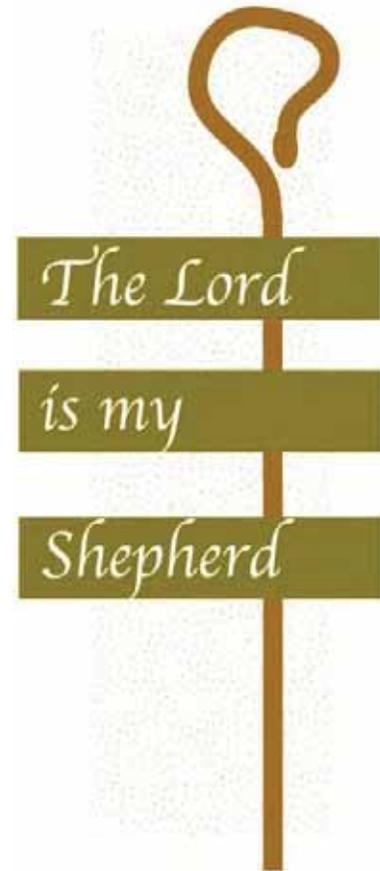
No one ordinarily stands up at Mass and brashly says, "Quiet down!" The message, however, is right in front of us at Mass. After the proclamation of God's Word, we hear "The Word of the Lord," and it means "Be quiet and take it inside yourself, let it settle within you. Be quiet." After Holy Communion, sitting down amounts to the same message, "Be quiet and realize the one you have received. It is the Lord. Pay attention."

Besides all the music and words that draw us into active participation, the Mass also becomes for us a school of quiet, a place where we learn to quiet ourselves, where we learn to let the deeper things of life and faith settle in, and where we learn to pay attention to God's movement in all of life.

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My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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.

For News & Resources Visit:

Archdiocese of Chicago website:

www.archchicago.org

USCCB: US Catholic Council of Bishops website:

www.usccb.org

Reflections

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Mark 6:30-34

The crowds are relentless in pursuing Jesus and the disciples. They do not even give them time to rest. What, however, are the crowds really pursuing? And what is it that Jesus begins to teach them? Jesus knows there is more to satisfying human needs than miracles. There is more good that he can give; yes, even more good than healing. Physical healing is a sign of salvation, an invitation to take up a new way of thinking and living. Jesus responds to the crowd as their healer, yes. But even more, Jesus' mission is to bring the people the full measure of salvation and goodness. The ultimate gift of himself is to teach the crowd how they might find God in a way that lasts longer even than mighty deeds. This unexpected good is a new way of thinking and living: Jesus is in their midst leading them and guiding them compassionately to deeper relationship with him and, ultimately, to eternal life. And this good is worth pursuing at any cost!

Would that all of us hunger for Jesus' teaching as much as we desire our physical, spiritual, and emotional needs to be met! One way to assure that we are always able to hear and receive Jesus' teaching is to depart, like the apostles, to a deserted place to rest. Part of living the gospel daily is to discern when to care for others and when to care for ourselves. This is not always such an easy balance to achieve. So we look to the Good Shepherd to learn when to teach and do good deeds, and when to rest. We look to the Good Shepherd to know when to pursue the good we think we need and when to let that good lead us to something even greater. We look to the Good Shepherd to give us unexpected good beyond our imagining.

Closing Prayers

May we follow faithfully where Jesus the Shepherd leads.

May we turn to Jesus who teaches us new ways of thinking and living the Gospel.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection

· Right now Jesus is calling me to pursue a new way of thinking and living about . . .

· What I need to learn from Jesus as my Shepherd and Teacher is . . .

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Year of Sunday Mass Question of the Week:

"Come away and rest a while, Jesus tells us. Our busy culture has made Sunday like any other day of the week. It is time to reclaim the Sabbath, a time of restful attention to God and the deeper things of our life.

How can Sunday Mass remind me to pause, praise, and find Sabbath renewal?

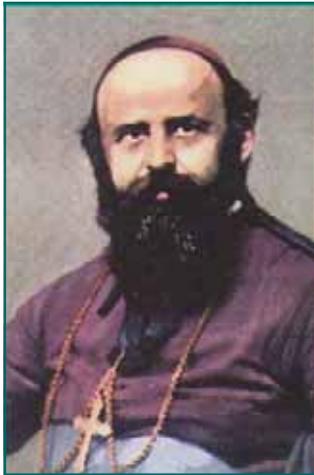
Fr. Richard Rohr Hebrew Scriptures interpreted by the Prophets

Many times Christians have downplayed the Hebrew Scriptures. Even our term the "Old" Testament could imply that they are out of date, that they don't apply anymore. That's why I prefer to call them the Hebrew Scriptures. I want that to be foundational in our [Living School](#), because I think if you get the whole Hebrew revelation, first of all you can understand Jesus, and secondly, you can recognize that Judaism is archetypal religion. It does it absolutely right and it entirely misses the point—at the same time—just as Catholicism and Protestantism and every other tradition does.

The key to a truly expansive interpretation of the Hebrew Scriptures is to read them through the eyes of the Jewish prophets. Without the prophets, you don't have self-critical thinking. You simply have tribal thinking. But when you put the communal salvation of history (Torah) together with self-critical thinking (Prophets), then you have the best of the Hebrew Scriptures, which is found in books like [Job](#), the [Psalms](#), and [Ecclesiastes](#) (Wisdom).

~ Richard Rohr, 2012
Adapted from [Fr. Richard's teachings on his lineage](#)

Comboni Mission Appeal This Weekend



St. Daniel Comboni

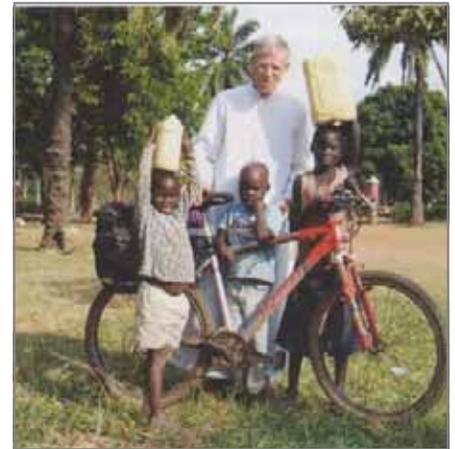
Nearly 140 years ago, St. Daniel Comboni founded the Comboni Missionaries' congregation of priests, sisters and brothers to work with poor and abandoned people in African countries.

As a young priest, Daniel Comboni was moved by the extreme poverty and oppression that existed throughout much of Africa

He was a passionate promoter of human rights, as he struggled against the slave trade in Central Africa, set up centers for the education and training of Africans, and became the first bishop of Khartoum (Sudan).

Today, the Comboni Missionaries are present in 40 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America. They minister to the poor and powerless, helping them to improve their quality of life and grow in Christian faith.

From the beginning, St. Daniel enlisted the aid of lay people who were committed to the ideal of empowering local people to carry on the work of the church. The Comboni Lay Missionary Program of North America is one way for today's laity to continue that commitment and to share their lives and faith with the marginalized throughout the world.



Comboni Fr. David Baltz with young water carriers in Uganda.



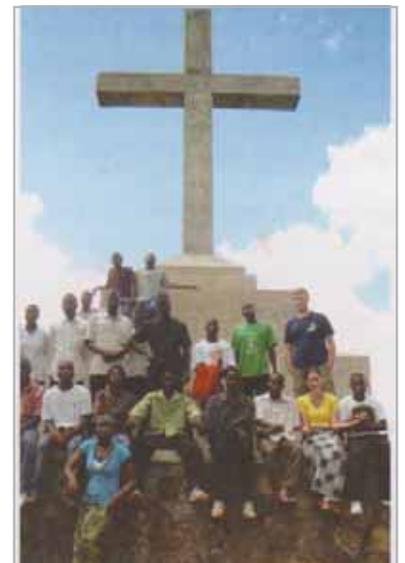
Water source in Maboma, Democratic Republic of Congo



Fr. David chatting with a blind Muslim friend.



Sewage flowing down a street in Guayaquil, Ecuador



Students as they prepare to make an outdoor Way of the Cross.

This Week at SJC**Monday, July 23**

8:00 a.m. Basketball & Cheer Camp
 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, July 24

8:00 a.m. Basketball & Cheer Camp
 6:30 p.m. Repertoire Review Committee
 7:00 p.m. Rosary

Wednesday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Basketball & Cheer Camp
 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Basketball & Cheer Camp

Friday, July 27

8:00 a.m. Basketball & Cheer Camp

Saturday, July 28

7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

SJC Employment Opportunities**Adult Formation Director**

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 a 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

Contemporary Ensemble

St. John of the Cross Parish is seeking an Accompanist to play for the Contemporary Ensemble at the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass and weekly Thursday evening rehearsals, mid-September through May. For more details, visit the website: www.stjohnofthecross.org.

Interested candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Jessica Koch, Director of Music Ministries: jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org.

Register for 2012-13

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!

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 children welcome you to join this beautiful ministry.

STOP BY TO REGISTER AFTER WE RETURN July 30th!

Office Closed July 15th to 29th

We will be **CLOSED** the last two weeks in July due to school maintenance.

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

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.

CALENDAR

July 24 OLPH last meeting 6:30-8 p.m.
July 28-Aug. 4 OLPH work tour trip
Aug. 17 Adult Leader Training

Please pray for the 4th & K11 teams as their preparations move steadily onward!



We had an awesome meeting & prayer time last week and are excited for this year of retreats.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF TEENAGERS:

Now that your teenager is in high school you have an amazing influence to guide their faith life! The more you encourage (or even push) your teen to try something new, the more our faith will become their own!

Check out these ways to get involved:

Day of the Spirit Team is growing...looking for musically talented teens!

Our Frosh-Soph Retreat Team will lead a fantastic retreat in January.

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

Information about these leadership roles
can be found at

www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

WANTED: YOU, adults!

I often share photos of teens and our youth ministry activities because I think it is important to let you, our parishioners, see the awesome spirit of God & care of others & love of life that our teenagers exude.

Every year I get a request: why not show the adults who volunteer as a marketing tool?

Sometimes I do...maybe I will in the coming months...but when I reflect on our adult volunteers there are two characteristics they have:

- 1) A love of our God and the faith that they live
- 2) A love of teenagers

So, if the photos in the bulletin each week draw you in, maybe you possess these same characteristics and maybe you should join our adult team of mentors!?!

Adult roles vary and can be short-term or long-term, behind-the scenes or leading in front of a group, alone or with a friend or spouse. We are open to the young adult & the young at heart adult who has wisdom & experience to share.

Descriptions of various adult roles can be found at: www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

Send questions or concerns to Katie Hayes

708-246-4404 ext. 140 or khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Powerful Voices Within

It's not easy to discern the voice of truth among the many voices that beckon us. Indeed it is difficult even to discern when we are genuinely sincere: Who am I really? What is in my genuine best-interest? Among the many voices I hear which voice will ultimately bring me life? Which is the voice of God in my life?

Countless voices assail us constantly from without: billboards, television, newspapers, magazines, the internet, ideologies, religion, the arts, pop culture, fashion, hype, the lure of celebrity, among others. But it is usually not difficult for us to recognize that we are in fact being assailed by these voices for they make little pretense. Each has an angle: they want our money, our vote, our support, our sympathy, our allegiance, our attention, our participation, our admiration, or something from us. Subtlety is not their virtue and we are generally not so naïve as to think they have our best interests at heart; though in some cases, like religion, the arts and fashion, their best expressions are for our benefit. But we are not so easily taken in by outside voices.

Where we more naïve is with voices that beckon and make truth claims from within. Because these voices are inside us it is natural to believe that they have our best interests at heart, that they speak for us, that they are the voice of truth.

What are these voices that assail us from within, just as do the many voices from without? Here are a few salient examples:

- The voice of personal grandiosity, ego, self-interest, and laziness. We are not altruistic by nature. Thanks to our natural instincts, we are come into this world instinctually prideful, self-centered, narcissistic, and concerned first of all with our own well-being, pleasure, and comfort. As we grow into maturity we learn that the voice of self-interest is not exactly the voice that calls us to life; but, this side of eternity, that voice never dies and remains inside us always as a voice that is ready to undermine all other voices.
- The voice of wound and rage. Nobody comes to adulthood whole. It is not a question of whether we are wounded but only a question of the what and the where of our wounds. And the voice of wound is speaking always, subtly and not so subtly, inside us, calling us to feel distrustful, slighted, offended, angry, and vengeful. Nobody is immune. This voice is forever telling us that paranoia, not metanoia, is what leads us to life.
- The voice of emotional and psychological depression. Depression easily disguises itself as depth, as altruism, as holiness, and hence it can fool us by having us believe that this heaviness of spirit is life-giving when, in fact, it is draining our bodies and souls of oxygen and life. The voice of depression is

very often confused with the voice of religion because it appears to honor asceticism, other-worldliness, and the cross when, in fact, it doesn't.

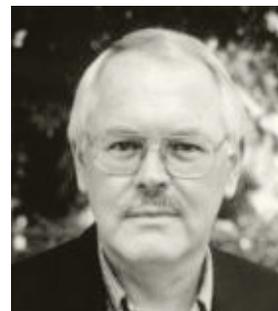
- The voice of sentimentality and piety. Sentimentality and piety are very easily mistaken for genuine empathy and genuine devotion. But there is a not-so-subtle difference: In genuine empathy and genuine devotion, the tears we cry are for others, in sentimentality and piety the tears we shed are for ourselves.

- The voice of obsession, of inner "angels" and "demons". There is a long-standing argument as to what ultimately most influences our behavior: nature or nurture? Genetics or environment? A number of thinkers, including James Hillman, would suggest that what most influences our behavior is neither nature nor nurture, but certain "daimons" within, namely, various "angels" and "demons" inside that assail us, trigger obsessions, and rob us of freedom. Anyone who has ever fallen helplessly and hopelessly in love will recognize exactly what a "demon" or "angel" inside can do. There are few more paralyzing forces in our lives and there are few voices that can so deeply make us believe that a certain person (and only this person) can bring us life. If you are a romantic, this voice will be both the biggest source of energy and the biggest source of grief in your life; and, as bitter experience has shown, it isn't always the voice of life.

- The voice of archetype, genetics, ethnicity, and gender. Blood is thicker than water and it is also a very powerful voice inside us that is never fully silent. We do not come into this world as unused photographic paper onto which nothing has yet been imprinted. Rather we enter this life with a powerful DNA, inside both our bodies and souls, within which many things are already indelibly stamped. Our DNA, physical and psychological, remains always a powerful voice inside us and, like the voice of personal grandiosity, it doesn't always have our ultimate best interests at heart.

There are no easy answers apposite to dealing with these voices inside us, but, to quote James Hillman, a symptom suffers most when it doesn't know where it belongs!

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.



Items Needed at Kolbe House

Kolbe House at Assumption Parish is one of our SJC Sharing Parishes. Kolbe House Jail Ministry supports the incarcerated, ex-offenders and their families.

In addition to our financial support, SJC collects the following items on an ongoing basis:

Men's underwear and t-shirts
Stationery and stamps (Write-Outs)
Travel size toiletries
School supplies
Men's shoes
Men's white crew socks
CTA bus passes (\$23 each)
Payless Shoe gift certificates



Items can be dropped off in the parish center or the Kolbe House box in the church narthex. Currently, they are in need of Men's Boxers sizes small, medium, and large. (Please no boxer briefs.)

For those who do not have time to shop, you can write a check to SJC or Kolbe House, drop it off at the Parish Center, Attn: Bill Bright, and the shopping will be done for you.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Thank You from Catholic Charities

Dear Parishioners,

I thank you so very much for the Catholic Charities collection in your parish on Mother's Day. We received your parish check for \$25,703.50 on June 19th. Such wonderful generosity will lift up the mothers who turn to us for help.

Your giving to this collection means a great deal to me and to those we serve. In every service offered by Catholic Charities, our goal is to give people strength — to stay together, to overcome obstacles, and to move forward in their lives. Their determination and courage inspire us to redouble our efforts.

Now in our 95th year, Catholic Charities continues to be here when people need us. Your commitment to our work is one of our most precious resources. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Rev. Monsignor Michael M. Boland
President

BE AN ANGEL! WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

The Dominican Literacy Center (1503 Rice St., Melrose Park) is in great need of women volunteers for the 2012-13 session.

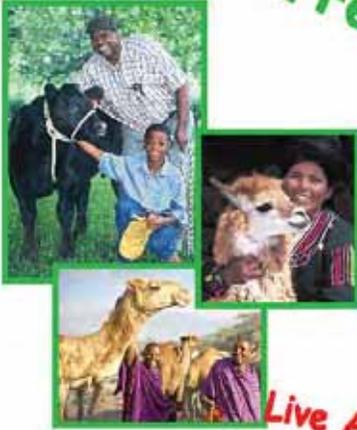
This program offers tutoring in reading and speaking of English to women, on a one-to-one basis (one student with one tutor). Classes are once a week, for an hour and ½ session.

Four consecutive and informative training sessions will be held on the evenings of Aug.21 (Tuesday), Aug.23 (Thursday), Aug.27 (Monday), and Aug. 29 (Wednesday). These will be held at the Dominican Literacy Center, beginning at 6:30pm. Participants need to attend **ALL** four sessions.

To volunteer and register for the tutor-training sessions, please call Sr. Judith or Sr. Martha Marie at 708-338-0659

A benefit for Heifer International
 Helping families in need achieve self-reliance through the gift of livestock, training, and grazing on the gift.

Family Farm Fest 2012



Games
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 Church of the Holy Nativity
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 (630) 323-4820 www.holynativity-church.org

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INVITES YOU
 TO A WORKSHOP ON
**Legal Services and Power of Attorney
 for Healthcare, Property and
 Living Will Declarations**

PRESENTED BY
 The Center for Disability & Elder Law

Date: Tuesday, August 7, 2012

Time: 12:00 P.M.

Location: La Grange Village Hall
 53 S. La Grange Road, La Grange

**What is a Power of Attorney?
 What is a Living Will?**

Please join us to learn about changes to the Power of Attorney law. This program is offered free of charge, but registration is required.

Please call: 708-354-1323 to register.

In a second session on Wednesday, August 22, seniors will have the opportunity to draft these documents with attorneys who will provide their services *pro bono*.

The Center for Disability & Elder Law is a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and advancing the legal rights of low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities in Cook County since 1984. CDEL offers assistance with several types of civil legal matters, representing hundreds of clients each year, and providing additional services to hundreds more. CDEL partners with volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and law students throughout the Chicago legal community to provide clients with access to high quality legal services they cannot otherwise afford.

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The Loretto Gala and More...



Oh, to be in Paris now that summertime is here! Ah, but you *can-can*! Join the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary for this year's **Ooh, La La!**

Loretto Gala at the Drury Lane Oakbrook on July 29, 2012. Stroll and shop at our Silent Auction boutiques beginning at 3:00 p.m. Wine and dine in our corner of Paris at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, *voilà*, the Live Auction and Raffle provide fun and entertainment. Tickets are \$80.00 per person. A table of 10 is \$750.00. Advance paid registration is required by July 25, 2012. Register and pay online at: www.ibvm.us. Click on Support Us. Or contact the Office of Development: Phone 630-682-9097; Email development@ibvm.org. Proceeds from the Loretto Gala help advance the life and ministries of the Sisters of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Wheaton, Illinois. *See you soon! A bientôt!*



Another great program at Loretto Center!!

Wisdom Writing Circles

Presented by Karen Hurley Kuchar

" Writing opens windows into our inner life. Writing can keep us centered, help us discover new aspects of ourselves and new perspectives on our lives. When we join as a community of women who write, we discover ourselves and share our discoveries in a safe circle. . . . We only need to be willing to learn who we are and what the depth of our soul truly wants and needs to express. While sharing our writing, we learn to trust the process and thereby trust ourselves." Peggy Tabor Millin, *Women, Writing and Soul-Making*
The circles will meet in sessions of four weeks. Each meeting will include a time to share, and an opportunity for the group to respond.

\$60 per 4 week session (Cash or check only, please)

Contact Loretto Center at (630) 653-7918 www.lorettocenter.org

1600 Somerset Lane, Wheaton, IL 60189

Summer Session 2012 - four weeks
Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m.
August 2, 9, 16, 23

Fall Session 2012 - four weeks
Thursday, 7-8:30 p.m.
August 30, Sept. 6, 13, 20



White ribbons have flooded local townships in remembrance of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin, but we know the ribbons won't last forever. So to keep Kelli's memory alive "Flowers for Kelli" was created with a mission to flood communities with the white crocus flower.

The crocus flower is a species of perennials that bloom once every year. Once planted the crocus will bloom every spring, right around Kelli Joy O'Laughlin's birthday. So while a ribbon may not last forever, these flowers will bloom for years to come.

Our goal is to sell "100,000" crocus bulbs. All profits from the sale will go to the **Kelli Joy O'Laughlin Memorial Fund**.

Pick Up Date: September 29-30. Email will be sent to confirm pick-up date. Pick-up location: Within the LTTHS community. (**Specific Location TBD**) For questions or concerns email: info@flowersforkelli.com.

To order please visit: www.FlowersForKelli.com or use the order form below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Payment By: Cheque Money Order Cash

Please send orders and payments to: Flowers for Kelli
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Western Springs, IL 60558

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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	Jacob Kenny	Greg Palaschak
Garth Christie	Betty Knott	Andrew Park
Ashley Davis	Cathy Laskey	Matthew Pecis
Mary Sue	Greg LaValle	Raymond Principe
Donahue	Yvonne Lowry	Rosemary Rissler
George Florian	Meredith Mangold	Nick Saldana
David Harrington	Thomas Martin	Rita Shelhouse
Karen Hult	Olga Matusik	Bruce Soifert
Ruth Ilg	Mack Nelson	Bob Sturenfeldt
Tom Jass	Tommy Niemeyer	Norma Sumpay
Emily Johanns	Elmina Ngwila	
Adriane Kane	Nancy Olin	

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Patricia Delaney, mother of Robert

Fr. Gene Faucher

Sharon Haggerty,

sister of Maureen Whalen & Colleen Brosnan

Elizabeth Langenderfer, mother of Michelle Grimms

Robert Maliszewski, son of Ann

Tina Morales,

mother of David Morales and Maria Redondo

Michael Muldoon, son of Elaine

Dorothy Poro, mother of Mary Skarr

Donna Wahlborg, aunt of Frank Murino

Baptisms

Adam Fullen, son of Scott & Amy (Fullen) Tilles

Angelena Lynn, daughter of Mark & Stacy (Muentzer) Oakey

Daniel Thomas, son of Daniel & Sheila (Morrissey) Ryan

Mass Intentions

Monday, July 23, St. Bridget

6:30 Howard King

7:45 Rose O'Brien Rispin; George Gunnin

Tuesday, July 24, St. Sharbel Makhluf

6:30 Dorothy Carlini

7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Mary Corcoran

Wednesday, July 25, St. James, apostle

6:30 Trina Olivera

7:45 Dr. Wm. Buckingham; Beatrice Sweeney

Thursday, July 26, Ss. Joachim & Anne

7:45 Michelle Sprinkle; Eugene Garvy

Friday, July 27

7:45 Miles Maly; Catherine O'Connor

Saturday, July 28

8:00 Colleen Nilles; Charles Sullivan

5:00 Dolores Williams; Dorothy Mesch;

Robert Plechaty

Sunday, July 29, Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary

7:30 Patricia Wehner; Frank Bilotta

9:00 Don Spiering; Michael Scully

10:45 *SJC & St. Thaddeus Parishioners*

5:00 *Lipinski-Sampson-Mulvaney Family;*

Estel Guerra

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145; Eph 4:1-6;

Jn 6:1-15

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During the week teens & adults took turns leading reflections about our Catholic Social Teachings. Conversation & reflection allows the group to grow in their faith and understanding of their catholic identity!



This Habitat affiliate builds homes on this site & later transports them to a plot of land. It was across the dirt road from the lodging for our group, making the commute an easy one!

Friday evening the group was invited to join the Rosebud Tribe, Antelope Annual pow-wow. The costumes are homemade and this event was open to visitors to watch and take photos.



Check out reflections from our teens & adults at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads