SAT. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2012

Bread of Life

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Welcome to St. John of the Cross Parish!

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Join us at Mass:
Weekends: Saturday 5:00 p.m., Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
(No 12:15 p.m. Mass during the summer months.)
Weekdays: Saturday 8:00 a.m., Monday-Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m., Thursday-Friday 7:45 a.m.

Baptism Preparation: Parents and parents-to-be meet with a trained baptism couple on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Center to register. Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays at noon during the summer and 1:30 p.m. during the school year.

During the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Mass, the parish offers free babysitting in the Garden Room of the rectory.

Parish Office: The Parish Center is located just south of church. Our front doors face Wolf Road. The office is open 7 days a week. Specific hours are listed on our website. After hours, if there is an emergency or an immediate need for a priest, call the main office number and follow the voice prompt. A priest will respond as quickly as possible.

Parish Center
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708-246-4404
www.stjohnofthecross.org

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YC Office
708-246-6760 708 51st Street

New Parishioners are invited to register at the Parish Center office. We have a Welcome Gift Bag containing our directory and other introductory parish information waiting for you. Stop in our office soon so we can become acquainted.

Visit our parish website (www.stjohnofthecross.org) to learn about the many ministries and activities at our parish. We invite you to become involved and take advantage of the many spiritual, social, and outreach opportunities. We are at your service as you live out your baptismal commitment. Contact us with any questions.

www.stjohnofthecross  Go to our parish website to learn more
Reflections on the Gospel

Living the Gospel    John 6:24-35

The gospel narrates a series of questions and answers between Jesus and the crowd. What is the content of the discussion? The crowd pursues Jesus, looking for concrete signs to satisfy their immediate needs. They have already been fed bread and are looking for more. However, Jesus challenges them to look at the deeper meaning to which the signs point, to look beyond their immediate needs. How does Jesus do this? He calls them to see the signs as a revelation of himself as the "more" for which they look, the "more" that truly satisfies, the "more" they have already been given. He is "the bread of life." Jesus' call to the crowd to see the "more" ends in their asking him to "give us this bread always." Do they realize that for which they ask? Rather than seeking earthly bread, the crowd is challenged to seek "the bread of life," which is to say, to seek Jesus himself. The only bread that is lasting, the only bread that truly satisfies, is Jesus himself.

We naturally seek whatever satisfies our needs. One challenge for daily gospel living is that we come to recognize that we need Jesus. We will not seek him if we don't feel we need him. We can be so intent on pursuing our obvious needs for food, shelter, rest, family, companionship, etc. that we can fail to look beyond these needs to the One who sustains us in all our daily pursuits. We seek Jesus in and through prayer. We also seek him in the goodness of others, in seeing someone in need and responding, in doing our part to make where we live a better place. We seek Jesus to be at home with him. And when we find him we discover we have everything we need.

Closing Prayer:
May we continually lead others to a deeper relationship with Jesus who satisfies all hungers. May we be satisfied in the Bread of Life given us and share that Life with all we meet. Our Father . . .

For Reflection:
· What I need from Jesus is . . . What he gives me is . . .
· To believe that Jesus is "the bread of life" means to me . . .

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Why Marriage Matters

Does it matter if couples get and stay married?
In *Why Marriage Matters: 30 Conclusions from the Social Sciences* 3rd edition a diverse group of leading family scholars summarizes the findings on the difference that marriage makes. Go to our parish website to read the entire list.

Marriage increases the likelihood that fathers and mothers have good relationships with their children.

Children are most likely to enjoy family stability when they are born into a married family.

Children are less likely to thrive in complex households.

Marriage is associated with better health and lower rates of injury, illness, and disability for both men and women.

Growing up outside an intact marriage increases the likelihood that children will themselves divorce or become unwed parents.

Married mothers have lower rates of depression than do single or cohabiting mothers.

Marriage, and a normative commitment to marriage, foster high-quality relationships between adults, as well as between parents and children.

Boys raised in non-intact families are more likely to engage in delinquent and criminal behavior.

Divorce and unmarried childbearing increase poverty for both children and mothers, and cohabitation is less likely to alleviate poverty than is marriage.

Parental divorce reduces the likelihood that children will graduate from college and achieve high-status jobs.

Marriage is associated with reduced rates of alcohol and substance abuse for both adults and teens.

A child who is not living with his or her own two married parents is at greater risk of child abuse.
The Catholic community believes marriage happens with the help of the Lord and is a relationship that parallels the love of Christ for his people. It is a lifelong commitment to one other person and a dwelling place of God’s spirit. Christian marriage is a demanding vocation that needs the support and encouragement of the entire community.

Research is finding that marriage education and enrichment are important for every marriage to stay healthy.

Sustaining a marriage over a lifetime means cultivating and blending gifts of nature and grace. The effort, considered both from the viewpoint of a couple and from the viewpoint of those who minister to them, involves four inter-related areas in which growth must continually occur. These are: Maturity (personal and social growth patterns), Vision (of marriage itself and for marriages specifically), Skills (learned behaviors), and Community (supportive social and religious context). (A Renewed Pastoral Effort to Sustain Marriages for a Lifetime, www.usccb.org/laity-marriage/propmar.shtml)

Happy and lasting marriages require building “multiple marriages” throughout common life-changing experiences, by adjusting to new situations and renewing commitment. (The Lifecycle Stages of a Marriage, Sr. Barbara Markey, ND, www.usccb.org/laity-marriage/Markey.pdf)

- Transitional times of adjustment include the first years of marriage, becoming parents, having adolescent children, life after children move out, retirement, and aging. (Ibid.)
- The three most common reasons given for divorce are “lack of commitment,” “too much conflict and arguing,” and “infidelity.” (With This Ring...A National Survey on Marriage in America, 2005, National Fatherhood Initiative, www.fatherhood.org)
- On the contrary, the most common reasons couples give for long-term marital success are commitment and companionship. They speak of hard work and dedication, both to each other and to the idea of marriage itself. (The Top Ten Myths of Marriage, Popenoe & Whitehead, http://marriage.rutgers.edu)

- Couples who know what to expect during common transitional periods in a marriage are less likely to be blindsided when changes occur. Couples can acquire proactive resources to prepare for relationship shifts. (The Lifecycle Stages..., Markey)
- Qualities that a couple can acquire and/or strengthen in order to save or improve their marriage include: positive communication styles, realistic expectations, common attitudes concerning important issues and beliefs, and a high degree of personal commitment. (What Factors are Associated with Divorce & or Marital Unhappiness?, Scott Stanley, www.prepinc.com/main/docs/what factors.html)
- Complementing personal commitment is the need for a “normative commitment to marriage.” This entails support for marital childbearing, openness to children, and a belief that marriage is for life. Such commitment results in high levels of intimacy and marital happiness. (Seeking a Soulmate: A Social Scientific View of the Relationship between Commitment & Authentic Intimacy, Brad Wilcox, www.usccb.org/laity-marriage/Wilcox.pdf)
- Couples who stay married and happy have the same levels and types of disagreements as those who divorce. The difference stems from how they handle disagreements. “It’s about behaviors – or best practices.” (The Emerging Field of Marriage Education, Diane Sollee, Coalition for Marriage, Family & Couples Education, www.smartmarriages.com/fish.html)

We are called to enter into God’s grace through a “training in holiness” which includes prayer, the Eucharist, and Reconciliation (Novo Millennio Ineunte #30-41). Our faith proclaims that Christian marriage is a specific “training ground” for holiness and encourages couples to incorporate the findings of social science, specifically regarding the manifold practices that can increase marital joy and permanence, enabling them to enter more fully into loving communion with each other, society, and God.

Sources: USCCB and Archdiocese of Chicago Office of Family Ministries. For more go to our parish website.
Fr. Richard Rohr
The Art of Letting Go

It is good to remember that a part of you has always loved God. There is a part of you that has always said yes. There is a part of you that is Love itself, and that is what we must fall into. It is already there. Once you move your identity to that level of deep inner contentment, you will realize you are drawing upon a Life that is much larger than your own and from a deeper abundance. Once you learn this, why would you ever again settle for scarcity in your life? “I’m not enough! This is not enough! I do not have enough!” I am afraid this is the way culture trains you to think. It is a kind of learned helplessness. The Gospel message is just the opposite—inherent power.

Thomas Merton said the way we have structured our lives, we spend our whole life climbing up the ladder of supposed success, and when we get to the top of the ladder we realize it is leaning against the wrong wall—and there is nothing at the top. To get back to the place of inherent abundance, you have to let go of all of the false agendas, unreal goals, and passing self-images. It is all about letting go. The spiritual life is more about unlearning than learning, because the deepest you already knows (1 John 2:21).

Prayer: May I learn to let go.

Adapted from The Art of Letting Go (CD)
KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

“Get on with it.” We hear that all the time. We even say it to ourselves. We do something and then move on quickly. That’s our pace and pretty much the tenor of most of our lives. And how we live does not easily match what we do at Mass.

At Mass we stop and linger — at the beginning to reflect on our need for mercy, after the readings and homily to consider the Word we have just heard, and after Holy Communion to grasp more surely the mystery now within us. We linger in these moments to deepen our sense of the holy and living one whom we are meeting.

We keep returning to the same ritual at Mass. It really doesn’t change that much week after week. Even the years of worship repeat the same cycles of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Is it just going in circles? No, something else is at work. The cycles deepen the mystery’s hold on us and our hold on the mystery.

Unlike most of our life, at Mass we go not wide but deep. We stay, we linger, we come to know more.

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YEAR OF SUNDAY MASS / YEAR OF FAITH
Visit our website at www.LTP.org

Celebrate your Wedding Anniversary with Us! Beginning in September.....
Each month couples celebrating their wedding anniversary that month are invited to share a photo of themselves, a copy of their wedding invitation or marriage ceremony program with our parish. These will be posted together in the main kiosk in the church narthex. Mementos can be dropped off at the parish center or given to one of the priests after Mass. All items will be returned at the end of the month. Married and engaged couples will be remembered in prayer regularly at Mass.
Children’s Choir Start up Dates!!

Did you know that St. John of the Cross has two choirs available to all children in the parish?

**Cherub Choir** serves children in grades 1-3 and practices on **Wednesdays** from 3:45 – 4:30 p.m. in the church. The start date is **Sept. 12th** with registration and a brief meeting at 4:20.

**Youth Choir** serves students in grades 4-8, and practices on **Thursdays** from 3:45 – 4:30 in the church. The start date is **Sept. 13th** with registration and a brief meeting at 4:20.

Mark your calendars as you schedule your kids for fall activities!

Questions?
Contact Ann Bourjaily-Maney at (708)246-4171 or bourjman@sbcglobal.net

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**This Week at SJC**

**Monday, August 6**
10:30 p.m. 11th Step Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

**Tuesday, August 7**
7:00 p.m. Rosary

**Wednesday, August 8**
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

**Thursday, August 9**

**Saturday, August 11**
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

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**A Note from Fr. Darrio…**

Dear Friends,

Since arriving at St. Cyprian Parish, I have been extremely busy. Please do not be concerned if a check hasn’t been cashed or a thank you note hasn’t been written yet.

You have not been forgotten. I am just starting to open my cards from the wonderful SJC farewell on June 24th. It might take me a little while to answer. You will be hearing from me soon.

Blessings,
Fr. Darrio

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**SJC Employment Opportunities**

**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](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org). Interested candidates may send a resume and cover letter to Jessica Koch, Director of Music Ministries: [jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org).

**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, August 8.

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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**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](mailto:srozsypal@stjohnofthecross.org).
Crossroads

Calendar

July 28- Aug. 4 OLPH work tour trip
Aug. 7  Habitat & OLPH Reunion 6:30 p.m.
Aug. 14 Frosh/Soph Retreat team mtg 10 a.m.
Aug. 17 Adult Leader Training 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.

Please pray for the 4th & K11 teams & our participants who depart for a weekend of faith & fellowship this Thursday Aug. 9!

WANTED: YOU, adults!

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.

Our Freshmen Experience Team & our Freshmen Home Group Leaders need a few more adults to join the team!

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

Our service group as they departed for our Sharing Parish in Kentucky, OLPH! They return this weekend & will share quotes & more photos on our website & in future bulletins.

As of print time, they’ve enjoyed working at the Friendship Center & hiking at Cumberland Falls!

All ADULTS WHO SERVE OUR YOUTH ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FRIDAY AUGUST 17th for our Adult Leader Kick-off Event!

In the Parish Center, choose your session: 9 a.m. or 6 p.m.

It’s sure to be a great opportunity to meet others, connect with your faith and the mission of our ministry!

Speaker Rich Curran will lead the time together and allow all of us to be our best as we serve our youth!
Pictured from left to right are Tom Williams, Missy Major, Sr. Margaret Halligan, and Shawn Sweeney after delivering food to Sr. Margaret from St. John of the Cross on July 30, 2012.

Sr. Margaret C. S. J. (85 years young) is the Director at the St. Barbara's Pastoral Center located on 47th St. in Brookfield. Sr. Thomas C.S.J. (92 years young), not pictured, and Sr. Margaret have been assisting people for most of their lives as Sisters of St. Joseph.

Thanks to St. John of the Cross for providing the food and in assisting the good Sisters of St. Joseph!!!
Outreach

St. Mark’s Picnic Festival

August 12
9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Come and meet the new pastor, Fr. Chuy
Tons of Fun!
Delicious Food,
Pricing Very Reasonable
Need a Ride? Call Bill Bright,
708-246-4404

Youth Catechesis

HELP!

Help!
We need someone...
not just anyone!

We need YOU!

Your baptismal call is to
SHARE YOUR FAITH!
This year, grow in grace and love through
sharing your faith with the children of
St. John of the Cross.

All Adults - Help!!
High School Teens - Help!!
All are Welcome, you don’t need to have children in our
program to share your faith! Just a LOVE for Christ!

The ministry of catechesis is a beautiful opportunity for you to
get involved and change the life of a child.

Call the YC Office to
discover the graces that
Our Lord is calling you to.

AUGUST Office Hours
Mondays 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tues thru Thurs 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Youth Catechesis
Office
yc@stjohnofthecross.org
708-246-6760
stjohnofthecross.org/yc
A Lesson in Contingency

If only! How often we feel those bitter words of regret: If only! If only I had noticed earlier! If only I had been more attentive! If only I could see that person again, even for five minutes! If only I hadn't been there just then! If only the storm hadn't happened just as I was on the highway! If only I hadn't had that extra drink! If only I had left the party ten minutes earlier! If only!

We all live with certain regrets and the bitter knowledge that if only we had been more attentive or patient or courageous or loving at a given moment our lives would now be very different. If only we could have certain moments of our lives back, to do over differently.

I had such one such moment recently. It wasn't one that in the grand scheme of things was very huge, but it did in its own small way contain all the dynamics of the bitter regret that we feel when we say: If only!

What happened? I had my briefcase (containing passport, Green-Card, laptop, 2 years of personal diaries and planned agendas, and numerous other personal papers and photos) stolen from me as I was buying a subway ticket in the London Underground. I'm an experienced traveler and tend to be paranoid in terms of keeping vigilance on my luggage but, as anyone who has ever lost a purse or a briefcase (or, infinitely more tragic, a child) in a public place knows, it only takes a few seconds of inattention for disaster to strike.

In my case, it happened this way: I had just got off a train after speaking at a conference and, shepherding three pieces of luggage, made my way down an escalator to the Underground. I was trying to purchase a ticket for the subway and the self-service machine was not being particularly cooperative and that little distraction, for a period of perhaps one minute, was all it took: I briefly forgot about my luggage. When I looked down to pick it up, my briefcase was gone. It took an instant to realize what had happened and as I ran to get a security guard my heart sank in the sick recognition that it was too late, I would never see the contents of that briefcase again. As I sat with the police, making a report of the incident, I kept involuntarily repeating to myself: If only! If only I hadn't lost my concentration! If only I had kept my passport and green-card on my person! If only I could rewind the last ten minutes of my life! If only!

We've all been there, in ways big and small!

What's the lesson? What might I - or anyone else - learn from moments like these?

First of all, we need to learn to keep things in perspective. Sometimes a moment of carelessness has huge, irrevocable consequences, as in the loss of a child or a serious accident that causes a death; but for me it meant only the loss of some personal effects, some money, and the loss of the better part of two days (spent in Embassies recouping my passport and Green-card). It was an irritating inconvenience which in the grand scheme of things is, in essence, a mosquito-bite. When I come to die, I doubt this incident will be remembered. But that isn't easy to see at the time. In the moment it's easy to lose perspective.

Second, incidents like this are meant to teach patience. Haste makes waste! It also makes for momentary carelessness and accidents. This happened to me because I was in a hurry. I had wanted to buy my ticket at the customer-counter, but there was a line-up and, although I had no pressing agenda, I was too impatient to wait in the line-up. I was trying to save five minutes and that impatience ended up costing me, among other things, the better part of two days of lining up at Embassies and Immigration offices. Hopefully the lesson will be learned.

Finally, incidents like this are meant to teach us to recognize and forgive contingency. Philosophically, contingency means that, unlike God who is self-sufficient and perfect, we live with limit and imperfection. For us, every one of us, there will be moments of inattention, carelessness, accidents, stupid impatience, and moral lapses. The philosopher, Leibnitz, famously stated that we don't live in the best of all possible universes.

Thus, there will always be lost purses, stolen briefcases, broken heirlooms, and, much worse, tragic accidents that result in lost children and lost lives. Sometimes too there will be moments of moral carelessness that we will also bitterly regret. We aren't God. We're contingent.

So the next time someone accidently drops and breaks your priceless vase, don't respond with that chastising frown that says: How can you be so clumsy! What an awful thing you've done! Instead, make old Leibnitz proud, give off a knowing smile that says: Now there's contingency for you!

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.
Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

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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.

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

Wedding Banns
Zach Quinn & Jenna Reisch
Michael Castillo & Parish Hill

Baptisms
Luca John,
son of John and Laura Collins (DiNardo) Musachio

St. John of the Cross would be honored if you would consider remembering the parish in your estate planning.
Thank you.

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.

Mass Intentions
Monday, August 6, The Transfiguration
6:30 Our Beloved Dead
7:45 Bill Broderick; Charles Sullivan

Tuesday, August 7, Ss. Sixtus & Cajetan
6:30 Rose Carbone
7:45 Joe Feeney; Anna M. Faron

Wednesday, August 8, St. Dominic
6:30 Patricia Wilson
7:45 Eugene Garvy; Peter Glen

Thursday, August 9, St. Theresa Benedicta
7:45 Charles Brody; Margaret Prost

Friday, August 10, St. Lawrence
7:45 John Gallagher; Peter T. Glen

Saturday, August 11, St. Clare
8:00 Gloria O’shall; Lino Lupetini
5:00 Donald O’Flaherty; Frederick Landbeck

Sunday, August 12, Nineteenth Sunday Ordinary
7:30 SJC Parishioners & Kolbe House Parishioners
9:00 Mildred & Joseph Baltikas; Lino Lupetini
10:45 Deceased Members of the Tamer/Grecco Family; Bonnie Porter
5:00 Barbara Mullarkey; Eugene Garvy

Italics—Living

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Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life. —John 6:27

www.stjohnofthecross  Go to our parish website to learn more!
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 LTHS 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:________
Home Phone:______________________ Cell Phone: ____________________
Email Address:_________________________________________________________
# of Crocus Bulb Bundles (20 per bundle) @ $20: __________ = $________________
Payment By:  [ ] Cheque  [ ] Money Order  [ ] Cash

Please send orders and payments to: Flowers for Kelli  
P.O. Box 369  
Western Springs, IL  60558  

Online orders can be placed at: “www.FlowersForKelli.com”