Whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all.

FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED, BUT TO SERVE AND TO GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.
Are you Interested in the Priesthood?

In today’s Gospel, Jesus reminds us “whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.” The vocation that you choose in life belongs to God. Is God calling you to the joy of priesthood or religious life? “Men 22 to 40 years old are invited to participate in the INSEARCH Priesthood discernment program. If you feel called to the priesthood, INSEARCH will help you gain clarity around the call you feel. We meet every Tuesday night at Quigley Pastoral Center. For more information, contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-9298 or bwelter@archchicago.org.
Remembering All Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Remembering the Dead

In parishes around the world, the Church remembers the names of their dead. We hear their names at the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers and Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.

The Book of Remembrance

During the month of November, the Month of All Souls, parishioners and visitors to St. John of the Cross are invited to write the names of their beloved dead in The Book of Remembrance found by the Ambo. The Book of Remembrance will remain there until the final feast of the Church year, Christ the King. Please put their name on the envelope and they will be prayed for every week. Remembering all of those who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

Unlike the Books of Life, which list only deceased parishioners of St. John of the Cross, our Book of Remembrance may include the names of all our deceased loved ones.

Month of All Souls

The origins of the solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, November 2) are connected. From the beginnings of the Church, Christians have cherished the memory of those martyred for the faith and those who lived a life of virtue as icons of Jesus Christ. The martyrs and saints became venerated as disciples and imitators of Christ. All the saints are celebrated each year on November 1; however, most Christian traditions of honoring the dead are linked with All Souls Day on November 2. On this day, we remember our own loved ones who have gone before us in faith. These tributes extend beyond the day itself and last through the month of November, the Month of All Souls.

The Books of Life

In keeping with the important observance of this month, our parish Books of Life will be placed along the north wall of our church. These books, one for each month, list the names of every person who has been buried from St. John of the Cross Parish. As a parish that is rooted in faith in our Lord Jesus, let us prayerfully recall these deceased members of our community.

Take time to look through the books. Find the names of those you know and offer a prayer for them.

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KNOW THE MASS, ONE WORD AT A TIME

I didn’t notice the power and the beauty of so many things in my life, until someone pointed them out. Someone had to call my attention to these good things and summon me to see what had always surrounded me. I saw with new eyes.

In a similar way, John the Baptist points out Jesus to the first disciples. John says, “Look, the Lamb of God. Behold, the Lamb of God, who is already here among us.” The same words have become a part of the Mass before Holy Communion, “Behold the Lamb of God. Behold him who takes away the sins of the world.” The priest holds up the host and points to the presence of Jesus Christ among us.

We need indications. The things of God are deeply imbedded in our lives, but they may remain unseen. The Mass in its entirety points out the presence of the Redeemer in our lives — the suffering and dying Christ in our struggles, the risen Christ in our sense of new life, the power of Christ in our fragility, and the merciful Christ in our acts of compassion. The Mass points out the Lamb of God who even now is with us.

Become Involved in Liturgy

New Communion Minister Training

Adults and high school teens who have a sincere love and appreciation for God’s gift of the Eucharist are welcome to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during weekday and Sunday Masses. In addition to the desire to serve, Extraordinary Ministers must be baptized Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, must go through training and be free to receive the sacrament and no restrained though a marriage situation. Training Sessions are held in church. No need to register, just come!

Sunday, October 28, 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Any questions, call Jim at 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.

Feast of All Souls Memorial Liturgy

Please join us on Friday, November 2nd at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Our liturgy will commemorate parishioners and loved ones who have died during the past year. As the names of all deceased are read aloud, families will be invited to light a votive candle as we prayerfully remember them. After Mass, our bereavement ministers and priests will gather in the community room of church to share hospitality.

Read about Faithful Citizenship.

Go to the Archdiocese of Chicago Website:
http://www.archchicago/departments/peace_and_justice/faithfulcitizenship/
Under Resources click on Forming Consciences
The Parish Advisory Council (PAC for short) had its fall meeting on Tuesday, October 9th. Minutes from this meeting as well as background information on the Council’s work can be viewed on our parish website.

One of the main items on our agenda was to understand our year end parish financials. Lisa DenBesten, Finance Council Chairperson, gave an overview of the annual report that will be shared with the parish on Nov. 3-4. Lisa’s message focused on three main points:

- Sunday/holyday offertory collections do not cover parish expenses.
- Over the past several years offertory/holyday revenue has trended downward while expenses, while within budget, have increased.
- The parish ended the 2011-2012 fiscal year with a $37,000 deficit. A deficit is also projected for the current 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The PAC has formed an ad hoc committee led by Connie Madden to determine how we can best faithfully steward our time, talent, and treasure (the last line in our parish mission statement) and help raise awareness and funds for future parish operations. Connie’s group will make recommendations to the PAC at our next meeting in February.

Next week I will share progress made by our other PAC goal committees.

Karin Teglia
PAC Chairperson

Parish Advisory Council Update

St. Thaddeus Trip

Join in the celebration of another saint’s feast day in October - St. Jude Thaddeus

Sunday, October 28 is the feast day of St. Jude Thaddeus. Jude Thaddeus was one of Jesus’ twelve original apostles and is known by two names, Jude and/or Thaddeus. The name “Thaddeus” means sweetness and gentleness of character. He is not the traitor Judas Iscariot, and he faithfully followed Jesus until his crucifixion, and then later set out to evangelize.

Our sharing parish, St. Thaddeus, has invited us to celebrate the feast day of their namesake at their 9 a.m. liturgy, on Sunday October 28. We will be:

- Bringing Halloween candy, collected by our school children, to the children of St. Thaddeus. Safety concerns in the Thaddeus community prevent children from trick-or-treating, door-to-door. They look forward to eating these treats at their parish Halloween party every year!
- Bringing canned goods, collected by our confirmation candidates, to the St. Thaddeus food pantry.
- Bringing a food item to share at the post-liturgy fellowship.
- Leaving the Parish Center at 8:00 a.m. and should return by 12:30 p.m.

Plan to attend this lively, spirit-filled Mass, in the African American tradition, by calling the Parish Center, 709-246-4404 to put your name on the list. The list will help us organize the number of cars needed to get all to Mass on time.

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“Prayer is not just spending time with God. It is partly that—but if it ends there, it is fruitless.

No, prayer is dynamic. A authentic prayer changes us--unmasks us--strips us--indicates where growth is needed.

A authentic prayer never leads to complacency, but needles us--makes us uneasy at times.

It leads us to true knowledge, to true humility.”

St. Teresa of Avila

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Do you enjoy sewing? We have a simple project for you! YC is in need of YOU! to help create Advent calendars for our 1st grade students. You will receive all the felt materials and instruction (to sew straight lines) and create the pockets for the felt advent calendars. We ask each person to sew only ten to twelve...many hands, light work! Please contact the YC office to volunteer 708-246-6760!
Reflections on the Gospel

Living the Gospel

When James and John brazenly demand of Jesus, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you,” they reverse the usual dynamics of the disciple/teacher relationship. In the culture of the time (and this is generally true in our own culture), no disciple would ever issue a direct order to a teacher. By acquiescing with “What do you wish me to do for you?” Jesus accepts the role reversal they foist on him. And by responding in this way, Jesus reveals yet another reversal: glory is given not to those who seek to be “first among” others, but to those who choose to serve others by giving their lives for them. Out of which reversal do we live?

Discipleship means emptying ourselves to be servant (practical, everyday putting others ahead of ourselves) over and over again and constantly learning the cost of our baptismal yes. This seems like a daunting task—serving others, dying to self, taking the last place rather than the first. We know, however, that it is possible to live this way because Jesus is the model and showed us by his own servant life. Serving means nothing other than giving our lives for others. It means that when our nerves are frazzled and the baby is crying we manage to find the energy to care and comfort. When the boss is demanding, rather than grumbling to coworkers, we put out the effort to mediate a better relationship. When we hear of a neighbor in need we ring the doorbell, introduce ourselves, and ask how we might help. Serving others means that we look for ways to make the lives of others better. In turn, God gives us a share in Jesus’ glory. Would that we be so bold about serving as about seeking our own glory! And yet, perhaps this is the greatest reversal of all—when we choose to serve others, we do receive the glory of risen life.

Closing Prayers

May we shine forth the glory of God by faithfully serving others.

May we be open to whatever in us needs to change so that we can live the Gospel more faithfully.

Our Father...

For Reflection:

· The demands I make of Jesus are...
· The glory I have already experienced when I serve others is...

Meditation by Richard Rohr

Luke’s Gospel is the most broad-minded and the most forgiving. Every chance he gets, Luke has Jesus forgiving people, right up to the good thief on the cross. Luke is quite ready to see God as generous, gratuitous, and merciful. Mercy and inclusivity—Jesus’ ministry to outcasts, to Gentiles, to the poor—are emphasized a great deal in Luke. Luke’s Gospel is also called the gospel of women. Far more than any other evangelist, Luke brings women into Jesus’ life and shows Jesus’ very positive way of relating to women, especially for his time and culture.

Luke’s has also been called the gospel of absolute renunciation. For Luke, to be a disciple one has to let go of everything—not just money or other external idols, but inner idols and ego concerns as well. Luke advocates radically new social patterns of relationship. His is an upside-down gospel: “The first will be last and the last will be first” (Luke 13:30). Luke uses every story he can to show that what impresses people does not impress God, that people who think they are at the top are often, in God’s eyes, at the bottom, and that people who think they are at the bottom are, in God’s eyes, often at the top.

Adapted from The Good News According to Luke: Spiritual Reflections.

Prayer:

Teach me to be humble and live simply.

Year of Sunday Mass:

Question of the Week

Today’s Gospel reading from Mark 10 outlines the demanding (seemingly impossible), requirements of Christian discipleship, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

Think of a time when, confronted with an injustice (i.e. racism, sexism) the Eucharist provided you with grace to act with courage and justice. What difference did the Eucharist make in this situation for you?

Readings for the Week

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Formation Opportunities for Adults

CTU Vatican II Fall Lecture Series Continues...All are welcome to attend Catholic Theological Union's continuing series of lectures on the Second Vatican Council. The lectures will take place on Wednesday evenings, through December 5, from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on the second floor of the Academic Center located at 5326 S. Cornell, Chicago. The lectures are open to guests for $15 per lecture. You may pay at the door. Come to one or all of the lectures. To ensure a spot, register by phone at Janet Hoffman at 773-371-5432, or jhoffman@ctu.edu. Complimentary parking is available in the CTU garage.

October 24  Vatican II and the Laity, Carmen Nanko Fernandez
October 31  Vatican II and Ordained Ministry, James Bacik
November 7  Vatican II and Religious Life, Barbara Reid, O.P.
November 14  Vatican II and the Church's Mission, Stephen Bevans, S.V.D.
November 28  Vatican II, Ecumenism and Religious Freedom, Jeff Gros
December 5  Vatican II and Other Religious Ways, Scott Alexander

Preparing for Sunday Mass
Reflect and pray on the Sunday readings before you get to Mass. There are two different groups who meet weekly and welcome you to join them.

Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. our Focus on Sunday Scripture group meets to reflect and pray on the coming Sunday's readings. The material used is from the St. Louis University Center for Liturgy. Feel free to join this group any week you can or prepare at home by going to www.liturgy.slu.edu. Direct any questions to Mary McGovern at 708-246-1835.

For many years our Sr. Josephine has led a Sunday scripture study group on Tuesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the parish center. Even if you have never attended one of Sister's sessions, the group welcomes you to join them. Sister’s faith and holiness is contagious!!

Prayer through Meditation
Christian Meditation is an inner journey of silence, stillness and simplicity and is the missing contemplative dimension of much of Christian life today. To enter the simplicity of it demands faith, discipline and courage. If we are faithful and patient, meditation will bring us into deeper and deeper realms of silence. The fruit of this prayer is in our daily lives and relationships.

Times for Christian Meditation at the Parish Center are:
Mondays: 10:30 a.m. ~ 11th Step Christian Meditation
Wednesdays: 2:00-2:45 p.m. & 7:30-8:15 p.m.
Saturdays: 7:00-7:45 a.m.
All are welcome. No experience necessary.

Women's Faith Sharing Group continues on Wednesday November 7th from 9-10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Email Sue Bidstrup for more details at jsbidstrup@ameritech.net.

New Thinking for a New Era:
How Contemplative Prayer Transforms Consciousness and the World with Richard Rohr, OFM and Laurence Freeman, OSB
Friday-Sunday February 15-17 at the Chicago Marriott O'Hare
You are invited to hear and interact with these two spiritual leaders as they teach and share their wisdom in Dialogue on Contemplative Prayer and the Spiritual Urgency of Our Time. In this seminar, these two spiritual friends will be offering ways we can put our deepest aspirations for personal realization and social transformation into practice. Their combined focus on contemplation and action and their shared passion for truth illuminate the origins of our crisis and show us the path toward lasting change and a more just and loving humanity. For more information 708-246-8315 or nt4ne2013@gmail.com. To register by phone with credit card: 520-829-3197 Sharon@mediomedia.org.

Discounted Early Registration thru November 30, 2012

See the Movie, Band of Sisters, and the Director, Mary Fishman, at The Well on Thursday, October 25th at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This move tells the story of Catholic nuns and their work for social justice in the 50 years after Vatican II. For more details go to www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048. No cost, but free will offering accepted.
This Week at SJC

Monday, October 22
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
1:00 p.m. Little Rock Scripture
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, October 23
9:00 a.m. Parent Assoc. Meeting
9:30 a.m. Book Fair
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine’s Bible Study
3:00 p.m. Tuesday’s with Mary Rosary
3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts—Diane Schick
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 117

Wednesday, October 24
9:00 a.m. Women’s Club Faith Sharing Group
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
10:30 a.m. Book Fair
1:00 p.m. Endow Group
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:00 p.m. School Parent Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, October 25
7:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope Grief Support
7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. SJC Preschool Dad’s Night

Friday, October 26
9:00 a.m. Mom’s Club
7:00 p.m. Outreach - Kolbe House Information

Saturday, October 27, Day of the Spirit
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Sunday, October 28
9:00 a.m. YC Home Groups Meeting
4:00 p.m. YC Home Groups Meeting
6:00 p.m. World Youth Sunday

Parish News

Catechesis focuses on our relationship with Jesus Christ and learning about His life helps us to deepen our relationship with Him. Children at YC also learn about the Church and all the different things found in church. Pictured below are some of our students praying at Mass.

During this school year which is designated as the “Year of Sunday Mass,” our YC students and their families and catechists will attend and participate in five 9 a.m. Masses. Our next special Mass is Sunday, November 4th at 9 a.m. Mark it on your calendar today and plan to join us in worship.

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets for the Father/Daughter Inaugural Ball. See back page for more information.

Baptism Preparation Meeting Thursday, November 1
The Baptism preparation meeting this month will be held Thursday evening, 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.

God of love and mercy,
open our hearts to your ways
and teach us to follow you
more closely each day.
We want to grow in your love!
CALENDAR EVENTS:
Nov. 4 FE & Home Groups Meet
Nov. 10 Flyer Day 9-11:30 a.m.
Nov. 16 Boxes Night 6-7:30 p.m.
Nov. 17 Harvest Saturday
meet 9:30 a.m. & prep for 10 a.m. Mass
10:30 a.m.-1p.m. collecting, sorting, boxing
1-2 p.m. Loading trucks
2-6 p.m. delivery crew
Nov. 18 Home Groups Meet

Crossroads Youth Ministry Registration CONTINUES!
Parents of high school teens log onto our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

Our Day of the Spirit Team is finalizing preparations for a fabulous retreat for our 8th graders!
Please keep them in your prayers that they exude the gifts of the Holy Spirit:
Alex & Taylor Griffin, Brendan Weibel, Maren Craig, Elly Harrell, John Pollard,
Margaret Swinehart, Sarah Keikemeier, Maggie Long,
Matt Lindeen, Maren Craig, Deirdre Sheldon, Kevin Mulcrone, Morgan Schumacher
and adult volunteers Peter Zurowski & Mary Stroka & Chris Marquett

HARVEST SATURDAY HELP IS NEEDED!

Adults willing to drive should contact home group leaders

Teens willing to do extra tasks like set-up & clean-up & food delivery contact teen leaders Maggie Long & Katie McAuliffe!

Contact info & details on our website www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/service

SERVICE TO THOSE WHO ARE HUNGRY
Friday Oct. 26th (lths off school)
meet at 11 a.m. return by 3 p.m.
Sign up at volunteer.fmsc.org #242990
Adults & teens are encouraged to join us.
Any Questions call Lis Williams 708-588-8292

Juniors and seniors we want you for Kairos 12, a four day Catholic based retreat from Thursday November 8-11.

SPACES ARE FILLING SO REGISTER SOON!

More details & registration is online at www.stcletusparish.com/youth and www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/retreats

Scholarships are available! Please contact Kristen Maxwell at 708-215-5419 with any questions.
Not only are our faculty and staff excited to be part of a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, but, our students are energized as well. The seventh graders took some time in class to reflect on the importance of being recognized with this distinctive honor.

“I am proud to be part of a Blue Ribbon School because this award symbolizes excellence. It means that my school has better standardized test scores than the average school. It also means that we, as a school, are receiving an education that is above the other schools. Next, it means that I can trust my school and know that the things I leave with at the end of the day and after 8th grade are the best lessons and morals. Finally, it means that I know I did my part in achieving something bigger. SJC is a fun atmosphere, healthy learning environment, and rooted in faith.” Andrew Marquardt, 7th Grade

“I am proud to be part of a Blue Ribbon School because we exceed the standards, so I know I am getting a great education. Also, my classmates are really nice and I have made a lot of friends! The teachers are caring, hardworking, and they help you to succeed. SJC is very faithful and catholic and we get the opportunity to go to church as a school. I love going to SJC. SJC is respectful, responsible, religious, caring and hard working.” Melissa Grimes, 7th Grade

“I am proud to be a part of a Blue Ribbon School because everyday we walk into the main doors and the first period begins as we spend our time learning and appreciating our faith, we then learn math, science, and language arts. I am proud to learn in a Catholic school. We do our best on our homework, quizzes, and tests. I am very proud of my Blue Ribbon School. SJC is knowledgeable, organized, faithful, peaceful, and blessed.” Gigi Meyer, 7th Grade

“I am proud to be part of a Blue Ribbon School because we are recognized for our hard work. We have good teachers that help prepare us for our future. They help us with our academic troubles and encourage us to aim high. We also get a change to have fine arts classes, which some schools cannot easily afford. SJC is an excellent role model for other schools. We are Catholic, safe, nurturing and full of school spirit.” Jack Callaghan, 7th Grade

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**School News**

**SJ C Cub Scout Membership Drive**

**ATTENTION** all 1st through 5th Grade Boys and Families

All boys of 1st through 5th grade, whether in the school or not, invited to the next SJ C Cub Scout Pack Meeting and join in the FUN!

*Wednesday, October 24, 2012*

*St. John of the Cross Multi-Purpose Room*

7:00-8:00 p.m.

*An adult must attend with each boy.*

Learn skills, make friends and build character with other boys and in activities open to the whole family. Activities include camping, holiday parties, hikes, pinewood derby, and lots more. For more information, come to the meeting, or call the Cubmaster, John Spitkovsky, at (708) 579-3316. We hope you can join us!

**St. John of the Cross Parish School**

**BOOKFAIR — Fall 2012**

**Tuesday, October 23**

(9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**Wednesday, October 24**

(9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Located in the Parish Center

Donations of gently used books accepted during the sale for “Andrea’s Angels.”

(Proceeds support the Parent Association)

“There is always time to shop for a good book.”

**SJ C Women’s Club**

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS WOMEN’S CLUB ANNUAL**

**COAT DRIVE**

To benefit The Society of St. Vincent De Paul

October 6th thru November 2nd

Drop boxes available in the church, Parish Center and School

November 3rd & 4th

Donations will be received in the Parish Center after all Masses.

**Moms of Young Children - All are welcome!**

**FRIDAYS 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Parish Center**

Friday, October 19 we will celebrate all things PUMPKIN! We will read books, create a craft, and celebrate Fall!

Friday, October 26 is our Costume Parade at Bethlehem Woods. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. to show off our costumes and Trick-or-Treat with the seniors.

Friday, November 2 Dr. Clodagh Ryan, SJC Mom and Family Practitioner will conduct a conversation about stages of development. We are grateful for her willingness to share her expertise, and are excited to offer childcare for this event.

Please contact Colleen Whittingham at whitting910@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
LIGHTS... CAMERA... ACTION!

Interfaith Community Partners announces its Eleventh Annual Theater Benefit on Wednesday, October 24, at The Theatre of Western Springs, 4384 Hampton Avenue. A reception is planned at 7:00 p.m. and includes hors d’oeuvres, wine and soft drinks, and prize drawings, followed by the play at 8 p.m.

Just in time for Halloween... Dracula by Bram Stoker transports you back to a time where legend and science contend for supremacy. The Count takes up residence in London, and only Professor Van Helsing understands the extent of the terror that is about to be unleashed. Wicked and seductive, this adaptation will keep your heart beating and blood pumping, rich with both humor and horror.

Admission is $35 per person or $60 for two. Please use the ticket order available at church or call ICP at (708) 579-8929 to order tickets.

Interfaith Community Partners
Opportunities for Service

Become an active volunteer. Attend the last training session of the year, November 4, at 12:15 - 3:15 p.m. Location: Congregation of St. Joseph (CSJ), 1515 W. Ogden Avenue, La Grange Park

Contact the ICP office at 708/579-8929 or email Interfaith@att.net to register or for more information.

Kolbe House is in Great Need of Postage Stamps.

At Christmas, the chaplains give inmates two Christmas cards with stamped envelopes which they can send to family members. Incarceration often places stress on family relationships and opportunities for communication can help bring healing.

Books of stamps can be dropped off at the parish center. If you’re unable to shop, you can drop off a check made out to Kolbe House and we will do the shopping for you. Thanks for your ongoing generosity.

Interfaith Career Network Workshops

Job Support Workshop, Tuesday, October 23
Westminster Hall at the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue from 7-9 p.m.

For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Interfaith Career Networking, cont.
Monthly Networking

Interfaith Career Network invites you to a supportive evening of networking on Thursday, November 1st at 7 p.m. We will begin with an interesting presentation by Laina Daline Krisik who will talk about the advantages of using a handbill to improve your job search success. Handbills serve the purpose of quickly summarizing how others can assist you and just what you are looking for in your job search. At the end of the discussion, take time to expand your networking with 1-2 roundtable sessions. Share leads, information and tips.

For further information, please visit our website at: www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

High School Open House

Nazareth Academy Open House

Students and families are encouraged to Experience Nazareth at one of our upcoming Open Houses. Visit us on Sunday, November 11, between 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m., with presentations at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.; or Thursday, December 6, between 6:30 and 8 p.m., with a 7 p.m. presentation.

Learn all about the Scholarship, Service, Spirit and Unity of Nazareth Academy. Families will meet Nazareth students, faculty and staff. Guided tours of the building are provided. Representatives from Nazareth athletic teams and student activities will be available to answer questions.

Questions about Open House can be directed to Mrs. Kristen Stojetz at (708) 387-8505 or kstojetz@nazarethacademy.com.

Nazareth Academy, a Catholic, coeducational, college preparatory high school serving families from 55 communities and over 100 grade schools in Chicago and the western suburbs, established in 1900 and sponsored by the Congregation of St. Joseph, values scholarship, service, spirit, and unity.

Benet Academy

Benet Academy in Lisle is a Catholic, Benedictine, College Prep High School. Benet welcomes junior high families to their fall open house on Sunday, October 28th from 1-3 p.m. and Tuesday, November 13th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Meet our faculty and staff, take a guided tour, and attend a featured presentation by the Director of Admissions. Expect More, Receive More, ACHIEVE MORE at Benet.
One of the wonderful features of young children is their emotional honesty. They don't hide their feeling or wants. They have no subtlety. When they want something they simply demand it. They cry. They snatch things from each other. And they aren't ashamed of any of this. They offer no apologies for selfishness, no disguises.

As we grow-up we become emotionally more-disciplined and leave most of this behind. But we also become much less emotionally honest. Our selfishness and our faults become less crass, but, this side of eternity, they never really disappear. They just become subtler.

The church has, classically, named something it calls the "seven deadly sins": pride, envy, wrath, sloth, greed, gluttony, and lust. How these manifest themselves in their crassest forms is evident. But how do these manifest themselves in their subtler forms? How do they manifest themselves among the supposedly mature? Great spiritual writers have always had various treatises, some more astute than others, on what they call the religious faults of those who are beyond initial conversion? And it's valuable sometimes to look at ourselves with naked honesty and ask ourselves how we have morphed the crasser faults of children into the subtler faults of adults. How, for instance, does pride manifest itself in our lives in more subtle ways?

How pride lives in us during our more mature years is probably best described by Jesus in the famous parable of the Pharisee and Publican. The Pharisee, vilified in this story, is proud precisely of his spiritual and human maturity. That's a subtle pride of which it is almost impossible to rid ourselves. As we mature morally and religiously it becomes almost impossible not to compare ourselves with others who are struggling and to not feel both a certain smugness, that we are not like them, and a certain disdain for their condition. Spiritual writers often describe the fault in this way: Pride in the mature person takes the form of refusing to be small before God and refusing to recognize properly our interconnection with others. It is a refusal to accept our own poverty, namely, to recognize that we are standing before God and others with empty hands and that all we have and have achieved has come our way by grace more so than by our own efforts.

During our adult years pride often disguises itself as a humility which is a strategy for further enhancement. It takes Jesus' invitation to heart: Whoever wants to be first must be last and be the servant of all! Then, as we are taking the last place and being of service, we cannot help but feel very good about ourselves and nurse the secret knowledge that our humility is in fact a superiority and something for which we will later be recognized and admired.

As well, as we mature, pride will take on this noble face: We will begin to do the right things for seemingly the right reasons, though often deceiving ourselves because, in the end, we will still be doing them in service to our own pride. Our motivation for generosity is often more inspired by the desire to feel good about ourselves than by real love of others. For example, a number of times during my years of ministry, I have been tempted to move to the inner-city to live among the poor as a sign of my commitment to social justice. It took a good spiritual director to point out to me that, at least in my case, such a move would, no doubt, do a lot more for me than for the poor. My moving there would make me feel good, enhance my status among my colleagues, and be a wonderful inscription inside my curriculum vitae, but would not, unless I would more radically change my life and ministry, do much for the poor. Ultimately, it would serve my pride more than it would serve the poor.

Ruth Burrows cautions that this same dynamic holds in terms of our motivation for prayer and generosity. Thus, she writes: "The way we worry about spiritual failure, the inability to pray, distractions, ugly thoughts and temptations we can't get rid of ... it's not because God is defrauded, for he isn't, it's because we are not so beautiful as we would like to be."

And subtle pride, invariably, brings with it a condescending judgment about others. We see this most strongly perhaps in the period shortly after first conversion; when young lovers, recent religious converts, and neophytes in service and justice, still caught-up in the emotional fervor of the honeymoon, think they alone know how to relate to each other, to Jesus, and to the poor. The fervor is admirable, but the pride invariably spawns a couple of nasty children, arrogance and elitism.

Pride is inextricably linked to our nature and partly it's healthy, but it's a life-long moral struggle to keep it healthy.

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Theodore Zaggy,
husband of Lillian

Pray for our Sick

God of love,
ever caring, ever strong,stand by us in our time of need.
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We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Lord, let your mercy be on us,as we place our trust in you.(Psalm 33)

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Mass Intentions

Monday, October 22
6:30 Gordon Stiefel; The O’Laughlin Family
7:45 Robert Feldmeier; Dorothy DiSalvo

Tuesday, October 23, St. John of Capistrano
6:30 William W. Hansen
7:45 George H. Kiefer, Jr.; Mary Doody

Wednesday, October 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret
6:30 Our Beloved Dead; Joseph Scelsi
7:45 Hague Family Members; Connie Cerda

Thursday, October 25
7:45 Peter & Florence Soltys; Eleanor Teglia

Friday, October 26
7:45 Gloria O’Shall; Mark Heinzel

Saturday, October 27
8:00 Kelli O’Laughlin; Jerry Jung
5:00 Anthony Adolfo; John E. Treacy

Sunday, October 28, Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 Catherine Boyle; Dorothy Poro
9:00 Lino Lupetini; Jacob Oriatti
10:45 Leonard DiPompeo; Kellii O’Laughlin
12:15 St. John of the Cross & St. Mark Parishioners
5:00 Joseph Connelly; Lipinski-Sampson-Mulvaney Families

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