“Do you LOVE me?” ...

“Feed my SHEEP.”

John 21:17

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‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, and you visited me.’ (Matthew 25: 34 – 36)

Do you feel moved by the words of the Gospel that invite us to bring Christ to the sick and elderly at their homes and in hospitals?

Our parish Ministry of Care gives the sick, the elderly and the homebound an opportunity to receive Christ in the Eucharist, to pray and experience the love and care from our parish and feel connected to our community of faith. Ministers of Care make a weekly visit to a parishioner’s home or a monthly visit to an area hospital depending on your schedule. Oftentimes the friendship that grows from time spent together in prayer and talking is greatly treasured by both.

Session I: Introduction to the theology of Pastoral Ministry to the sick
Pastoral and Practical Aspects of Ministry of Care
Session II Pastoral Listening Skills
Session III Theology of Aging, Death & Dying
Session IV Theological, Pastoral and Practical Aspects of Prayer and Eucharistic Ministry

Training for new Ministers of Care will be held on four evenings in May at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien. The dates are May 7, 9, 14, and 16 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a Minister please email or call Fr. Filbert to attend this training. Pre-registration is necessary. SJC will cover the cost of your training. 708-246-4404 x120 or fngwila@stjohnofthecross.org

Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection
A pregnant teen. A hungry child. A homeless mother. An addict. An immigrant. A frail senior. Catholic Charities protects and serves all these people and many more—over 1 million in the Archdiocese of Chicago each year. Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother’s Day to fulfill the Church’s mission of charity. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations
In 1963 Pope Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” Jesus, the Good Shepherd, protects us and promises us the gift of eternal life. Who will shepherd God’s people? If you think God is calling you to discern a vocation to priesthood contact Fr. Brian Welter at 312-534-8298 or at bwelter@archchicago.org or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu.
CALLING ALL ANGELS!!

It doesn’t matter if you don’t know a flower from a weed –
Your energy and enthusiasm is really all we need!!

The SJC Gardening Angels would like your help! Keeping our parish gardens welcoming, weed free, and watered takes a lot of effort! Can you spare some time and energy to help us out over the next several months?

We have many “levels” of volunteerism to suit your schedule and would welcome ANY help you could offer! Confirmation candidates and Crossroad Teens have been invited to participate as well!

SPECIAL PROJECTS GROUP – This group helps at one or all of the following:
Spring Clean Up (scheduled for April 27, 2013 – weather permitting)
Planting Days (May 18 and June 8 – weather permitting)
Mulching Day (June 22 – weather permitting)
Autumn Clean Up (sometime near the end of October of beginning of November)

SUBSTITUTE VOLUNTEERS – This group helps out on an “as needed” basis when one of our regular weekly gardeners is on vacation.

REGULAR WEEKLY VOLUNTEERS – These volunteers work with a gardening buddy and come to garden once each week for about two hours. (Based on how many volunteers we have – we may be able to spread this out to once every other week.)
If you would like to be a part of this dedicated and energetic group or have additional questions, kindly contact:
Jan Grabacki - 708/246-4610 (Home) or 630/204-5264 (Cell) – OR - beaconjan@aol.com

MANY HANDS MAKE FOR LIGHT WORK!
THANKS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION!
Living the Gospel

Our being “sheep” does not mean that we blindly follow Jesus, but that we actively pursue a relationship with him by hearing his voice and heeding his words. Although following the Good Shepherd truly leads to eternal life, the way of discipleship is not easy. But Jesus is both the Good Shepherd and the Lamb who was slain. As Shepherd, Jesus is the one who cares for us and leads us. As Lamb, Jesus is the one who lays down his life in sacrifice for us. However, nothing can interfere with Jesus’ care for us: we are secure in his hands. We are never alone for he is the good Shepherd.

Longing for wholeness and goodness is at the very center of who we are. The ways for achieving them are up for grabs. Some people choose to focus on themselves, amassing as much money or wealth as they can since these seem to promise them security and pleasure. Some people control other people, thinking power can make them whole. Still others withdraw within themselves, trying to shut out the evil and sadness and loss of hope which surround us. And some get it right: the only true way to wholeness and goodness is to follow Jesus along the path of self-sacrifice, willingly to be a lamb for the sake of others. We hardly need to look for opportunities to give ourselves over for the sake of others; they abound in our daily living. Easter further reminds us that when we sacrifice ourselves for others, we are never alone; the Good Shepherd is always with us, holding us tightly in his hand. This is what Good Shepherd Sunday is all about: it’s all about a God who so deeply cares for us that the only Son became the Lamb who was slain. And the Good Shepherd who loves us without measure.

Closing Prayers:

May we hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and follow him faithfully to eternal life.

May we rejoice in our relationship with the Good Shepherd and come to love him more deeply.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

· I pursue a relationship with Jesus when I . . . I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd calling me to . . .

· I feel secure in Jesus’ hand when . . .

Readings for the Week

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Mary As Archetypal Image

If Jesus is the archetype of what the divine gift is, and how the gift is given, Mary is the archetype of how the divine gift is received. They are what we call "corporate personalities" for the whole, or Alpha and Omega figures as the book of Revelation might put it.

The amazing thing is the Scripture says nothing especially positive about Mary. No credit rating is stated; it doesn’t say she prayed a lot or regularly went to the temple. No special anything. Mary seems to know she is nothing according to her own “Magnificat” (Luke 1:46-55). She clearly knows and fully accepts she stands under the total mercy of God, which is mentioned three times in her hymn. Mary knows she did not earn this. It was all mercy, mercy, mercy. Divine choice says something about the chooser much more than the one who is chosen. In the spiritual world, all worthiness is given. Our only job is to fully and freely receive. Mary was a supreme receiver station.

~ Adapted from an unpublished talk given in Tucson, Arizona

Monday, April 22
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, April 23
8:30 a.m. Parent Association Meeting
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
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

Wednesday, April 24
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, April 25
10:00 a.m. State of the School Address
1:30 p.m. Creed Study
6:30 p.m. Seasons of Hope Grief Support
7:00 p.m. Creed Study
7:00 p.m. State of the School Address

Friday, April 26, No School

Saturday, April 27
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Sunday, April 28
11:00 a.m. Catechist Appreciation Luncheon

Reminder to drop off your petitions for Lourdes.

You may participate in this prayerful experience by having your petitions placed at the Shrine by the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, a Catholic lay religious order. Drop off your typed petitions or intentions in a sealed envelope at the Parish Center before April 25th. Mark the outside of the envelopes: Lourdes Petitions. Envelopes will not be opened. To receive an acknowledgement of when your petition was presented (usually as part of a Mass celebrated before the Grotto) please include your name, address and zip code on the envelope.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

This year the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, September 22 at 2:45 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 North State Street, Chicago.

Couples married in 1963 interested in attending this celebration should contact the Parish Center by May 30.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit www.familyministries.org.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Our Good Friend Fr. John McGivern Seeks our Help

My dear friends at St. John of the Cross Parish,

Happy Easter! I hope that this Easter Season is a joyous one for you.

I am writing, as in past years, to seek your help. I’ve now been here at St. Edmund Parish in Oak Park for almost nine years. It doesn’t seem nearly that long since I was your associate pastor—six years that I remember so fondly.

St. Edmund’s is not a wealthy parish and we have many needs. One of our most significant problems is the mold and asbestos in our rectory. I haven’t been able to live in the rectory for the past seven years. Before my time ends here, I do hope to have renovated and restored the rectory to a livable and healthy state.

As our May 18 annual parish fundraiser approaches, I am writing to seek your support. Our fundraiser income is budgeted and used as operating income. In past years it has been used only to pay the current bills and helps us to break even at the end of the fiscal year. For the first time this year, however, if we raise enough revenue to pay all our bills, we will place any additional income into a new rectory fund!

I am grateful to Fr. Dowdle for his kindness in allowing me to reach out to you. I know that you have many demands on your spending. If you are able, would you considering offering your support? There are many ways to help. You can:

- purchase a raffle ticket for $50 (for the possibility of winning, $5,000, $3,000 or $2,000).
- make an outright donation to the event.
- attend the event. I would love to see you!

There are several ways to make a contribution:

- E-mail me at jwmcgivern@stedmund.org
- Mail your gift to my attention at St. Edmund Parish: 188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
- Log on to www.stedmund.org and follow the fundraiser link on the left side of the home page.
- Scan this QR code and you’ll be taken directly to the St. Edmund Support page:

Whether you are able to help or not, I’d be grateful for your prayers for the success of the event.

In closing, I do wish for you to know that I continue to keep all the good people of St. John of the Cross Parish in my prayers. My six years with you were sheer gift! I continue to feel grateful and blessed for having been with you.

In Christ,

Fr. John McGivern
OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS
In our Gospel reading Jesus said, “and they follow me”…. it is what we all strive for amidst a world that says otherwise. It is especially hard for teens whose world does not easily support Jesus’ messages.

Our Youth Ministry offers unique summer opportunities to give teens a worthy adventure to follow & we need adult mentors on board:

* Two adults for OLC local trip June 10-14 (daily commute to Cicero, no overnight)
* One adult needed for OLPH trip Aug 8-13 (be a part of their 50th anniversary)

If this is not for you, but you believe you have a gift to help in leading our teens please contact Katie to get information regarding opportunities in the fall!
708-246-4404 or khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

CONFERENCE & WORK TOUR
spots are available for teens!
pick-up in the Parish Center office or download from our website
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/service

REGISTER ASAP as final deadlines for conferences are at the end of April!
Openings on trips:
OLC trip June 10-14, ND Vision June 17-21
YLC June 28-30, Habitat July 7-13
OLPH Aug. 8-13, NCYC Nov. 21-24

You never know who you’ll meet during NCYC!

Initial registrations for the National Catholic Youth Conference are due the end of the month. Please contact Katie THIS WEEK if you are interested in joining this awesome experience from November 21-24. Past attendees’ descriptions are on the featured section of our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

Crossroads Battle of the Bands will raise funds to support our summer trips and enjoy musical talents of our teens...to get info or register a band contact us on facebook at sjcbattle.

Crossroads teens & families will host the water & pop stands at our SJC Fest June 27-30. More details will follow so reserve that weekend to share in the fest fun!
This week, our Preschool and Kindergarten celebrated, “Week of the Young Child.” During the week the children spent time learning that they are all special and that no two people are exactly the same. The students celebrated the week by having Mrs. Gorman read to them, designing dolls, making paper plate faces, and rehearsing songs about how they are each special. They also learned about their fingerprints and how they are unique. On Tuesday Firefighter Chuck from the Western Springs Fire Department also visited to share tips on fire safety. To culminate the week, students ate breakfast at school, wore their pajamas and brought their favorite stuffed animals.

Have you registered for 2013-2014 YC Year?

Please stop by the YC Office to complete your family form:

Sunday from 9:00 am-Noon;
Monday from 8:30 am-7:30 pm
Tuesday-Thursday 8:30-4:00 pm

$10.00 OFF fees this week

This Week at SJC
April 23 and 24    Spring Book Fair, Room 119, All Day
April 23           Regional State Fair, Gym, 6p.m.
April 25           State of the School, PC, 10 a.m.
                    State of the School PC, 7 p.m.
April 26           No School

YC Schedule

Classes K-6        10:15-11:30am    Sunday, April 21, 28, May 5
                   6:15-7:30pm      Monday, April 22, 29, May 6
Home Groups and Special Needs 7:30-9:30pm  Sunday, April 28

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@sjcross.org * 708-246-6760 * www.stjohnofthecross.org/yc
Sunday during class ~ Monday 8:30am-7:00pm ~ Tues thru Thurs 8:30am- 4:00pm

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Our village forming children in faith!

Many volunteers give of their time and talents with the YC children. They also are delighted to discover their faith grows in the process. 22 parishioners volunteer at YC even though they do not have children in the program; 29 high-school teens bless our youth with their energy and love of the Lord and many, many parents serve. Please take a moment to thank these amazing individuals, parents, and teenagers when you see them this spring. We honor them for their gift of love! Please prayerfully consider joining your neighbors and friends in YC next year, and you will be amazed at how much you receive from giving to our children!

All you need is a love for Christ!!

THANK YOU!!!
“Off the Street Club” is:

the oldest boys and girls club in the Chicagoland area servicing over 3,000 youth a year. The club was founded in 1900 on one basic principle: to get inner-city children “off the streets” and away from the constant dangers of gangs, drugs, high crime and violence.

The club owns property in Wheaton where they provide a summer camp experience for Off The Street Club children. This is often their only opportunity to run around outside, ride bikes on the trails, and play in the Camp Mathieu swimming pool. Students must be sponsored in order to attend camp for a week of fun.

The club needs a number of items for the summer camp.

TOP OF THE WISH LIST
GENTLY USED or NEW TWIN SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, PILLOWS

Swim goggles  Mosquito repellent
Pillows (new)  Toothbrushes and toothpaste
Swim suits (new or gently used – toddler through young adult)

Regular- sized bath towels (new or gently used)

They can be dropped off at the Parish Center, in the back of the Church or at the YC office in designated boxes beginning the week of May 3rd through May 20th.

Questions, Contact:  Debbie Pusinelli (708) 246-6760 or pusinelli@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us

Items Needed at Kolbe House

Kolbe House at Assumption Parish has been 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, sizes S-XXL
Currently needed—all size men’s boxers (Please no boxer briefs.) S-XXL
Stationary and stamps (Write-Outs)
Travel size toiletries  Men’s shoes  Men’s white crew socks
Travel size toiletries, School supplies

Items can be dropped off in the Parish Center.

For those who do not have time to shop, a check can be made out to SJC or Kolbe House and the shopping will be done for you.
**Outreach**

From Kolbe House…

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for sharing with us so generously. The check for $1,200 will help us meet our budgetary obligations and in short, keeps us going.

SJC’s unity with us at Kolbe House is an expression of the Church’s universality in bringing the Gospel message to all people. I hope you know that as we visit the men, women, and youth who are incarcerated we represent the entire Catholic Church.

May we remain united in prayer.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Your brother in the Lord,
Reverend Arturo Perez Rodriguez
Director

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**Interfaith Community Partners**

Providing transportation and support for independent living

Next training session: April 28, 12:15-3:15 p.m.
Congregation of St. Joseph
1515 W. Ogden Ave., La Grange Park

Become an active volunteer.
Call 708-579-8929 or email interfaith@att.net

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**ICN Networking Meeting**

**Job Support Workshop**

Interfaith Career Network invites you join us when the First Presbyterian Church of La Grange will host a job support skills workshop each Tuesday evening from 7-9 pm. Whether you are unemployed, underemployed, looking for a career change or a recent grad looking for your first professional position, this informative workshop is for you.

**Tuesday, April 23:** Dennis Hamilton will speak on career changes and identifying your skills and quantifying your accomplishments which are keys to preparing a compelling resume and “elevator speech.”

**Tuesday, April 30:** Susan Sedler and Dennis Hamilton will help you craft that all important “elevator speech”. Time will be allowed to practice your personal statement with fellow attendees.

FPCLG is located at 150 S, Ashland Ave. These free meetings will be held in Westminster Hall. Enter church on Catherine Avenue. Questions? Contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.
In his novel, A Month of Sundays, John Updike presents us with a character, a lapsed Vicar, who, though struggling with himself with faith, is extremely critical of his young assistant whose faith and theology he judges to be fluffy and lightweight. He describes his young assistant this way:

His is a "limp-wristed theology, a perfectly custardly confection of Jungian-Reichian soma-mysticism swimming in soupy caramel of Tillichic, Jasperian, Bultmannish blather, all served up in a dime-store dish of his gutless generation's give-away Gemütlichkeit." None of that for the lapsed Vicar, of course, that mixture offends his sense of aesthetics. For him, it's: "Let's have it in its original stony jars or not at all!"

That's sounds brilliant and clever, and it is. But is it wise or is it merely another of those things that sounds brilliant but doesn't necessarily compute into wisdom? I confess that there was a time in my life when I would have grabbed kind of statement and run with it. I too nursed that attitude: Let's have it in the old jars, stone, solid. Don't give me some fluffy Gemütlichkeit where you sit around in small groups, holding hands and affirming each other!

But, as I age, I grow more skeptical of my younger self and of some of the wisdom of my generation. We were fed a lot out of stone jars and our religion, our politics, our economics, and our attitudes reflect that. We were taught to be tough, pure in doctrine, uncompromising, loyal to your own, to not accept anything that we didn't earn, and to be proud of the hard knocks we had to endure. We were taught too to have an innate distrust for anything that appeared soft, unearned, and as not coming from a solid looking jar.

And that had its upside: For the most part, we grew up strong, independent, tough, entrepreneurial, not looking for any unearned handouts to fatten our wallets or our self-esteem. We didn't believe in affirmative action, in holding hands, or in saying "I love you" very often. We learned to dig deep inside ourselves and to harness our own strengths. Stone jars nourish that way.

But our tough skins, our uncompromising character, and our pride in never taking anything we didn't earn also has a dark underbelly. We tend to be aggressive and competitive in ways that make it hard for us to ever bless anyone, particularly the young or those who are more talented than we are. We're overly-prone to jealousy, don't easily let go of center stage, and we can be narrow and too-easily given over to false patriotism, racism, sexism, and other types of arrogance and superiority.

Recently, on the radio, I listened to an interview of a young woman, herself already a mother, who shared how she, daily, needs to phone her own mother and have her mother affirm her and how she hopes to affirm her own young child in that same manner. My spontaneous reaction was negative: How saccharine! What a pampered generation! A grown woman still needing that kind of affirmation from her mother! I didn't grow up like that! My generation didn't grow up like that! What soft sentimentality!

But, for all our distrust of sentimentality, we didn't turn out all that well, when all is said and done. For all our toughness and disdain of sentimentality, we find it hard to affirm and bless others.

And so I look at those lines from Updike (keeping in mind that these are thoughts put into the mind of a fictional character that don't necessarily reflect Updike's own attitude) with a critical eye. I acknowledge they're brilliant and I respect the instinct behind them. They're ultimately rooted in a refined taste, in a desire for proper aesthetics, and in a concomitant disdain for any sloppiness and sentimentality that would try to pass themselves off as depth. We can all appreciate why Updike's Vicar might feel that way because we would all feel a similar indignation were a cheap soft-drink trying to peddle itself as a vintage wine. All of us have our own favorite stony jars.

But, with that being acknowledged, we need to admit as well that Tillich, Jung, and mysticism hardly make for a cheap, over-sweet soup. And, more importantly, we also need to admit that among those persons who feel the need to meet in small groups and hold hands and among those young people who need to phone their mothers daily for affirmation, we often find a warm embodiment of God's love that is not nearly as evident within some of our more-elite circles where we prefer our nourishment from stonier jars, ache for a higher aesthetics, feel offended that standards seem to be coming down, long for a purer orthodoxy, and, like Updike's Vicar, cast a bitter judgment on our colleagues.

Embittered moralizing, no matter how valid the indignation enflaming it, takes many forms and is always recognizable in its lack of warmth and its inability to bless others.
SJC LADIES NIGHT OUT
Wine Tasting & Fundraiser
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 - 7:30-9:30 p.m.
HILLGROVE WINE CELLAR

Enjoy a night out with friends, taste great wines paired with good food, and support the Women’s Club!

10% of bottle sales and 15% of case sales at the event will go back to the Women’s Club to help further our mission to support women and children’s charities (if you are unable to attend, this great promotion will be extended through Thursday, April 25!). Stock up on beverages for First Communion, Mother’s Day, Graduation and Memorial Day parties!

Gift Basket Raffle 1 ticket for $5 or 3 tickets for $10
Over 20 local businesses have contributed items including dinner at Vie and Mecenat, tickets to “Unexpected Guest” at Western Springs Theater, a massage by Massage Envy, wine selections from Hillgrove Wine Cellars, manicures from Zika’s Nail Salon, one-month memberships to Yoga by Degrees and Elite Fitness and many other gift certificates from generous vendors right here in Western Springs! Gift baskets are valued at over $500.

Space is limited...call a friend and sign up today!

Name____________________________ EMAIL__________________________________
Phone____________________________ Number of Women______@ $35.00 _________

____Yes, I would like to buy a chance to win a Taste of Western Springs Gift Basket
___Number of tickets (1 for $5 or 3 for $10)
___Sorry I can’t attend that evening, but I would love a chance to win a great basket
___Number of tickets (1 for $5 or 3 for $10)

Total Amount Enclosed (Event and Raffle Tickets)______________
Make checks out to St. John of the Cross Women’s Club.
Drop your payment at the Parish Center or to Denise Schullo 4709 Wolf Rd Western Springs, IL 60558
Questions? Please call Denise 246-0254

Thank you for supporting the SJC Women’s Club!

Help Us Raise Some Dough! Pizza Fundraiser
Watch next week’s bulletin—or visit the Women’s Club page online—to find out how you can take a night off from cooking and support our parish at the same time. HomeMade Pizza Kitchen in Hinsdale (9 West 1st Street) will donate a portion of their proceeds from orders picked up on Tuesday, April 30th. Order online at homemadepizza.com anytime between now and April 30th for pick-up that day or call 630-794-0004.

Book Drive for Our Lady of Charity School
The Women’s Club is holding a book drive to benefit our newest sharing parish, Our Lady of Charity School (OLC) in Cicero. This school continues to grow and prosper in enrollment as well as spirit, despite declining funding. Parishioners can stop in the narthex of church the weekends of April 20-21 and 27-28 after Mass to receive a specific title that you can purchase or donate from your bookshelf. Drop off books to the Parish Center on or before May 8th. Don’t have time to shop? Be an OLC Book Angel and send in a donation! Envelopes for the donations are available in the Parish Center and back of church. Help a young Catholic child READ! Questions? Contact Colleen Pabst at 708-246-4014 or mahoney5674@yahoo.com.

We’re getting ready for our 40TH Annual Garage Sale!
Saturday, June 22nd from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. and 1/2 Price Bag Sale on Monday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Volunteer Meeting on May 20th at 7p.m. in the Parish Center
A few room chair positions are still open. Please contact Mary Beth White at 708-246-6339 to volunteer. More information available online at the Women’s Club page.
**SJC Women’s Club**

**18TH ANNUAL FLOWER SALE**

Landscape Quality Flowers & Baskets at a Great Price!

Color photos, plant descriptions & care instructions for all plants at the parish website: [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org)

Need Help? Please contact Katie Pruitt at 708-784-0065

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### HERBS & VEGETABLES - 3” Pots
- Italian parsley
- Basil
- Thyme
- Cilantro
- Rosemary
- Oregano
- Sage
- 3-pack big boy tomatoes
- 3-pack green bell peppers

**Total # of herbs/veg x 2.00 =**

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### GERANIUMS - 7” Pots
- White
- Red
- Fuchsia

**Total # of 7” pots x 11.00 =**

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**MARThA WASHINGTON - 6.5” Pots**
- Royal lavender
- Merlot

**Total # of 6.5” pots x 10.00 =**

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### GERANIUMS - 12” Deco-Pots
- Coral
- Fuchsia
- Red
- Melody blue

**Total # of 12” pots x 32.00 =**

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### 6” POTS
- Fountain Grass (purple)
- Caladium (white)

**Total # of 6” pots x 9.00 =**

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### HYDRANGEAS - 7” Pots
- Blue
- Pink

**Total # of hydrangeas x 22.00 =**

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### 4 1/4” Pots
- Lamana (yellow)
- Helichrysum (licorice plant)
- Helichrysum (licorice-lemon)
- Scabiosa Blue
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Vinca vine
- English ivy
- English ivy - variegated
- Spikes

### Million Bells
- Rose
- Blue (purple)
- Yellow

### Double Impatiens
- Red
- Pink
- Burgundy

### Verbena
- Burgundy
- Pink
- Purple

### Sweet Potato Vine
- Blackie (dark burgundy)
- Marguerite (lime)

### Coleus (Vegetative)
- Red ruffles
- Rustic orange
- Perilla magilla
- Electric lime

### Zonal Geraniums
- White
- Fuchsia
- Pink
- Red
- Salmon

**Total # of 4 1/4” pots x 3.50 =**

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### Hanging Baskets
- Floribunda Geranium (pink)
- Scabiosa Blue Wonder
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Torenia Summer Blue Wave
- New Guinea Impatiens
- Red
- Electric rose
- Lavender glow

### Double Wave Petunia
- White
- Violet blue
- Dark pink

### Ivy Geranium
- Light lavender
- Red

### Trailing Petunia
- Lavender
- Plum vein
- Rhythm & blues

### Trailing Verbena
- Purple/blue
- Wild rose

### Non-Stop Begonia
- Yellow
- Apricot
- Rose pink
- Scarlet red

**Total # of baskets x 18.00 =**

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**TOTAL $ DUE:**

Make checks payable to SJC Women’s Club

**Name:**

**Phone:**

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Order by Friday, April 26th
Order Online or return this order form to the school or parish office or mail to: Katie Pruitt, 3921 Central Ave., Western Springs IL 60558

LIMITED QUANTITY of extras will be available for purchase the day of the sale. Come early for best selection!

Pick-up flowers on Thursday, May 2nd from 11:30 to 5:00
Handicapped parking lot north of the church. Orders not picked up by 5:00 will be donated. Please make other arrangements if you are unavailable.

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Sun  Partial Shade  Shade
Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Donna O'Connor, mother of Mike and grandmother of Michael, Charlie, Dave and John
Jacob Silver, nephew of Terry & Mo Dunne

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.

Marie Coyne      Fr. William Mannion
Ashley Davis     Martha Matrisciano
Mikel Dodd       Jay Meehan
Todd Goldstein   Gloria Spanza Meyers
Eileen Hans      Rick Reimer
Karen Hult       Declan Sheedy
Allison Kazragis Ray Stanis
Shirley Kazragis Social Steffen
Joe & Rosie King

Mass Intentions

Monday, April 22
6:30 Our Beloved Dead
7:45 Ramon Sanchez; Mary & Frank Reilly

Tuesday, April 23, Ss. George & Adalbert
6:30 George and Elsie Buxton
7:45 Rosemary Supple; Pauline M. Gratz

Wednesday, April 24, St. Fidelis
6:30 Dorothy McLaughlin
7:45 Sophie Klein; Dolores Perillo

Thursday, April 25, St. Mark
7:45 Ellen McGowan; Alice Gygor

Friday, April 26
7:45 Elizabeth Wojtowicz

Saturday, April 27
8:00 Kevin White; Maria Beck
5:00 Virginia Moran; John Barron

Sunday, April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30 Mary & Frank Sawa; Rev. Joseph Shary
9:00 Thomas B. McCarthy, Jr.; Edward Cervony
10:45 Orlando Trinco; Robert Feldmeier
12:15 SJC & Kolbe House Parishioners
5:00 Carolyn Plunkett; Edward Landahl

Prayer for Vocations

O God, in the past you called men and women to dedicate their lives to you through priesthood and religious life.

Today stir up the grace of a religious vocation in the hearts of many within our parish community.

Grant them the willingness and generosity to place their lives completely in your hands as priests, brothers and sisters.

Help me to support them by my own fidelity to your call to holiness through prayer and Christian service.

If you desire that one of my family or friends follow you in this way, grant me the wisdom and insight to support and encourage that person to listen to your voice and follow you with out delay.

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

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Bill Bright                  Outreach
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