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Dear Parishioners,

The time has come, at least for the summer, to make the very difficult decision of suspending the 6:30 a.m. Mass on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I have waited this long in making this decision because I was holding out for the possibility of a second associate being assigned here, which would have begun on July 1 if it had happened. Since that is not going to happen (there are only 8 associates transferring in the entire archdiocese this year) the immediate crunch is for the summer months. Fr. Filbert takes no vacation time during the rest of the year so that he can go home to Tanzania for a full four weeks for the month of July. I am planning on being gone for a week in June at a national priest’s conference and a week’s vacation in August, so right off the bat that is six weeks where there will be only one priest in the parish. Unlike last summer where I was able to find a couple of priests to be with us for a week at a time, this year Fr. Brendan Lupton will be with us for a week in July and that is it. As the daily Mass goers know, we have certainly been fortunate in having a number of different priests help us out during the week, especially on days when we have had funerals, school Masses or other occasions like the monthly Mass at King-Bruwaert Home. It is just not possible to maintain a schedule of Masses based on visiting priests, many of whom are retired.

When Fr. Darrio left last summer to become pastor, I began talking to the 6:30 a.m. Mass goers about this possibility. Generally there are between 25 and 35 people at the 6:30 a.m. many but not all from our parish. One of the difficult things in our dropping the 6:30 during the week is that there is no other parish in the immediate area that offers Mass that early (which is why people from other parishes come here. I feel badly about that.) When Fr. Ken went next door to St. Cletus he was surprised to see so many people he knew from the 6:30 who are parishioners over there. Archdiocesan guidelines suggest one less daily Mass than there are resident priests. And while I am eternally grateful for all the visiting priests who have helped out so much this past year the time has come to make this change.

So beginning Memorial Day weekend, on Sunday May 26th there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sundays until the week after Labor Day, September 8th, as has been the practice for several years. Our plans right now are to drop the 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass for the same period of time, from Memorial Day to Labor Day inclusive. This year that will be from Tuesday, May 28th until Tuesday September 2nd. (On Memorial Day we offer a 9:00 a.m. Mass.) We’ll make a decision in the summer time if this is to be permanent regarding the 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass, but for now we will start with suspending it during the summer schedule.

It was good to see Fr. Joe back with us last weekend. He was able to concelebrate one of the First Communion Masses as well as the 10:45 a.m. on Sunday. He continues with his strengthening exercises, especially for his legs. Believe me, if it is was up to him, he would be saying Mass more often with the people he loves so much very, very soon.

This weekend we continue our First Communion celebrations, but this is also when we celebrate all women as mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, stepmothers, adoptive mothers, mothers-in-law and all ways in which women transmit life. We talk about the Church being a ‘mother’, giving comfort to all her children. The country where we are born is often referred to as the ‘motherland’. We give thanks and praise to God for our familial, spiritual and ethnic inheritance from our mothers, living and deceased. During this month of May, we pray especially that Mary, Mother of God, protects us and guides us all our days. Happy Mother’s Day!

Peace,
Fr. David

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**Catholic Charities Mother’s Day Collection**

On Mother’s Day, when you honor the women who formed your life, please remember all the women and children served by Catholic Charities who need your love and support at a critical time. With your gift, you can change the course of a woman’s life and the lives of the children who depend on her. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.
Living the Gospel

Jesus’ last earthly gesture toward the disciples was to bless them. In response, the disciples “did him homage” and experienced “great joy.” This response was not to Jesus’ departure from them, but was an expression of a new relationship to him, the risen One. Now instead of accompanying him in his ministry, they were “clothed with power from on high” to be his presence and do his ministry. In essence, Jesus’ last gesture toward the disciples was to empower them to be “witnesses of these things.” His blessing empowered them to live a wholly new relationship with him, one that would be expressed in their obedience to his word, in their serving his saving mission, in their respecting his continued presence, and in their continued fidelity to everything Jesus had taught them.

The Ascension challenges us to look beyond this time to the Christ of glory. Resurrection is fulfilled only on the last day. The Ascension reminds us that our suffering and rising, repenting and forgiving, preaching, witnessing, and blessing all carry us forward to that final day of hope when we, too, share in Jesus’ glory. Hope itself is an act of discipleship! Our joy is great when our hope is firm. The challenge which remains is to make all this practical in our daily living. Perhaps we could begin the habit of thinking about those we are with every day in terms of “Body of Christ.” Perhaps we could make it a point to say an encouraging word to someone each week. Perhaps we could encourage others who have been absent to come to church to worship on Sunday. In all these ways we are disciples, making Jesus’ risen life present to others. In all these ways we are making visible our own relationship with the risen Christ, witness to how we have grafted our life onto his, how our discipleship continues his own ministry.

Closing Prayers:
May we continue Jesus’ reconciling and forgiving ministry with joy.
May we faithfully take up Jesus’ ministry and continually praise God by our lives. Our Father . . .

For Reflection:
• Jesus blesses me today when . . .
• When it comes to continuing Jesus’ ministry, I am a witness in my daily living to . . .

Living Liturgy 2012

Readings for the Week

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Knowing Through Art

I remember once seeing a painting, in a European art museum, of the Ascension. It was rather huge, and at the very top, right beneath the frame, were the bare feet of Jesus as he ascended into heaven. It almost felt comical. Most of the painting was of the apostles looking up in various poses of fear, confusion, disbelief, and awe. It struck me that the Ascension was the final stage of Jesus’ human life, and every human life—when the material world is reunited to its spiritual Source. At least that is what the artist seemed to be saying, and the various poses of the apostles illustrated our various stances toward eternal life and divine union.

The Ascension is about the final reunion of what appeared to be separated for a while: Earth and Heaven, human and divine, matter and Spirit, feet and freedom. They are again one in the end, and it is important, the artist seemed to say, that we see ordinary human feet going into heaven! If the Christ is the archetype of the full human journey, now we know how it all resolves itself in the end. “So that where I am, you also will be” (John 14:3).

Welcome!

Next weekend, May 18 & 19, is Welcome Weekend at SJC when we will give our newest parishioners a special welcome at each Mass. Join us for coffee and donuts (no cal of course!) after the Sunday morning Masses. Look to sign up to volunteer at Family Fest—a great way for both new and old parishioners to connect with others and help our parish too!

Please join us in welcoming our newest members:
Gina and Thomas Lotus and Family
Patrick Carolan
Carrie and Mark Shurhay and Family
Kerry and James Quilter and Family
Zeljko Zivko and Family
Scott and Jessica Ball and Family
Janet LaRocque and Family
Larry and Emma Frutkin
Amanda Nowak
Carol and Daniel Linklater

Tuesdays with Mary Rosary

3 p.m.

‘Tis the Month of Our Mother … the Blessed and Beautiful Days!

Join us in the beautiful Mary Garden (between the church and rectory) to honor our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary during this special month dedicated to her. Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day we celebrate on Monday, May 13, asked us to "Pray the Rosary everyday!" We begin at 3 and are finished by the time school is out at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays May 14, May 21, May 28 at 3pm.
No experience necessary. Children of all ages welcome!

(P.S. No rosary on Tuesday, June 4!)

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

(Psalm 47)

New This Fall

Sacred Marriage ...United in Christ, Strengthened in Friendship

Coming to SJC this fall! A faith sharing opportunity for married couples interested in growing in their faith and developing friendships with others on the journey. Five or six couples form a group and commit to meeting one Saturday evening per month in each others homes to share a meal and reflect on spiritual topics. If this sounds like something you would enjoy, please join us for an informational meeting on Saturday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Appetizers and dessert will be served. To RSVP or for more information, contact Mary Dorsey at marybmo@aol.com, 708-784-1203, or Lis Williams at lisbethwill@sbcglobal.net.
### Monday, May 13
- 10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
- 11:00 a.m. May Crowning & Ribbon Ceremony
- 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
- 3:30 p.m. Brownie Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap Planning Meeting

### Tuesday, May 14
- 9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
- 1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine’s Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Tuesdays with Mary Rosary
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 6:30 p.m. Parish Advisory Council
- 7:30 p.m. SJC Teacher Recognition Trust
- 7:30 p.m. Boy Scouts

### Wednesday, May 15
- 9:00 a.m. Parent Ambassadors Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

### Thursday, May 16
- 8:30 a.m. Nazareth Leadership Training
- 9:00 a.m. Women’s Club Meeting
- 11:00 a.m. Women’s Club Installation
- 1:00 p.m. Parish Life Idea Meetings
- 1:30 p.m. Creed Study
- 6:30 p.m. Seasons of Hope
- 7:00 p.m. Family Festival Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Career Networking
- 7:00 p.m. Men’s Club Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Creed Study

### Friday, May 17
- 9:00 a.m. Mom’s Club
- 9:30 a.m. Bridges

### Saturday, May 18
- 7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

### Sunday, May 19
- 6:00 p.m. End of the Year Crossroads Leader’s Dinner

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**Are You a Young Adult? Come to our Theology on Tap Planning Meeting!**

A meeting will be held at St. John of the Cross tomorrow evening, Monday, May 13, from 7-8 p.m. in the parish center for Young Adults (20’s and 30’s, married or single) interested in helping plan this summer’s Theology on Tap sessions.

**Your help is needed for this event to be a success!** Please plan on attending this brief meeting that will provide an overview of the planning process for successful Theology on Tap sessions. Volunteers needed for the planning committee, publicity committee, and hospitality committee. Come share your talents!
Congratulations on your graduation!

Margaret Adler
Samuel Arquilla
Kieran Athy
Alexandra Avgeris
Abigail Baldwin
Charlotte Bateman
Mia Baumel
Harrison Bavone
James Bell
Jack Berry
Mia Bingham
Melissa Blouin
Matthew Bock
Colin Bonaccorsi
Quinn Brennan
Katherine Brophy
Wade Brossard
Jason Bucciarelli
Analise Budziak
Kate Cabana
Nathan Camba
Charles Campbell
Joseph Cancellaro
Julia Cancellaro

Holden Carroll
Anne Chadwick
Maeve Ciesla
Tristan Clark
Owen Clarke
Quinlan Collins
Benjamin Cunin
Griffin Davis
Cheyenne Doherty
Reyna Duffy
Elizabeth Dvorak
John Falls
Michael Ferrell
Brooke Fiedler
Henry Fink
Kelly Finn
Molly Finn
Daniel Forebaugh
Patrick Furey
Annika Geiersbach
Peter Geneser
Madeleine Gibbons
Christopher Gilmartin
Grace Gleason
William Glimco
Katherine Gough
Niamh Griffin
James Hangsterfer
Colleen Hardy
Henry Harris
Matthew Harris
Jordan Heatherly
Elizabeth Hermann

Joseph Hermann
Logan Hiatt
Molly Hill
Jordann Holous
Madeline Howarka
Gabriella Hudetz
John Hughes
Quinn Hynes
Sophie Hynes
Ryan Johnson
Louis Kaminski
Natalie Kash
Aidan Kearney
William Kearney
Kyle Kepouros
Margaret King
Colette Kinsella
Makenna Kotor
Patrick Kracker
Lauren Kristy
Dana Krygier
Emily Lane
Victoria Lane
Chandlar Lay
John Legan
Scarlett Lestina
Stella Ligammmari
Priscilla Linares
Braden Linn
Lucia Lopez
Peter LoSavio

May the Lord bless you!
First Holy Communion

Mason Mahoney
Mario May
Andrew McCann
Michael McCormack
Maev McDougal
Daniel McGarel
John McGinn
Maev McGinn
Matthew McGovern
Kaisyn McHugh
Molly McNamara
Claire McVady
Peter Mikulski
Liana Mikuzis
Lukas Mikuzis
Nora Miller
Saverio Miller
Leah Mini
Reese Mitria
Calla Montana
Dennis Moore
Martin Morrissey
John Nestor
Connor Nolan
Liliana Obert
Meara O'Connor
Sean O'Hea
Grace O'Malley
Katherine O'Malley
Ella Ormsby
Matthew Ozark
Margaret Pabst
Grace Padilla
Hailey Pahr
Jake Panozzo
Katherine Partee
Daniel Pasko
Trinity Pender-Harla
Matthew Pierpaoli
Natalie Poleszak
Marie Claire Popernik
Aidan Pusatera
Claire Quick
Claire Reddy
Liam Richards
Sofia Rodriguez
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Troy Stuckenber
Natalie Sur
Mikayla Szot
Angelsina Teglia
Eleanor Teglia
Zachary Thornton
Kevin Tiernan
Grace Tisa
Anabella Totaro
Katherine Trifilio
Dominick Tyler
Benjamin Vie
Andrew Vincent
Patrick Vlahos
Greta Vorpahl
Timothy Vyverberg
Joseph Wall
Catherine Walsh
Madeleine Walsh
Matthew Walsh
Ryan Weber
Samuel Weiland
Elise Weyer
Tia White
Griffin Wilczewski
Campbell Wixted
Alec Wojcik
Jeremiah Woods
Patrick Woods
Ellis Wren
Ella Yates
Conor Zech
Elections for the St. John of the Cross Parish Advisory Council, School Board and Youth Catechesis Council will be held the weekend of May 18-19 before and after all Masses. Ballots will be available at the entrances to church. Please affirm the following parishioners who have submitted applications for election to these Consultative Bodies.

2013 Parish Advisory Council At-Large Parishioner Candidates
There are two At Large Parishioner positions open on the Parish Advisory Council. The two positions are for two year terms.

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) meets three times a year to support implementation of the Parish Vision and Mission Statement. The Council serves to assist, represent and discern parish needs as an advisor to the Pastor. The PAC also fosters communication among parish staff, volunteer leaders and parishioners. Council members include the Pastor, Associate Pastors, Parish Deacons, Parish Ministerial Staff, representatives from active Ministerial Committees, the Archdiocesan Parish Council Representative, four elected at-large parishioners and appointed Apostle parishioners.

I moved into the parish 9 1/2 years ago from Laguna Niguel, California and am married to Tim (will be 20 years May 1st…!!!!). Sean is a sophomore at Benet Academy, Elise (8th), Luke (6th) and Kevin (3rd) all at SJC parish school.

Graduated from John Adams High School, South Bend, IN and earned a BA in Sociology from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN. I was a 4 year member of the St. Mary's Tennis Team and was inducted into the school's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2011.

I'm interested in becoming a member of the SJC PAC to serve the parish in a new way and to continue to help build, enrich, and sustain a vibrant St John of the Cross Community.

In past, I have been a committee member of the former Christian Parenting/Mother's Breakfast Club, Social Welfare Co-Chair on the Women's Club Board, Co-Chair of the Annual Women's Club Garage Sale, helped implement the Tuesdays With Mary Rosary Group and am a recent team member that helped plan the Matthew Kelly Rediscover Catholicism Book Seminar and Live Speaking Engagement. Currently, I am a Eucharist Minister and Parent Association Coordinator for the SJC Parish School.

Before having children, I worked in Skilled Nursing Facilities in California helping the elderly. After having held a few sales positions within the past 3 years, I currently devote my time volunteering in various ways for the non-profit organization Open Heart Magic and am a Coordinator for Open Heart Magic's Charity Running Team. Open Heart Magic has volunteer magicians who visit and provide magic at the bedsides of hospitalized sick children in 9 Chicago area hospitals.

Brian and his wife Kathleen have been parishioners at St. John of the Cross for thirteen years. They have four children: Bridget, a sophomore at Nazareth Academy; Michael, a seventh grader at McClure Jr. High; Mary Clare a sixth grader at St. John of the Cross; and Margaret, a second grader at St. John of the Cross. Brian and his wife have been volunteers with various school/parish activities and are currently in their second stint as home group leaders for Crossroads. Brian looks forward to the opportunity to serve the parish community on the Parish Council, if elected.
2013 School Advisory Board Candidates    Parish Elections

There are three candidates for the School Advisory Board. Each will serve a three year term.

The purpose of the School Advisory Board is to develop, formulate, and adopt policies which govern the operation of the school enabling it to reach its goals; in collaboration with the Pastor, to hire and evaluate the Principal; to review and advise on the annual budget and to determine sources of funding for the school; to provide counsel and advice on the vision of the school; and collaborate in the implementation of the school’s three to five year plan.

When we decided to move to the suburbs to raise our family, one of our most important priorities was to find a thriving parish and excellent school. Both my husband Dan and I are products of Catholic education from grammar school through college. We felt, and continue to feel strongly, that this influenced who we are today. We joined St. John of the Cross in 2009. My children Eileen (8) and Danny (5) attend SJC and Genevieve (2) can't wait to join her siblings next year.

Having grown up in La Grange, I went to St. Francis Xavier, attended St Ignatius College Prep and the University of Dayton, followed by De Paul University for a Masters degree in Education. I believe my background as an educator will enable me to contribute positively to the School Advisory Board's goals. I'd like to help SJC remain a prestigious competitor with other private and public schools in the area. I hope to help the school remain on the cutting edge of education, utilizing all resources available to enhance better learning.

I am interested in joining the School Advisory Board because SJC is an integral part of my family's life. More importantly, SJC is a huge part of my children's future. Now that we have made Western Springs our home, we will be active and enthusiastic members of the SJC community. Serving on the Advisory Board is an exciting first step and I feel lucky to be part of the continual evolution of SJC!

Mike grew up in New York City and attended Archbishop Molloy (Marist) High School, class of 1990. He went to Fairfield University in Fairfield, Connecticut and graduated with honors in 1994. He started working for MetLife after graduation as a member of the Management Associate Program in New York City.

Mike moved to Washington, DC in 1995 where he spent almost ten years as an Account Executive with MetLife. He met his wife Katie in DC and they got married there in 2001. In 2004 Mike was appointed Regional Director in the Philadelphia area where he spent nearly 5 years.

In 2008 Mike was asked to assume the position of Regional Vice President of the North Region Sales. This position is responsible for leading the profitable growth of this $1B business, including a broad portfolio of Group Life, Dental, Disability, Voluntary Benefits, Worksite and Executive Benefits.

As the RVP for North Region, Mike has P&L responsibility for the business and leads the sales and account management teams across the North to maximize sales opportunities and to leverage the availability of a vast brokerage and consultant communities that serves this marketplace.

Mike and Katie chose Western Springs as their hometown when moving to the Chicagoland area in November 2008 because of the family values that were evident in the people they met and the clear community associated with St. John of the Cross Parish and School.

Mike and Katie have four children: Grace (10), Finn (7), Aidan (6) and Declan (1). He enjoys coaching the kid’s soccer and baseball teams, as well as fishing and golfing.
I grew up on the south side of Chicago and graduated from Christ the King School. I then attended St. Ignatius College Prep, followed by the Indiana University Kelley School of Business. I passed the CPA exam in 1994 while employed by Bansley and Kiener, where I worked as an auditor and tax preparer from 1991 through 1997. After that, I took a position at Brandenburg Industrial Service Co. as part of a team of three who developed the front and back end of an Oracle database system for the company’s accounting, estimating, billing and payroll areas. I then took a full-time position as mother of three. As a school parent, I have served as Parent Association Co-Chair and Treasurer. I have been a Grade Parent, Room Parent and Art Appreciation instructor and have assisted with the Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation, Hospitality, Secret Santa Shop, Angel Gift and Catholic Schools Week committees. I helped plan and create a video for use in the school’s 50th Anniversary Celebration. I am serving my last year as a Trustee of the SJC Teacher Recognition Trust (formerly the Endowment Trust) and was its 2012 – 2013 Chairperson. I enjoy being involved at St. John of the Cross Parish School, where my husband Dave’s and my children, Grace, Luke and Danny, attend sixth, fourth and second grade, and would welcome the opportunity to join the School Advisory Board’s ministry of promoting Catholic education.

Laurel Schumm has been a parishioner since 2003, with her husband Eric and children Brendan (11), Ryan (8) and Julia (6).

She looks forward to playing a greater role in the faith formation of parish youth and to building an even greater sense of community among all parishioners. Laurel has been a volunteer Catechist in YC since 2007 and also volunteers in other Western Springs organizations. Laurel earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech Communications from Miami University Ohio and a Master of Business Administration degree in Marketing and Business Ethics from Loyola University Chicago. Laurel is currently a Senior Manager of Field Relations for Ronald McDonald House Charities Global (RMHC)/McDonald’s Corporation.
Tony Liotta and his family have been parishioner at St. John of the Cross since moving to the neighborhood six years ago. Tony has helped YC as a volunteer for the past four years. His daughters, Natalie and Ava, are both in the YC program preparing to be confirmed in 2014 and 2015, respectively. Tony attended Benet Academy High School in Lisle and studied communication at Loyola University in Chicago.

M. April Sullivan and her husband, Bryan have been parishioners of St. John for five years. Their children, Fiona (9), Keira (8), and Caroline (6) have attended YC and made many of their sacraments at SJC. April attended Saint Mary's School in Lake Forest, IL, Lake Forest High School, and Saint Mary's College in South Bend, IN and she plans to return to the Nursing profession in the coming months. April has taught YC, as well as other local volunteer positions. She looks forward to this new role and to continuing her and her family's journey in the Catholic Faith.

Angie grew up in Glendale, Arizona and moved to the Chicagoland area in 1998. She resided in London for two years before returning to Hinsdale in 2006. Angie and her husband, Dan, moved to Western Springs and joined St. John of the Cross in December 2011. She has two children: Sydney, 6, and Alex, 5. Angie earned a BSBA and an MBA from DePaul. After working for 16 years at Discover Financial Services, she now is a stay-at-home mom.

Lauren Trifilio has been involved with St. John of the Cross her entire life as she is a graduate of SJC School and a long time resident of Indian Head Park. Her daughter Kate is making her First Communion at St. John's this year and her daughter Megan will attend YC next school year. She is impressed with the Youth Catechesis program and is happy to become more involved with the organization.
Miss Wheeler, who has been the heart of St. John of the Cross Parish School for forty eight years, will be retiring in June. She has shared her faith and love of learning with over 4000 students. To honor Miss Wheeler for her years of commitment and vocation, the school is establishing the “Zita Wheeler Tribute Fund.”

Who will the fund serve?
Miss Wheeler’s primary focus has always been for the care and well being of the students at St. John of the Cross Parish School. Gifts to the Zita Wheeler Tribute Fund will help to continue to enhance the safety and security of our students, now and for generations to come. Please consider a gift that will help to carry on her love, smiles, and legacy to St. John of the Cross Parish School by making a donation in her name.

To make a gift in her name, please make checks payable to St. John of the Cross Parish School and send them to:
The Zita Wheeler Tribute Fund, Office of Advancement
St. John of the Cross Parish School
708 51st Street
Western Springs, IL 60525

Please also submit your favorite memory or a special message for Miss Wheeler.
Join us at our end of the year liturgy on June 5 at 9:15 a.m. when we will present Miss Wheeler with a scrapbook of these special memories.

“Miss Wheeler is known for her generosity, dedication, and spirit. She is always there for others.”
-Mary Jo George, Former School Parent

“I have so many fond memories of Miss Wheeler. My earliest memory is from Kindergarten. I had trouble adjusting to school. I missed my mother. After several months of crying, Miss Wheeler called me into her office and reasoned with me, “This has to stop Mary, nothing bad is going to happen to you. You are safe.” I soon adjusted to school and for the next 8 years viewed Miss Wheeler as a person I could trust and respect. I always followed school rules, I didn’t want to disappoint her. For me, she will always be synonymous with the love I have for S
-Mary Schmidt, SJC Class of 2007, University of Notre Dame Class of 2015

“My 11 siblings who attended SJC, in addition to myself and my own two children who attended the school, have fond memories of Miss Wheeler. In fact, when we think of St. John of the Cross Parish School, a common denominator is Zita. She always has the best interest of the students in mind. Her physical size may be small, but her impact on all of us was huge.”
-Dan Duquette, Class of 1973

School Calendar:
May 13 May Crowning and Ribbon Ceremony, Church, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
May 15 Band and Choir Concert, Gym, 7:00 p.m.
May 17 Memorial Games, School
**CALENDAR EVENTS:**
- May 19 Leaders Meeting 6-8pm
- June 6 6:30-8:30pm Work Tour Mtg
- June 10-14 OLC intergenerational local trip
- June 13 SJC Battle of the Bands
- June 27-30 Crossroads hosts water & pop station at our SJC Fest
- June 28-30 Teens attend Youth Leadership Conference at Lewis University

**CONFERENCE & WORK TOUR spots are available for all teenagers of our parish!**
- pick-up in the Parish Center office or download from our website
- www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/service
- A few spots still remain so check out the details ASAP!

**WE GOT SO LUCKY!** Our National Catholic Youth Conference is going to be held in INDIANAPOLIS for a second time….so close & so many awesome parts to experience! Contact Katie Hayes ASAP to join our group.
- Promo video is on our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads.

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!**

Some wise words heard from mothers of teenagers:

- “It’s best when it’s her idea instead of my suggestion!”
- “I can have a great conversations with my son while in the car….we don’t have to look at each other, he really wants time behind the wheel so the more he talks the more he knows I’ll let us stay out.”

To all the moms of teenagers we say THANK YOU for loving & caring & giving your faith!

**OPPORTUNITIES for ADULTS to share faith & serve alongside our teenagers**

Consider joining us for our Our Lady of Charity local service trip June 10-14
- (daily commute to Cicero, no overnight)

Planning for the fall please
- Join our Freshmen Experience Team our Day of the Spirit Confirmation Retreat Team
- our Home Group Leaders Team

Contact Katie at 708-246-4404 or khayes@stjohnofthecross.org for details!
“Off the Street Club” Needs Our Help

The club needs a number of items for the summer camp it has for the children: **The top of the wish list are gently used or twin sheets, pillow cases & new pillows.**

Swim goggles Swim suits (new or gently used, toddler—young adult)

Mosquito repellent, regular-sized bath towels, (new or gently used), tooth brushes and toothpaste.

Please drop off at the Parish Center, back of church, or at the YC office in designated boxes through May 18th.

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

Foolproof Interviewing:
Your Best Answers to the Worst Questions

May 16, 7-9 p.m. St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Speaker, Jody Eriksen, a certified professional career coach will provide ready-to-go responses for the most commonly asked difficult interview questions. You do not want to miss this program!

Job Support 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, May 14: Judy Kennedy, an accomplished human resources professional, will coach you on the “art of interviewing” and answer your questions about successful phone and in person interview strategies.

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

To learn more or to join a group, go to www.interfaithcareernetwork.org and click on the Search Action Team link.

These programs are open to all and there is no cost to attend.

How to Apply:
Contact Jessica Boyke, 708-352-3580, ext. 221, or jessica.boyke@hhcenter.org to set up an interview.
We're getting ready for our 40TH Annual Garage Sale!
Saturday, June 22nd from 9 to 2 and 1/2 Price Bag Sale on Monday from 9 to 1

Volunteer Meeting on May 20th at 7p.m. in the Parish Center
Donation collection begins on June 15th - more details on the Women's Club webpage.

"The Women's Club would like to send a HUGE Thank you to our generous local businesses who contributed to our beautiful gift baskets at our April 24 Ladies Night Out! If we missed you this year, we will look for you next year!

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Zika’s Salon
DyeHard Salon
Starbucks
Dominick’s
Lia Sophia, courtesy of Jill Collins
LT LaGrange restaurant coupons by Kate Dulla
The beautiful baskets donated by Mary Beth White

Moms' Club
The SJC Parish Moms' Club is a group of women who meet every Friday from 9:30-11:00 in the Parish Center, providing support, spirituality, and fellowship for one another. This combination of prayer and play group is open to all women in the parish with young children. Please join us!

May 17: Get ready for summer! We have some outdoor activities planned, snack, and story time!
May 24: NO MEETING due to the holiday weekend. See you May 31st!
May 31: Moms and kiddos will celebrate with an End of the Year party. Thank you to everyone who made this year such an incredible success!
Please contact Colleen Whittingham at whitting910@yahoo.com with any questions about this group.

SJC Men’s Golf Outing, Friday, June 7th
Flagg Creek Golf Course
6939 S. Wolf Road, IHP

Cost: $26, includes cart and two beverage tickets and entry into contests.
Contests: low score, closest to the pin; longest drive; longest putt.
Checks should be made payable to SJC Men’s Club and delivered to the Parish Center.

Tee times from 12:30 to 2 p.m. followed by beverages and snacks in the clubhouse.

Names of player(s)__________________________________________


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Some years ago, a woman shared this story at a workshop. She had a six year-old son whom she had conscientiously schooled in prayer. Among other things, she made him kneel beside his bed every night and say aloud a number of prayers, ending with an invocation to "bless mummy, daddy, grandma, and grandpa". One night, shortly after he had started school, she took him to his room to hear his prayers and to tuck him in for the night. But when it came time for him to kneel by his bedside and recite his prayers, he refused and crawled into bed instead. His mother asked him: "What's the matter? Don't you pray anymore?" There was remarkable calm in his reply: "No," he said, "I don't pray anymore. The sister teaching us at school told us that we are not supposed to pray, she said that we are supposed to talk to God ... and tonight I am tired and have nothing to say!"

This is reminiscent of a scriptural story about King David. One morning, returning from battle with some of his soldiers, he arrived at the temple, tired and hungry, but the only food available consisted of consecrated loaves of bread in the temple, which by Jewish religious law, were to be eaten only by the priests in sacred ritual. David asked the high priest for the loaves and was met by the objection that these loaves were not to be eaten as ordinary food. David replied that he was aware of that, but, given the situation and given that as King he was empowered to make decisions for God on earth, he ordered the priest to give him the loaves.

Biblical tradition commends David for that. He is praised for doing a good thing, for knowing God well enough to know that God would want that bread to be used for exceptional purposes in that situation. He is praised for having a mature faith, for not being unduly legalistic, for not abdicating sound judgment because of fear and piety, and for knowing God well enough to know that God is not a law to be obeyed but rather a loving presence that counsels us and imbues us with life and energy. Jesus, too, praises David for this action when his own disciples are chastised for shelling corn on the Sabbath. He refers to David's action of feeding his hungry soldiers with the consecrated loaves as an act of deeper understanding, that is, in doing this seemingly sacrilegious act, David was in fact demonstrating an intimacy with God that his critics, because of fear, betrayed themselves as lacking.

One of the things that characterizes mature friendship is a familiarity and intimacy that makes for a robust relationship rather than a fearful one. In a mature relationship there is no place for fearful piety or false reverence. Rather with a close friend we are bold because we know the other's mind, fully trust the other, and are at a level of relationship where we are unafraid to ask for things, can be shamelessly self-disclosing, are given to playfulness and teasing, and are (like King David) able to responsibly interpret the other's mind. When we are in a mature relationship with someone we are comfortable and at ease with that person.

That is also one of the qualities of a mature faith and a mature relationship with God. According to John of the Cross, the deeper we move into a relationship with God and the more mature our faith becomes, the more bold we will become with God. Like King David and like the young boy just described, fearful piety will be replaced by a healthy familiarity. And this will not be the kind of familiarity that breeds contempt; that takes the other for granted. Rather it will be the kind of familiarity that is grounded in intimacy which, while remaining respectful and never taking the other for granted, is more at ease and playful than fearful and pious in that other's presence.

But, if that is true, then what are we to make of the fact that scripture tells us "the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom" and the fact that religious tradition has always deemed piety a virtue? Do fear and piety militate against "boldness" with God? Was King David wrong in his bold interpretation of God's will?

There is a religious fear that is healthy and there is a piety that is healthy, but neither of these is exhibited in a relationship that is fearful, legalistic, scrupulous, over-pious, or over-serious. Healthy religious fear and healthy piety manifest themselves in a relationship that is robust.

We should not let ourselves be fooled by fear and piety. Fear easily masks itself as religious reverence. Piety can easily pass itself off as religious depth. But genuine intimacy unmasks both. A healthy relationship is robust, bold, and is characterized by lack of fear, ease, playfulness, and humor. And that is particularly true of our relationship with God.

Fr. Ron Rolheiser

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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.

Marie Coyne           Martha Matrisciano
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Mikel Dodd            Jay Meehan
Melissa Morrissey Eldredge Gloria Spanza Meyers
Todd Goldstein        Rick Reimer
Eileen Hans           Teresa Schaefer
Mary Beth Held        Declan Sheedy
Karen Hult            Ray Stanis
Allison Kazragis      Joan Swade
Shirley Kazragis      Pam Wilson
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Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
Robert Cosgrove, husband of Margery, father of Daniel, Robert and Terry
Catherine Pozen, mother of Mary, Denise, Marge, Norb, Joe, Jeff, James & Steve
Dolores Grimaldi, wife of Ed, mother of Rachel and Annamarie

Year of Sunday Mass:
Question of the Week
At his Ascension, Jesus said to his apostles and he says to us, “You are witnesses.”
How does my sharing his death and resurrection in the Mass encourage and strengthen me to share him with others?

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

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Mass Intentions
Monday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima
6:30 Joe Ratke
7:45 Dolores Rotolo; Raymond McCarthy

Tuesday, May 14, St. Matthias
6:30
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Muriel Albertson

Wednesday, May 15, St. Isidore
6:30
7:45 Jack Scriba; Marie Heraty

Thursday, May 16
7:45 Jean Onesto; Marie Heraty

Friday, May 17
7:45 Kevin Siedlaczek; Margo Hermes

Saturday, May 18, St. John I,
8:00 Alice Sobey; Irene Russell
5:00 John Fash; O’Malley & Madigan Families

Sunday, May 19, Pentecost Sunday
7:30 Margaret Hoyle Prost; Lawrence Hickey
9:00 SJC & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishioners
10:45 John Barron; Patricia Neumann
12:15 Deceased Members of SJC School Families
Maurice and Barbara McGrath
5:00 Ray Rotolo; Steve Ryan

Italics—Living

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
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