ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 26, 2013

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Dear Parishioners,

The news of the Oklahoma tornado and its devastation has been on my mind most of the day. The news seems to be confused, with original numbers of those who died being lowered and other chaos abounding. The power of nature is indiscriminate and the loss of children is what causes me to pause. When you hear someone on the radio say things like, “Everything I own in the world is this tee shirt, the pair of pants I have on and my shoes,” it numbs the mind to even imagine being in their place. By the time the rest of the week plays out it may even have gotten worse from what I know as I write this on Tuesday. Hold them in prayer and in your compassion.

On this Memorial Day weekend I have some information to share that is new to me. It concerns returning veterans and their families. I was recently at a meeting where the priest chaplain from Hines VA Hospital, a staff psychologist and the director of Mayslake ministries presented on the resources that are available for returning vets. The priest chaplain, Msgr. Jim Burnett, spoke of first starting with getting rid of some old stereotypes of Hines Hospital. He thought many people may think of it as an old hospital for old men. Part of the ‘new’ Hines is a partnership with the Archdiocese to develop programs for veterans and family members to facilitate spiritual healing as well as physical healing. The veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan suffer debilitating injuries that may not be immediately apparent but are nonetheless emergent, such as a TBI (Traumatic Brain Injury) as well as PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). There are many effective spiritual and medical services that the VA has to offer, including Women’s Health, Suicide Prevention, Blind Rehab and Homelessness. You can go to Mayslake’s website to find out further information about their Veteran’s Ministry. Another of their retreat offerings (we had information about one earlier this month in previous bulletins) is coming up later in October and again in November. If you have a member of your family or know of someone who might be helped by these services and ministry, please encourage them to contact Hines Hospital or Mayslake Ministries.

The Memorial Day holiday weekend is set aside to remember all the members of the armed forces that gave the ultimate sacrifice in all the wars that have been fought as part of our country’s history. I have frequently thought it confusing when the Archdiocese began offering Mass in the cemeteries on Memorial Day. It tends to lead people to think that the holiday is about honoring any and all dead when its express purpose is to honoring those men and women who died in war. (Not that there is anything wrong with praying for all the deceased, but that is what All Soul’s Day is about.) Remembering those who have died in service to the country, welcoming home the active duty military and helping where needed, developing ministries to military family members are all needed to make the weekend more than the kickoff to summer.

May is a busy month. Most colleges have graduated by now. High schools and elementary schools are this week and next. On top of First Communions, Mother’s Day, May Crowning and a multitude of family events, most days are filled and busy with many things. As all those who graduate from whatever level of education, their teachers, parents and classmates give thanks for what has been and welcome all that is to come. May God’s choicest blessings be theirs.

Peace,
Fr. David

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### Summer Mass Schedule Begins Today

- There will be no 12:15 p.m. Sunday Mass during the summer beginning today until the weekend after Labor Day, September 8th.
- There will also be no 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass from Memorial Day to Labor Day inclusive, May 28th until September 2nd.
- Mass on Memorial Day, May 27th will be at 9:00 a.m. at our parish. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on the holiday. The Parish Office will be closed.
- Memorial Day Masses will also be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. on May 27th at all major cemeteries. Check the Catholic New World for more information.
Living the Gospel

The Spirit guides us to all truth. Such a bold statement! That truth is the Holy Spirit, is the Life given by the Spirit. Everything the Father has is given to us. An even bolder statement! What the Father gives us is divine Life. Our triune God holds back nothing from us. And here we have a double bold statement: our God is triune—three divine Persons in One God—and this God gives us everything we need to grow in the Life given to us. The indwelling of the Spirit—divine Life—assures us of the triune God’s working within and through us: the Father’s love, the Son’s mission, the Spirit’s truth.

The gospel illuminates two aspects of the Trinity. First, that everything the Father has belongs also to the Son and Spirit. Second, all that God has is given to us through Jesus who sends us the Spirit. Here is the great mystery and grace of Trinity: the riches of God’s own life are given to us, empowering us to take up the divine saving mission. The Trinity is, indeed, a lofty mystery which comes down from the “heights” when we ourselves make God’s presence known by the way we live. The triune mystery is revealed in our loving others, in our doing good for others, in our being persons of integrity and truth. The mystery of the Trinity is concrete when we act out of the dignity which has been bestowed upon us—those who carry divine Life within them. The Spirit not only guides us to all truth, but bears what we cannot bear on our own. Jesus’ mission, then, is not entirely on our shoulders. Jesus, through his Spirit, is still present to us; it is always Jesus’ mission. We are disciples doing what he commanded—teaching others what he declares to us by the Holy Spirit.

Closing Prayers:

May we glorify God by living faithfully all that Christ has taught as we continue his saving mission.

May we hold nothing back as we live the Gospel and bring praise and glory to our triune God.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

· The Father has given me . . . Jesus has given me . . . The Spirit has given me . . .
· Believing that I bear God’s divine life within me influences my daily living in that . . .

Readings for the Week

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<td>Sir 35:1-12&lt;br&gt;Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23&lt;br&gt;Mark 10:28-31</td>
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<td>Wednesday</td>
<td>Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17&lt;br&gt;Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13&lt;br&gt;Mark 10:32-45</td>
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<td>Friday</td>
<td>Zeph 3:14-17a or Rom 12:9-16&lt;br&gt;Isa 12:2-3, 4bc, 5-6&lt;br&gt;Luke 1:39-56</td>
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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>Sir 51:12c,d, 20&lt;br&gt;Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11&lt;br&gt;Mark 11:27-33</td>
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<td>Body and Blood</td>
<td>Gen 14:18-20&lt;br&gt;Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4&lt;br&gt;1 Cor 11:23-26&lt;br&gt;Luke 9:11b-17</td>
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The Parish is operating on budget for the nine month period ending in March. Some points to note on our financial picture:

- Our primary source of revenue, the Sunday Offertory Collection (includes Christmas and holy days) remains strong and on budget. Our overall parish financial health is dependent on your continued support. We thank you for your efforts.
- Both Church and School expenses are under budget year to date reflecting both our mild winter and our cost control mindset across all parish ministries.
- It is during the last quarter of each year when the parish subsidy to the school has the greatest impact as school income declines but expenses continue.
- Please support our parish fundraiser in June—our big Family Fest Carnival. See the back page of today’s bulletin to volunteer.

### Parish Operations Update

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Join the men of the parish at the Men’s Club Annual Golf Outing at Flagg Creek Golf Course

Friday, June 7th

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.

Name of player(s): ______________________________________________________________


A great way to meet other men in the parish!!

Young Adults in 20’s and 30’s~ Single or Married~ Save the Date!
Theology on Tap is coming to SJC on Wednesday Eves in July and Aug!

- July 17  Fr. John Cusick Recognizing God in Everyday Events
- July 24  Dr. Kate DeVries Why Bother With Church?
- July 31  Fr. Terry Keehan Reconciliation & Eucharist: Two Fascinating Fonts of God’s Desire to Connect with Us
- August 7 Fr. Paul Novak Letting Go & Letting God: A Catholic Strategy for Getting Free?

Mark Your Calendar Today!
This is the real task. This is the real challenge that each of us must face: To enter into the reality that is Christ, the rock on whom we can build our lives with absolute assurance that he will love us through all our mistakes, through all our changes of heart and mind, through every moment of our lives, until the last moment of our life, because he is supreme Love.

(John Main, From Anxiety to Peace)

John 16:12-15
Whatever the Father has is mine.
The Spirit of truth will guide us.

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity -- one God in three persons.

The verses of today's Gospel come near the end of Jesus' long discourse at the Last Supper. He focuses on the shape of the future, which will include his victory over the world that they will share in. The disciples of Jesus cannot know the future. They can only know that, whatever shape the future takes, they will not have to face it alone. They have the Spirit of Truth, who will continue to provide the teaching of Jesus in the future.

Richard Rohr
Meditation

There are always two worlds. The world as it operates is largely about power; the world as it should be, or “the Reign of God,” is always about love. Conversion is almost entirely about moving from one world to the next, and yet having to live in both worlds at the same time. As you allow yourself to loosen your grip on the ego or bad forms of power, you will gradually see the inadequacy and weakness of mere domination and control. God will then teach you how to tighten your grip around the second world, which is the ever-purer motivation of love.

Any exercise of power apart from love leads to brutality and evil; but any claim to love that does not lead to using that as power for others is mere sentimentality and emotion. I must admit, it is rare to find people who hold both together in perfect balance—who have found their power and use it for others, or people who have found love and use it for good purposes. I think the Reign of God includes both love and power in a lovely dance. I think that is what Jesus means when he tells us to be “cunning as serpents but gentle as doves” (Matthew 10:16). It is a beautiful combination of both authority and vulnerability.

Adapted from Jesus’ Plan for a New World: The Sermon on the Mount.

A parishioner shares a tip: I have been practicing Eucharistic Adoration since 2006. I like to bring a Bible or a copy of the Magnificat for spiritual reading and reflection. Mostly I kneel or sit in silence and rest my heart with the Lord. It is a wonderful place to speak with God, in a very intimate and engaging way. The best way to describe the experience is peaceful, joyful with a deep sense of gratitude all at the same time. This devotion prepares and guides me through daily life. Adoration gives me the strength and direction to help others in need.

Faith Alive

This Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer offers a simple overview of the scriptures of the whole week and then some help for our praying and staying focused all week, in the midst of our busy lives. This is practical spirituality for active people. The address is: http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/

Mass Times for Travel: Find Catholic Masses while on vacation or out of town at www.masstimes.org

Living with Christ: Daily companion for praying and living with Eucharist with scripture readings for Sunday and Daily Mass with reflection and question, feast days of the saints, morning/evening prayer, and regular contributors. www.livingwithchrist.us
Several years ago, at a conference that I was attending the keynote speaker challenged his audience in this way: All of us, he pointed out, are members of various communities: we live in families, are part of church congregations, have colleagues with whom we work, have a circle of friends, and are part of a larger civic community. In every one of these there will come a time when we will get hurt, when we will not be honored, when we will be taken for granted, and treated unfairly. All of us will get hurt. That is a given. However, and this was his challenge, how we handle that hurt, with either bitterness or forgiveness, will color the rest of our lives and determine what kind of person we are going to be.

Suffering and humiliation find us all, and in full measure, but how we respond to them will determine both the level of our maturity and what kind of person we are. Suffering and humiliation will either soften our hearts or harden our souls. The dynamic works this way:

There is no depth of soul without suffering. Human experience has long ago taught us this. We attain depth primarily through suffering, especially through the kind of suffering that is also humiliating. If anyone of us were to ask ourselves the question: What has given me depth? What has opened me to deeper perception and deeper understanding? Almost invariably the answer would be one of which we would be ashamed to speak: we were bullied as a child, we were abused in some way, something within our physical appearance makes us feel inferior, we speak with an accent, we are always somehow the outsider, we have a weight problem, we are socially awkward, the list goes on, but the truth is always the same: To the extent that we have depth we have also been humiliated, the two are inextricably connected.

But depth is not all of a kind. Humiliation makes us deep, but it can make us deep in very different ways: It can make us deep in understanding, empathy, and forgiveness or it can make us deep in resentment, bitterness, and vengeance. The young men who shot their classmates in Columbine and the young man who indiscriminately gunned down students at Virginia Tech University had, no doubt, suffered more than their share of humiliation in life and that had made them deep. Sadly, in their case, it made them deep in anger, bitterness, and murder.

We see the opposite in Jesus in how he faces his crucifixion. Crucifixion, as we know, was designed by the Romans as capital punishment; but they had more than mere capital punishment in mind. Crucifixion was also designed to do two other things: to inflict the optimal amount of pain that it was possible for a person to absorb and to utterly and publicly humiliate the one undergoing it.

As Jesus prepares to face his crucifixion and the shameful humiliation within it, he cringes before the challenge and he asks God whether there is another way of getting to the depth of Easter Sunday without having to undergo the humiliation of Good Friday. Eventually, but only after sweating blood, does he accept that there is no other way than to undergo the humiliation of crucifixion. But we get the real lesson only if we really understand what was at stake in Jesus’ choice here. The agonizing choice that he is making is not the choice: Do I submit to death or do I invoke divine power and walk free? He was condemned to death and felt as helpless as would any other human in that situation. Invoking divine power or not invoking it as a means of escape was not the issue about which he was anguishing. The issue was not whether to die or not die. It was about how to die. Jesus’ choice was this: Do I die in bitterness or in love? Do I die in hardness of heart or softness of soul? Do I die in resentment or in forgiveness?

We know which way he chose. His humiliation drove him to extreme depths, but these were depths of empathy, love, and forgiveness.

That is the issue that is perennially at stake in terms of our own maturity and generativity: In our humiliations, do we give ourselves over to bitterness or love, resentment or forgiveness, hardness of heart or softness of soul? And we have to make that choice daily: Every time we find ourselves shamed, ignored, taken for granted, belittled, unjustly attacked, abused, or slandered we stand between resentment and forgiveness, bitterness and love. Which of these we chose will determine both our maturity and our happiness.

And, ultimately, for all of us, as was the case with Jesus, we will have to face this choice on the ultimate playing field: In the face of our earthly diminishement and death will we choose to let go and die with a cold heart or a warm soul?

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.ronrolheiser.com.
Workshop on Mental Illness – Presented by Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness

The Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness is conducting a workshop on the Church and Mental Illness on Saturday, June 15, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.. At Our Lady of the Snows, 4810 S. Leamington, Chicago 60638; doors open for registration at 8:30 a.m. The morning will include first-person accounts on how spirituality helps recovery; practical ideas of what parishes can do to help its members with mental illness and their families; and a showing of the 30-minute DVD, “Welcomed and Valued” produced by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability. Suggested donation: $5.00. For details contact Deacon Tom Lambert (773-525-0453, X21) or Connie Rakitan (708-383-9276).

Can You Help???

It’s once again time to think about this year’s school supply recycling project. Last year with your help in collecting, sorting and packing supplies, more than 300 boxes were distributed to grateful not-for-profit organizations.

Helpers of all ages are needed to sort and pack this year’s supplies on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 6/10 and 6/11, from 9 until 12 at Mary Lee and Jim Larsen’s home, 4521 Harvey in Western Springs. Please come for as little or as long as you would like. There will be a pizza lunch and a chance to swim afterwards for those that can stay. This year supplies will also be sent to Haiti through Students Hearts for Haiti. We are also collecting gently used school/art/office supplies. Questions: call Mary Lee and Jim at 708-246-3987.

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Our parish website is filled with many volunteer opportunities or just email Bill!!

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Bill Bright
Director of Outreach
bbright@stjohnofthecross.org

Illinois Right to Life Committee
Dinner with Francis Cardinal George
IRLC Lifetime Achievement Award Honoring Mary Anne Hackett
Thursday, June 19, 2013
Cocktails 6pm (Cash Bar) Dinner 7pm
The Carlisle
435 E. Butterfield Road Lombard
Donation $65. Call 312-422-9300 for reservations
Featuring Francis Cardinal George, Archbishop of Chicago, as Special Guest Speaker
For questions: Blanche Heaney, Parish Respect Life Coordinator 708-246-7437

It’s the small things that can make all the difference!
I have a short story to share with you this week that highlights the impact that you can have on others’ lives simply by volunteering for an hour or two. Last Saturday, parishioner, Christina Brotto, brought her manicure supplies along on our visit to three Helping Hand clients living in Countryside. Helping Hands serves people with developmental disabilities. Giving simple manicures made these women feel so special. If you would like to participate in making a wonderful difference in someone’s life, just send me an email. There are so many things we can do!!
Welcome Children of God

Baptisms

In May, we welcomed the following children into the Christian community through the sacrament of Baptism.

Maeve Hanrahan
daughter of Allan & Lisa (Strzemtek) Watson

Mason Louis,
son of Matthew and Jennifer (Baldo) Murray

William James,
son of James and Kerry (Larmon) Quilter

Madeleine Hartman,
daughter of Ryan and Maureen (Duffey) Kane

Henry Charles,
son of Jeffrey and Stacey (Zapalac) Wixted

Xavier Michael,
son of Kevin and Ellen (Kozlowski) Twomey

May we remember
your light today
when we see
the radiant sun,
a burning candle,
or a shining lamp.
Jesus, our light,
we praise and thank you.
Shine on us forever.
John 12:46

New Parents:

Our Next Baptism Prep Meeting is June 6
Congratulations on your new baby! All new parents and their baby are invited to come to our Baptism preparation meeting on Thursday, June 6, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Godparents welcome to attend too.

To assist in our class preparation, please register to attend this class by calling the Parish Center at 708-246-4404 during regular business hours.

We are looking for volunteers to help with our parish Baptism Program!

We are looking for couples to be a part of our Baptism Team. Please consider being a part of this most important ministry that welcomes and celebrates the miracle of life. The baptism team is frequently the face of the parish for the very first time as couples bring their baby to be baptized.

One baptismal couple a month (the first Thursday at 7:00 pm) facilitates the preparation sessions so that you would only do about two or three sessions a year. Being present on the Sunday when the baptisms take place, welcoming the families, assisting the priest or deacon, assuring all is in readiness is a very important aspect of this ministry as well.

You will be trained and have all aspects of the ministry explained to you before making a commitment. Come and learn the theology of baptism and the richness of the baptism liturgy that you will help parents to understand.

Please call Fr. Filbert x120 for information on how you can become involved.

Ideas for Mass Preparation with Your Family

- “Tune-in Time” is a fun name for previewing the scriptures that will be read that day. We use the Sunday Missal published by Living with Christ which offers a short reflection on the reading for each Sunday Mass. The child who gets in the car last for the ride to church is the one who has the “privilege of reading these 2-3 short paragraphs to the family.

- Bible Buck Game whereby on the ride home from Mass our children are asked to respond correctly to any question about the liturgy of the Mass they have just attended. The question could be about a fact/idea/comment from the homily—a detail from the readings, did they introduce themselves to anyone after Mass, what song was sung for the closing, etc. (Our kids get a dollar for every correct answer.)
An annual and very exciting event for our entire student body is our Memorial Games. Each year the eighth grade students prepare skits, original songs, and play in basketball games to raise money for a memorial gift to the school. This year was no different as the students packed the gymnasium on Friday evening to watch the three teams battle for victory. Thank you to our eighth grade and their homeroom teachers, Miss Kirk, Miss Raleigh, and Mrs. McManus for their hard work and dedication to SJC.

This week at SJC
Monday, May 27    No School
Tuesday, May 28   Grade 8 Awards 7:00 p.m. School
Friday, May 31    Grade 8 Graduation 5:00 p.m. Church

The Youth Catechesis staff prays with all our families for those who have served, those that are serving and those who will serve. May Our Lord Jesus bless our military and their families.

Last Week to Save!!
Our goal is to have all our current families registered by May 31st! And we are offering a saving this May to help! Even if you can’t pay, please register by May 31st and you still get the $10 savings on your tuition bill.

HOURS for your CONVENIENCE
Last week to save $10 off tuition
Tuesday, May 28th ~ 8:30 am to 4:00 pm
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2013 Summer Running Camp  
(Designed for boys & girls entering Grades 3 – 8)  
- The Running Camp will emphasize speed, endurance, agility and conditioning  
- Michelle Fink, Cross Country Coordinator will coach the Camp (708) 784-1599 OR am_fink@sbcglobal.net  
- Every Wednesday, June 12th-August 14th from 7:30am to 8:30am  
- Fee: $60 Includes a T-shirt  
- Register on school website

2013 Summer Basketball Camps  
(Designed for boys and girls entering Grades 3-8)  
- The Basketball Camps will emphasize instruction on proper basketball techniques. Fundamentals, advanced skills, competitions and contests will be included.  
- This year’s camp will be run by Coach John Quinn. Coach Quinn and his team have many years of coaching experience at the Junior High and High School levels.  
- Session Dates: July 22 – 26, 2013 and July 29 – August 2, 2013  
- Grades 3-5th: 8:00 – 10:00am  -  Grades 6-8th: 10:00am – noon  
- Fee:$85 per session if registered by July 19th - $95 per session at the door. Includes a T-shirt and basketball  
- Camps will be held at SJC  
- More information and to register go school website.

Vacation Bible School  
(For children entering Kindergarten through 5th Grade)  
- 1 week program at SJC July 8-12, 2013 from 9am to Noon  
- Learn to stand strong for the Kingdom of God! VBS at St. John of the Cross is amazing! It’s interactive, filled with games, skits, crafts, and snacks – all while learning about God’s love for us!  
- Fee: $30.00  
- Register on YC website or https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/sjc.  
- High School and Adult Crew Leaders also needed and greatly appreciated!

Mom’s Club

Upcoming...  
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!

Women's Club Garage Sale Tot Room:  
Volunteers needed: (June 17-21), the day of the sale (June 22) and half-price sale (Monday, June 24)  
For more information contact Jennifer or Katie: Jennifer Nikolic (312-802-6969; jkravcik@gmail.com)  
Katie Leff (708-220-0831; kmleff@gmail.com)

Congratulations to our parishioner candidates who will serve on the following Consultative Bodies in the fall:

Parish Advisory Council  
At Large Reps Serving  
2 Year Terms  
Marie Gerken  
Brian King

School Advisory Board  
3 Members Serving  
3 Year Terms  
Colleen Heidkamp  
Mike McCormack  
Maggie McGarel

Youth Catechesis Council  
5 Members Serving  
3 Year Terms  
Tony Liotta  
Angie Matysik  
Laurel Schumm  
M. April Sullivan  
Lauren Trifilio

Welcome!  
Please join us in welcoming our newest members:  
Jacqueline and Joshua Odelson and Family  
Sarah and Christopher Simmons and Family

Register on our parish website or stop in the Parish Center.  
Meet Elizabeth Russell– Jones our Parish Welcome Coordinator
**CALENDAR EVENTS:**
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

**APPLICATIONS FOR OUR FALL TEAMS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW**

**DAY OF THE SPIRIT RETREAT TEAM**

**FROSH/SOPH RETREAT TEAM**

**FRESHMEN EXPERIENCE TEAM**

Teens share their talents & gifts & are able to assist their peers in building their self-confidence, community and faith!

**APPLICATIONS ONLINE at**
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership

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**Crossroads**

Katie Hayes, Director
khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

**It’s rare, but it happens...we have all the adults needed for the National Catholic Youth Conference trip before we have all the teen spots filled. Why you ask? Because it is SO AWESOME!**

We do have a few spots open for teens so contact Katie Hayes ASAP to join our group. Promo video is on our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

Crossroads teens & families will host the water & pop stands at SJC Fest June 27-30.

Register to join the Crossroads family in its service to our Parish Fest!

Contact Leann Schied at (708) 752-1906 or email her at mjs071800@sbcglobal.net

**Thursday June 13 outside the Parish Center**
Teen leader Patrick Falvey has details patrickfalvey10@yahoo.com
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:
Planting Day (June 8 – Shifts are 9:00 am – Noon and/or 1:00 – 3:00 pm - 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 over the summertime.

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 

Women’s Club News

GARAGE SALE UPDATES! The Garage Sale Committee needs shopping bags (plastic and paper), tissue paper and hangers. Please bring your donations during set-up starting Friday June 14th at 10 a.m. or to the Parish Center. FREE Babysitting Available during Garage Sale Volunteer Hours! Please call Rita Forster at 708-246-4519

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS! The Women's Club welcomed five new members to the 2013-2014 Women's Club Board at an installation service on Thursday, May 16th: Jeanne Conkin, Lisa Dunneback, Lee Rosenberg, Jen Sinars and Jenn Tiernan. Next year's Co-Presidents will be Connie Madden and Jenny Mazur. Returning board members include Margaret Hynes, Jeannie Francis, Jennifer Nikolic, Katie Pruitt, Deb Wojcicki, Maureen Chopp, Denise Schullo, Colleen Pabst, Amanda Collins, Cara Rafanelli and MJ Martin. Special thanks to those women who have served on the board and are now retiring: Sue Bidstrup, Kate Dulla, Jeannette Hans, Jakkie Tisa and Elizabeth Turcich.
40th Annual SJC Garage Sale
Saturday, June 22nd - 9am to 2pm
Half-Price/Bag Sale, Monday, June 24th - 9am to 1pm

Our success relies on YOU! It is your generous donation of items and volunteer support that keep the sale going year after year. Check your closets, toy boxes, cupboards, attic, basement and garage for items to donate. Please separate and label your bags i.e. adult clothing, boys’ clothes, housewares items, etc. Given the multitude of items received, this really saves us time! Give generously and please give items in usable condition.

The mission of the Garage Sale means giving to those in need, respecting others less fortunate, bringing together volunteers in a Christian spirit, raising funds to support local charities within our community, supporting the parish as a whole, and it means... making a difference in the lives of others!

Volunteer Information

We need your help! Believe it or not...it’s fun, it’s crazy, it’s truly an amazing event you won’t want to miss out on. You’ll meet and make new friends while giving back to the community!

Volunteer Hours – Come Anytime – No Need to Sign Up!
Just come when you can...give an hour, or two or more...on any or all days. Truly, any amount of time you can give is greatly appreciated!
Free babysitting available: Call Rita Forster (708) 246-4519

Organization & Set-up Days
Friday, June 14 10am to 2pm
Saturday, June 15 9am to 3pm
Mon. – Thurs., June 17 – 20 9:30am to 8:30pm
Friday, June 21 11am to 3pm

Sale Day* June 22 8:30am to 2pm
Half-Price/Bag Sale Day* June 24 8:30am to 1pm
* Please let a Garage Sale/Room Chair know which hours you can work these days

Clean-Up Day
Monday, June 24 12 pm to 5/6:00pm

Pre-Sale Shopping Night: Work six or more hours and shop before the sale on Friday, June 21 from 3pm to 6pm.

Student Volunteers: Volunteers for service hours are required to sign-up. 7th graders or older wanting to volunteer or to baby-sit, call Maureen Chopp (708) 246-7280

General Volunteer Questions: Mary Beth White (708) 246-6339

Thank you for your support!
- The SJC Women’s Club
One in Prayer with Loved Ones in the Military

Michael Ryan Burke, grandson of Joseph & Laverne Kusper
Captain Brandy Caffy, friend of Julie and Katie Warren
A1c Matthew Callaghan, son of Judy Callaghan
Lt. Mark Callari, grandson of Jane Domagala
Captain Sean Christopherson, friend of Katie Warren
Matthew Curin, son of Donna Curin
2Lt. Ken Engberg, Army National Guard
Capt. Michael Federico, son of Rick & Jeanne
Pfc. Amy Harris, niece of Gary & Barbara Ainge
Private First Class Drew Hillebold, National Guard
Sgt. Joseph Johnson, son of Pete & Jan Van Merkestyn
Capt. Kevin Junius
Pfc. John T. King, cousin of Catherine Mini
Lt. Matthew Kopp, nephew of Larry & Mimi Powers
Msg. Carl Kroll, son of Mary Lou Kroll & brother of Judi Lapitan
Capt. James A. Maicke, grandson of Phil & Mike Maicke
Spc. Robert Marburger, son of Kathleen and David
Major Brendan D. Masini, M.D., grandson of Marilyn & Charles Scallon

Tim McMillan
Douglas Murphy, brother of Jeanne Fornari
Rief Murphy, nephew of Bill & Molly Iovino
Sgt. Krista Nelson, USMC, niece of Mary and Len Novotny
Ross Rafferty, nephew of John Rafferty
Sgt. Daniel Roche, cousin of Jacqueline McDonnell
Cameron Saltus, cousin of Jack and Rory Gordon
1Lt. Joseph Salvey, nephew of Terese Kane
Lance Cpl. Nicholas Schultz, friend of the Chrusciel Family
Jarett Smith, grandson of Dan and Jo Rudakas
Pfc. Robert M. Sullivan, son of Michael & Helen
Spc. Alex Teckenbrock, 3rd Infantry Div. ARMY
Joshua Francis Tischler, son of Lea and Rick, grandson of Betty and Frank Madler and Mary Tischler
Alex Uribarri, son of Mari Uribarri
Pfc. Larry Waszak, grandson of Bruno and Barbara Gacek
Spc. James C. Woods, nephew of Mary Neel

Newly Commissioned Ministers of Care

The following parishioners have completed the training for Eucharistic and Pastoral Ministry to the Sick at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien and were commissioned at the 9:00 am Mass on May 19th.

Bob Bures
Nancy Ciesiel
Gloria Deizman
Pat DeMars
Roberta Gilbert
John Hamilton
Raymond Kula
Sylvia Kuzel
Eileen Lyons
Meg Stegner (from St. Cletus)

They will be involved in home visits and hospital ministry at RML and LaGrange. We congratulate them and we thank God for their commitment in this important ministry of care.
Week at a Glance

Monday, May 27 Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation Will Meet
2:30 p.m. No Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, May 28
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine’s Bible Study

Wednesday, May 29
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
12:00 p.m. Buddy School Lunch
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, May 30
1:30 p.m. Creed Study
2:15 p.m. Market Day Pick-up
7:00 p.m. Creed Study

Friday, May 31
9:00 a.m. Mom’s Club
5:00 p.m. Graduation

Saturday, June 1
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Pray for our Sick
Ashley Davis
Melissa Morrissey Eldredge
Jacqueline Frank
Todd Goldstein
Eileen Hans
Mary Beth Held
Allison Kazragis
Shirley Kazragis
Joe & Rosie King
Fr. William Mannion
Martha Matrisciano
Jay Meehan
Primet Rotondo
Rick Reimer
Teresa Schaefer
Declan Sheedy
Ray Stanis
Joan Swade
Pam Wilson

Pray for Our Beloved Dead
Joan Weyer, sister of Michael Weyer
Joseph Saban, husband of Virginia
father of Margaret Smith, William & James

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 27, St. Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 Donald J. Dempsey; Xochitl Steffen

Tuesday, May 28
7:45 Thomas Carmody; Walt Sobek; Gene Miley

Wednesday, May 29
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; James Fitzgerald
Mary Ann Johns

Thursday, May 30
7:45 Jack Gocke; Estella Cronk

Friday, May 31
7:45 Jack Gocke; Bob Cosgrove

Saturday, June 1, St. Justin
8:00 Gennie Phillips; Willis McKinney
5:00 Mary & Ben Carnevale; Wayne Legois

Sunday, June 2, The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30 Gene Harris; John T. O’Malley
9:00 Gail Fetterolf; Jack McDonnell
10:45 Philip Corboy; Theresa Ripoli
5:00 SJC and St. Thaddeus Parishioners

Italics—Living

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

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ATTENTION ALL BAKERS!!
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR OUR SALE.
WATCH THE BULLETIN AND THE PARISH WEBSITE
FOR DATES OF DROP OFF!

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WE NEED YOU!!
PLEASE SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER
ONLINE SIGN UP at Stjohnofthecross.org!

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