Hear, O LORD, 
and have pity on me; 
O LORD, be my helper. 
You changed my 
mourning into 
dancing; 
O LORD, my GOD, 
forever 
will I 
give you 
thanks.

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Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) met on May 14. The meeting minutes and committee pre-read materials are posted on the parish website under Councils & Boards. This is the second of three summary letters to the parish to keep you informed of our work. The first letter was published in last week’s bulletin.

The Council strives to be an effective consultative body that helps ministry group volunteers and staff communicate and collaborate with each other in order to meet the needs of our Pastor and Parish. Given the diversity of its membership, the PAC is able to connect with different cross-sections of the parish to communicate and obtain feedback.

At its spring meeting the PAC decided that two of its Goal Committees, both of which have successfully achieved their goals, no longer need to meet on a regular basis.

- The Welcome Committee (“Be a welcoming community who calls forth the gifts of each person”) recommended a new parishioner welcome process that works to ensure a positive experience for new members, exchanges information about the parish and new parishioner, invites involvement, and suggests support through sharing of time, talent, and treasure. Elizabeth Russell-Jones is the Parish Welcome Coordinator who now oversees this process.

- The work of the Communications Committee (“communicate effectively”) is complete with our website and weekly e-blasts in place. Parish staff has the responsibility to communicate parish news and activities and help the parish be a valued faith resource through the website, bulletin, weekly e-blasts, and Facebook.

Members from these committees will join the new Stewardship Committee, which is focused on building community by engaging parishioners in their faith and parish life thereby strengthening their ownership of the parish. This committee is chaired by Connie Madden, Apostle, and co-staffed by Fr. Filbert and MJ Martin. Connie, who is also co-chairing the June Family Fest, asked the PAC to support this important parish fundraiser by volunteering, purchasing raffle tickets, and joining in the fun of the big event.

Next week I look forward to sharing more from our spring PAC Meeting.

Karin Teglia
Parish Advisory Council Chairperson
Reflecting on Living the Gospel

In this Sunday’s gospel a burial procession is taking place. A son has died. The dead man was the widow’s only son. Naturally, she was weeping. Nothing could have prepared her for the grief she felt at her only son’s death. Nothing could assuage the grief. So she thought. Jesus, out of pity, raised the dead son to life again, who “sat up and began to speak.” He is alive! The gospel does not record the widow’s response to this unexpected turn of events. It only tells us that “Jesus gave him to his mother.” Perhaps her joy was too great to capture and record. Perhaps she was so stunned that she had no reaction at all. Perhaps she was completely taken up with the son’s embrace, who might have been quite bewildered with the burial procession scene. But, really, how does one react to “He is alive!” How do we react to another Son’s death? How do we react to “He is alive!”

Bringing new life from death is a paschal event. We share now in the risen life Jesus gives us through the Spirit. We have only recently completed our annual celebration of the season of Easter. Yet our return to Ordinary Time begins with a story of Jesus raising a dead man to life. God brings us new life out of death every day of our Christian journey. Every day Jesus encounters us on the way and has pity on us. His love and compassion are so great and so enduring that Jesus is always loving us into ever deeper risen life. Every day he is saying to us “Arise!” when we think we are going to break from too much tension, are discouraged with always playing catch-up, are doubting our ability to make a difference in our world. What is our response to his ever-present gift of Life?

Closing Prayers:

May we speak Jesus’ words of new life to all whom we meet as we go about our everyday lives.

May we reach out with support and encouragement to those who seem discouraged with life.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

· I hear Jesus speaking to me these words . . . I hear Jesus say to me “arise!” when . . .

· The new life I experience when I encounter Jesus is . . .

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What Does it Mean to be Human?

It is not about becoming spiritual beings nearly as much as about becoming human beings. The Biblical revelation is clearly saying that we are already spiritual beings; we just don’t know it yet. The Bible tries to let you in on the secret, by revealing God in ordinary time and place. That’s why so much of the text seems so mundane, practical, specific, and frankly, unspiritual! Maybe that is why Catholics never read it very much! It was not usually inspiring, but filled with prostitutes, adulteries, murders, polygamy, gang rape, and frankly just a lot of contradictions. Just like everything else. Just like me.

We have created a sad kind of dualism between the spiritual and the so-called non-spiritual. We just couldn’t see God’s new unity or dare to believe it until God put them together in one human body called Jesus (see Ephesians 2:11-20). As many have said much better than I, we are not human beings trying desperately to become spiritual, we are already and essentially spiritual beings—and our problem has always been “What does it mean to be a human being?” I suspect that is why God had to model the answer in at least one human being called Jesus. Adapted from Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality, p. 17

Make Our Garden Grow…

Volunteers are needed to help with planting, weeding and watering the gardens on our parish campus. There are volunteer positions for all age groups on a regular weekly or “as you can” basis. Call Gardening Angels Chairperson, Jan Grabacki - 708/246-4610 (Home) or 630/204-5264 (Cell) or beaconjan@aol.com

Our next “project day” is Saturday, June 22nd when we will mulch our gardens. Many hands make the work light! This is a great way to meet other parishioners, keep our parish grounds beautiful and take care of God’s creation.

Care for God’s Creation

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Collect: O God, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need, may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

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This past year the YC families participated in a Home Lesson. They chose an area service agencies and discovered how people get involved to help those in need. Families donated, supported and volunteered throughout the community.

Our families reached out to over 40 agencies and learned about organizations from Aging Care Connections to Police and Fire Departments to Helping Hands and the Humane Society.

They volunteered with Hope Chest, West Suburban Community Food Pantry, Off the Street Club and LaGrange Community Nurses Association.

They donated at BEDS, Feed My Starving Children, Ronald McDonald House and Salvation Army. They supported make a Wish Foundation, National Children’s Cancer Society, Wellness House and Goodwill.

They Made a Difference!
Join YC this year and make a difference in the lives of others!

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@sjcross.org * 708-246-6760 * www.stjoanthecross.org/yc
Summer Hours Monday thru Thursday 8:30am- 4:00pm or call for an evening appointment

Students, faculty, staff, and parents celebrated SJC Fun Day this week. The day is full of fun and laughter in celebration of a wonderful 2012-13 school year. The kids spent the day playing carnival games, eating pizza and snacks, playing water games, getting their faces painted, and watching their teachers compete in relay races. It is a fabulous tradition that the kids look forward to each year.
Programs at the Well
5th Annual Summer Institute at The Well
The Sacred Side of Science: Jesus in Evolution
June 14-15, 2013

Friday, June 14: 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Dowd - “The Sacred Side of Science: Coming Home to Reality in the 21st Century”
Rev. Dowd discusses how a meaningful, science-based understanding of big history, human nature, and death offers a realistic and inspiring vision of the future, while helping individuals live happier, more on-purpose lives.

Saturday: June 15, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30
Connie Barlow - “Let’s Play! Bringing the New Story to Children”
Connie Barlow urges us to place great value on creating playful ways for children to feel their connection with ancestral stars, to delight in the immense journey of life and our kinship with all creatures.

Rev. Bruce Sanguin - “Interpreting Scripture through An Evolutionary Lens”
Saturday: June 15, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm
Rev. Sanguin will explore how scripture reveals an evolutionary trajectory in its conviction that God accompanies the people through history and how the archetypal narratives of the Bible continue to be relevant in an age of evolution. COST: $125, includes lunch on Saturday

All programs are held at The Well, located at 1515 W. Ogden Ave., LaGrange Park. To learn more about The Well’s programs or to register, please call 708-482-5048 or visit the website at www.csjthewell.org.

Theology on Tap Planning Meeting!
Who: Young Adults (20’s and 30’s, married or single) interested in helping plan this summer’s Theology on Tap sessions at St. John of the Cross Parish
When: Tuesday, June 11th from 7-9pm
Where: St. John of the Cross Parish Center

Your help is needed for this event to be a success! Please plan on attending this 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!

Save the Dates: Theology on Tap at SJC
4 Wednesday Evenings @7pm
July 17 Fr. John Cusick
July 24 Dr. Kate DeVries
July 31 Fr. Terry Keehan
August 7 Fr. Paul Novak

IL Citizens for Life: Morning of Prayer for Life and Love
All Invited and Welcome Tuesday, June 18
Christ the King Parish, 1501 S. Main Street, Lombard
8:30 Mass
9:00 Pro-life Rosary
9:30 Coffee/gathering - Narthex
10:00 Opening Reflection and Prayer in Church Facilitated by Sherry Rochford
11:00 Prayer and Discussion in Parish Life Center with Fr. Peter Jarosz
12:00 noon Optional Lunch $ 7.00
12:45 Closing Prayer
RSVP by 6/14/13 630-852-5448

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Apps for Catholics
“iMissal”
Mass readings, calendar, lectionary

“3 Minute Retreat”
Daily reflective prayer retreats from Loyola Press. Available for iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad. $.99 at the iTunes store. Or find this app on our parish website homepage.

“iBreviary”
Liturgy of the Hours and Mass reading for the current day, along with main Catholic prayers and information about saints of the day. Free at the iTunes and Android app stores.

Divine Mercy
Developed by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, the app includes Divine Mercy prayers, information about St. Faustina Kowalska. Free at the iTunes and Android app stores.

Way of the Cross
Prayers and meditations are taken from the Vatican’s Via Crucis devotions. $.99 at the iTunes store.

Catholic Handbook
Comprehensive guide about the Catholic faith.

More info next week...
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.

VBS!
July 8-12, 2013
9:00 am to Noon
Register TODAY!
(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!

Parish Center Summer Hours
Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
Friday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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.

Family Fest Needs Bakers!
Your help is needed to make the SJC Fest Bake Sale a success! Drop off baked items on Thursday and Friday, June 27th & 28th between 2 and 4pm and on Saturday, June 29th between 10am and noon. Be sure to list ingredients such as nuts and chocolate for allergy purposes. Questions can be directed to Pat DeMars at 246-6127 or Antonia Adducci 246-4079. Thanks!!

VBS Needs Your Support
Each summer our parish provides a Vacation Bible School for approximately 100 parish children from Kindergarten through 5th grade. This terrific week, filled with activities that teach children about God, kindness, generosity and service, is run by over 40 parish volunteers.

In order to keep the cost to attend reasonable so that every parish child can participate and be able to offer scholarships to those unable to afford the cost, the VBS team seeks help from parishioners and area businesses in underwriting parts of the Bible School. Can you...
Sponsor 2 children to attend VBS? $60
Sponsor food for the Concession Stand or provide a donation to buy food such as: hot dogs, buns or candy?
Sponsor t-shirt expense? $1,000

Donations may be dropped at the Parish Center or the YC Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity!!

Janet Caschetta, YC Director
Barb Campbell, VBS Co-Coordinator
Heidi Drescher, VBS Co-Coordinator
Contact jcaschetta@stjohnofthecross.org with questions.
Crossroads

CALENDAR EVENTS:
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
July 7-13 Teens serve with Habitat in WV

Our Crossroads Strategic Planning effort is underway!

Read more on our website and watch for who will lead our efforts!

We are excited to deepen the faith of our teens and broaden the reach that our ministry provides.

If you want to hear more about how just 2 hours can make a difference read the story in our featured section at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads!

Crossroads teens, families and alumni will host the water and pop stands at our SJC Fest June 27-30.

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

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

Promo video is on our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

St. John of the Cross

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Contact:
Anselmo Marquez
(708) 203-3320

Summer 2013

Take a great summer night to enjoy the music of our teens & support Service trips!

Thursday June 13
outside the Parish Center
(if rain-moves inside!)

Tickets available at the door only $5
Teen leader Patrick Falvey and adult coordinator Anselmo Marquez have details if your band or other musical performance would like to join
patrickfalvey10@yahoo.com
anselmomarquez@comcast.net

Fall Leadership Teams are starting to plan!
A few spots remain:
APPLICATIONS ONLINE at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/leadership
All Seniors are invited to attend Catholic Charities’ **Senior Unity Mass** at Holy Name Cathedral on June 28 at 10:30 a.m. This “Celebration of Life and Spirit” has been held annually for over 30 years. **NEW THIS YEAR**: a door prize drawing that all attendees at the Mass can enter.

There is no charge for this event, which includes a lunch immediately following Mass in the school adjacent to the cathedral. Please note: **Reservations for lunch are required so that we can plan an accurate count.** Call or email Aaron Lorence at (312) 655-7010 or alorence@catholiccharities.net.

Limited parking is available across State Street from Holy Name Cathedral. Those driving must inform us of their intention to use Holy Name’s lot to insure that space will be available. Please tell Aaron if you are bringing a bus or van so he can arrange for parking.

**Cracking the Code of a Job Description**

Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us on Thursday, June 20, 7-9 pm at St. John of the Cross Parish Center for an incredibly important discussion on deciphering the information in job postings so you truly understand what the company wants. Speaker Keith Owens, Principle Communications, will help job seekers prepare for a variety of “selling” situations by developing audience-focused messages and strong presentation and interviewing skills. For further information, please visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**Parishioners at Work!**

Women’s Club Outreach Chairs, Colleen Pabst and Amanda Collins, deliver the books donated by SJC parishioners to Our Lady of Charity Sharing Parish School. They were met with joyful, thankful, and excited children and appreciative staff! Thank you for your help!
Always in a Hurry

Haste is our enemy. It puts us under stress, raises our blood pressure, makes us impatient, renders us more vulnerable to accidents and, most seriously of all, blinds us to the needs of others. Haste is normally not a virtue, irrespective of the goodness of the thing towards which we are hurrying.

In 1970, Princeton University did some research with seminary students to determine whether being committed to helping others in fact made a real difference in a practical situation. They set up this scenario: They would interview a seminarian in an office and, as the interview was ending, ask that seminarian to immediately walk over to a designated classroom across the campus to give a talk. But they always put a tight timeline between when the interview ended and when the seminarian was supposed to appear in the classroom, forcing the seminarian to hurry. On the way to the talk, each seminarian encountered an actor playing a distressed person (akin to the Good Samaritan scene in the gospels). The test was to see whether or not the seminarian would stop and help. What was the result?

One would guess that, being seminarians committed to service, these individuals might be more likely to stop than most other people. But that wasn't the case. Being seminarians seemed to have no effect on their behavior in this situation. Only one thing did: They were prone to stop and help or to not stop and help mostly on the basis of whether they were in a hurry or not. If they were pressured for time, they didn't stop; if they were not pressured for time, they were more likely to stop.

From this experiment its authors drew several conclusions: First, that morality becomes a luxury as the speed of our daily lives increases; and, second, that because of time pressures we tend not to see a given situation as a moral one. In essence, the more in a hurry we are, the less likely we are to stop and help someone else in need. Haste and hurry, perhaps more than anything else, prevent us from being good Samaritans.

We know this from our own experience. Our struggle to give proper time to family, prayer, and helping others has mainly to do with time. We're invariably too busy, too pressured, too hurried, too-driven, to stop and help. A writer that I know confesses that when she comes to die what she will regret most about her life is not the times she broke a commandment, but the many times she stepped over her own children on her way to her den to write. Along similar lines, we tend to blame secular ideology for so much of the breakdown of the family in our society today when, in fact, perhaps the biggest strain of all on the family is the pressure that comes from the workplace that has us under constant pressure, forever in a hurry, and daily stepping over our children because of the pressures of work.

I know this all too well, of course, from my own experience. I am forever pressured, forever in a hurry, forever over-extended, and forever stepping over all kinds of things that call for my attention on my way to work. As a priest, I can rationalize this by pointing to the importance of the ministry. Ministry is meant to conscript us beyond our own agenda, but deeper down, I know that much of this is a rationalization. Sometimes too I rationalize my busyness and hurry by taking consolation in the fact that I came to be this way legitimately. It's in my genes. Both my father and my mother exhibited a similar struggle. They were wonderful, moral, and loving parents, but they were often over-extended. Responding to too many demands is a mixed virtue.

It's no accident that virtually all of the classical spiritual writers, writing without the benefit of the Princeton study, warn about the dangers of overwork. Indeed, the dangers of haste and hurry are already written into the very first page of scripture where God invites us to make sure to keep proper Sabbath. When we are in a hurry we see little beyond our own agenda.

The positive side to haste and hurry is that they are, perhaps, the opposite of acedia. The driven-person who is always in a hurry at least isn't constantly struggling to get through the morning to the lunch hour. She always has a purpose. As well, haste and hurry can help make for a productive individual who is affirmed and admired for what he does, even as he is stepping over his own children to get to his workplace. I know this too: I get a lot of affirmation for my work, even as I have to admit that pressure and hurry prevent me much of the time from being a Good Samaritan.

Haste makes waste, so goes the saying. It also makes for a spiritual and a human blindness that can severely limit our compassion.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

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.
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
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

Donations Accepted at the School:
- Saturday, June 15: 9am – 2pm
- Mon - Wed, June 17 –19: 10am – 8pm
- Thursday, June 20: 10am - 6pm ONLY

NO DROP OFFS ACCEPTED FRIDAY, JUNE 21

We Will Not Be Able to Accept:
Any items if stained, torn or damaged including clothing, undergarments, linens, stuffed toys, furniture and rugs
- Items with missing pieces/parts • Console stereos, console TVs, electric organs, typewriters, trophies non-motorized treadmills, Nordic Tracks • Bikes not in working condition • Bed Frames or mattresses, traverse drapery rods • Encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines • Large appliances (stoves, microwave ovens, washers/dryers) or humidifiers • Large Artificial Christmas trees/stands • Skis/ski boots
- Computers 7 years or older, ANY moniter other than flat screen • Construction materials, kitchen cupboards, shutters, metal filing cabinets/desks
- Tires • Perishable/non-perishable food items

LARGE ITEM PICK-UP available on
Monday thru Thursday, June 17th -20th, thanks to our all-volunteer crew. To schedule call Marian Orth (708) 246-2160 or Connie Madden (708) 417-2012. Last day to request pick-up is June 15th. Donation receipts available.

Pick-up volunteers and vehicles are needed!
Call Connie Madden (708) 417-2012 to offer.

General Sale Questions: please call Garage Sale Co-Chairs Mary Beth White (708) 246-6339, or Laurie Klafta (708) 784-0667.

Thank you for your support!
~ The SJC Women’s Club
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

THURSDAY, June 27th
SJC BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER

FRIDAY, June 28th
August Son

SATURDAY, June 29th
Eleventh Hour

SUNDAY, June 30th
Just South of Heaven

SJC FEST
June 27th - June 30th
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE STILL NEED MORE HELP!!
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AFTER ALL MASSES
OR ONLINE AT
www.stjohnofthecross.org

MEGA PASSES
UNLIMITED RIDES FOR ALL 4 DAYS
$45 pre-sale / $60 at door
FOR SALE AFTER MASSES
6/8-9, 6/15-16, 6/22-23
Congratulations 8th Grade Graduates!
Best of Luck in High School!
Week at a Glance

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

**Tuesday, June 11**
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
6:30 p.m. Crossroads Work Tour Information

**Wednesday, June 12**
8:00 a.m. Smart Tuition Aide
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

**Thursday, June 13**
1:30 p.m. Creed Study
3:00 p.m. Battle of the Bands
7:00 p.m. Family Festival Meeting
7:00 p.m. Creed Study

**Friday, June 14**
9:30 a.m. Bridges

**Saturday, June 15**
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

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**Pray for Our Sick**

- Linda Drone
- 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
- Pam Wilson

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**Pray for Our Beloved Dead**

- Eileen Hans, mother of Ted and Grandmother of Rebecca, Teddy and Jenna
- Bob Ptacek
- Calvin Wright, stepfather of Paul Altman

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**Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass**
Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Summer Break!

Due to a lack of children in attendance, the Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass has been cancelled for the summer months. CLOW will still be available during the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses.

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, June 10**
7:45 James G. Clark; Bob Cosgrove

**Tuesday, June 11, St. Barnabas**
7:45 Bob Cosgrove; Catherine Pozen

**Wednesday, June 12**
7:45 John S. Piszczor; Philip Corboy

**Thursday, June 13, St. Anthony of Padua**
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Louis Trapp

**Friday, June 14**
7:45 Stephen Ryan; Margo & Johnny Hermes

**Saturday, June 15**
8:00 George Gallagher
5:00 George Gallagher; Dorothy Di Salvo

**Sunday, June 16, 11th Sunday Ordinary Time**
7:30 Terry Lutzen; George V. Gallagher
9:00 SJC & St. Thaddeus Parishioners
10:45 Gene Figliulo; Peter Glenn
5:00 Walter & Chester Cibula; Michael Neuman

**Italics—Living**

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**St. John of the Cross Parish**
would be honored to be remembered in your will and estate planning.

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**Trying to get in touch with us? More info is on our website:**

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- Fr. Filbert F. Ngwila, Associate Pastor
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Congratulations and Farewell to
Miss Zita Wheeler, Assistant Principal ~ 48 Years of Service
Mr. Tom Clausing, Assistant Principal ~ 11 Years of Service
Mrs. Diana Galaty, School Secretary ~ 24 Years of Service

Thank you for sharing your love of faith, education and children
with our parish school families!

As Assistant Principal, Miss Wheeler was in charge of daily
announcements and prayer at the start of each school day. After
leading the Prayer to St. Francis, Miss Wheeler would end morning
announcements by reminding everyone to “Have a peace filled
day.”

At the end of year Mass on June 5th, every student, teacher, staff
member and parent in church wore a special t-shirt with Miss
Wheeler’s picture on the front and her favorite saying on the back.

Thank you Zita for 48 wonderful years! We wish you many peace
filled and happy days in retirement!

The school faculty pictured at their end of the year luncheon on Thursday, June 6th. Seated in the center are Tom Clausing, Zita Wheeler, and Diana Galaty.