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Fr. Dowdle

Dear Parishioners,

How are your hips? As long as I’m asking, how are your ridges? I’m sure you will notice that both roofs of the church and the Parish Center are now trimmed in copper. The hips (the top of the peak sections, or the horizontal parts of the roof) and the ridges (which run along the sides nearest the windows and where the vertical parts of the roof sections meet) had been cedar shake. By using the copper we hope to better prevent water from getting under the shingles and damaging the felt under them, thus being able to further prolong the life of the roofs. I continue to be amazed that we are advised every year that both roofs have another 5-7 years in them. The school roofs are another story for another time.

Many of you have asked how I am doing, being alone while Fr. Filbert is in Tanzania for the month. The rectory has been a lot quieter for one thing. But because we have had so many generous retired and religious order priests help out, the number of masses that I have had has really not been an issue. (Some of the daily mass goers might even think I am the one who has been away!) By the time you read this I will have had six funerals (and concelebrated a seventh) this month, with Fr. Fil taking one the day he left and one that a visitor did for a total of eight funerals thus far in July. And the month is not over. Not knowing when funerals will come is where things begin to get a little difficult in scheduling visiting priests. They need to know their schedule ahead of time as well. By not having to do the daily Mass in addition to the funeral masses it has been more than manageable for me. I am so grateful to all the priests who have been able to help.

I have been able to take my day off and we have avoided families wanting a second funeral on the same day, so that part has worked out great. It all does give me pause when I think just a few years down the road. Will Fr. Filbert be the last associate here? There are other parishes of similar size as ours that have only one priest and that will inevitably be our reality one day. July is the least busy time of the entire year. What will this be like during the school year, the holiday season, or when the only priest wants to take some time off, much less a vacation?

Within five years these will no longer be theoretical questions. The priest shortage is just an idea until it hits your family’s needs or forces a change in your routine, much less affecting your convenience matching the parish schedule. In many ways, church leadership (local, national and world wide) has been asleep at the switch regarding the precipitous loss of priests. This year, in our archdiocese, a priest who has been ordained for one year has been made a pastor. That is not good for him and it is certainly not good for the people. Is SJC ready for that kind of staffing reality? What would it mean if my successor is ordained just a few years? What if English is the pastor’s second language? Would that make a difference? In what way?

The 6:30 a.m. weekday Mass is not coming back. How does this sound: daily Mass at St. Cletus Monday and Wednesday, St. Francis Tuesday and Friday and SJC Thursday and Saturday? Does that seem farfetched? It may have once upon a time but it no longer is, at least not to me. When there is only one priest in each parish that may very well be the schedule. What if we start to celebrate marriages the same way we do baptisms? What if marriages are only celebrated at Sunday Mass? Then what?

And that is just the sacramental schedule. What about parish governance? Priest numbers aren’t the only ones in decline. What if people come to Mass even less regularly than they are already doing? What if they are less generous? What do we keep, what do we let go?

These ideas may seem like idle speculation but in a very short time they will be brutal reality. Begin imagining a very different church and parish. One thing I can say definitely: it will not stay the same. That isn’t necessarily all bad. Being open to change will be a huge help to everyone. I don’t want to be a downer, but these have been some of my thoughts recently. The changes we have seen are nothing compared to what is coming. Hold tight to Jesus.

Peace,
Fr. David
St. John of the Cross Parish Identity Statement

We of St. John of the Cross Parish are disciples of Jesus who desire to further His mission. A caring community that cherishes our parish heritage, we generously share our varied gifts and resources with others. We live our Catholic Faith, celebrate the Sacraments, and pursue life-long religious education and formation opportunities that support us in being witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel.

Come, follow me...

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus?

Christian discipleship begins with vocation, the call to follow Jesus and imitate his way of life. At baptism Jesus calls us individually by name to a Christ-centered way of living: to do God’s will, to proclaim the Good News of salvation, to heal the afflicted, to care for one’s brothers and sisters, to give life—life to the full as Jesus did, to bring about the kingdom of God on earth.

A disciple is a learner and a companion of Jesus, open to the movement of the Spirit towards a gracious generosity of heart. The authentic disciple regards all he or she is and possesses as gifts and blessings and realizes the need to share those gifts and blessings with others for the sake of the kingdom of God.

Jesus tell his followers how to live in the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount. “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock...Everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand” (Mt 7:24, 26).

Teach me true generosity.

Prayer for Generosity
St. Ignatius of Loyola
Eternal Word, only begotten Son of God,
Teach me true generosity.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve.
To give without counting the cost,
To fight heedless of wounds,
To labor without seeking rest,
To sacrifice myself without thought of any reward
Save the knowledge that I have done your will.
Amen.

July 31 - the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Why go on the Beloved Retreat?

Friendship ~ Inspiring ~ Community ~ Accepting ~ Game Changer

Our lives are busy. Days are full. Leaving many of us wishing there were more hours in the day to fulfill everything we think we need to accomplish. We feel exhausted and empty. Going on a retreat can be a game changer, not only for our spiritual life, but for our everyday life. We have seen it in teens when they come back from Kairos. Some of us remember the experience of Christ Renews His Parish. We may desire renewal or a “reboot”, but can we afford to put aside the day-to-day responsibilities in our lives and take the time to retreat? Whatever stage we are in life, we may feel there is still more to experience. We might ask, “Is this all there is? How can I experience life in deeper way?”

Going on a retreat can allow you to step away from the frantic pace of work, school, TV, the internet, your kids activities, and the anxiety of the world and open your mind and heart to what should be central in your life. It can allow you the opportunity to breath in God’s words and experience them in a new way. Retreats are an ancient practice that have been around for many years for a reason. In the desert, Jesus spent 40 days in retreat praying and fasting to prepare for his ministry (Luke 4: 1-13). He invited His disciples into the desert on retreat as well (Mark 6:31).

Can we spend a weekend in retreat to prepare us to live a more fulfilled life?

"In my life, retreats have been time set aside to listen to God, who speaks in prayer, in silence and sometimes in the voices of others. At the Beloved Retreat, other people related stories about times God worked in their lives or spoke in their hearts. It was both encouraging and inspiring."

- Andrea Gagliani

“I had never gone on a retreat before and it didn’t seem like the right time to go on a retreat with a 4th grader and 3 year old twins at home. I went on the Beloved Retreat this past April and came away from the retreat with an amazing sense of peace and an overwhelming feeling that ‘I am enough’ and ‘I am loved by God unconditionally.’ The sense of community on the retreat was beautiful and something that I am looking forward to sharing at St. John of the Cross.”

-Tiffany White

Please consider joining us and prepare to call yourself Beloved.

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Please pick up a pamphlet at the exists of the church for more information and registration
Gospel Reflection & Meditation

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Most of us first learned to pray by saying prayers—meal prayers, bedtime prayer, the Guardian Angel prayer, the Our Father and Hail Mary. As we grow older and we come to know God better, however, there is always the risk that these “memorized prayers,” prayers known by heart and so familiar to us, might become rote. We could end up just “saying prayers.” The kind of prayer Jesus taught is prayer from the heart, a prayer of communion, a prayer of attentiveness to divine Presence, a prayer seeking God’s will. We cannot ask or seek or find if we are not sure of the presence of the Other. Praying—even saying familiar and much-loved memorized prayers—must bring us to divine encounter and to listen to God’s will for us. Prayer is the communion of Person with person. It is the utterance of spirit to Spirit. Of life to Life. The gospel says Jesus was “praying in a certain place.” We know that the Mount of Olives was one of his favorite places for prayer. Jesus had set times for prayer: before undertaking a mission, during ministry, early in the morning. Jesus also was constantly in communion with his Father; this is what we really wish to emulate: communion with God as abiding presence.

In this gospel Jesus instills confidence in his disciples that they will receive from God that for which they pray. He teaches them (and us) to pray for daily needs: the food we need to live, the forgiveness we need to grow in our relationships, the protection we need to remain faithful. Because of what we have already received (our daily needs), we are certain that God will give even more to those who ask: the Holy Spirit, a share in the plenitude of God’s very Life. Lord, teach us to pray!

Closing Prayers:

May we remain diligent in prayer, always seeking God’s presence in the Spirit.

May we come to the plenitude of the Life God offers us through abiding divine Presence.

Our Father . . .

For Reflection:

· The daily need I must pray for most diligently is . . .

· The prayers God has most surely answered for me are . . .

   In these “answers,” I have experienced the plenitude of God’s Life in that . . .

Readings for the Week

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“Peace of Mind” Is a Contradiction in Terms

“Beginner’s mind” is actually someone who’s not in their mind at all! They are people who can immediately experience the naked moment apart from filtering it through any mental categories. Such women and men are capable of simple presence to what is right in front of them without “thinking” about it too much. This must be what Jesus means by little children already being in the kingdom of God (Matthew 18:3-4). They don’t think much, they just experience the moment—good and bad. That teaching alone should have told us that Christianity was not supposed to be about believing doctrines and moralities. Children do not believe theologies or strive for moral certitudes. They respond vulnerably and openly to what is offered them moment by moment. This is pure presence, and is frankly much more demanding than securing ourselves with our judgments.

Presence cannot be easily defined. Presence can only be experienced. But I know this:

True presence to someone or something allows them or it to change me and influence me—before I try to change them or it!

Beginner’s mind is pure presence to each moment before I label it, critique it, categorize it, exclude it, or judge it up or down. That is a whole new way of thinking and living. It is the only mind that has the power to actually reform religion.

Adapted from Beginner’s Mind by Richard Rohr

We know that the full life of the Trinity is lived in our hearts. This means that Jesus Christ dwells in our hearts. His human consciousness is to be found within each one of us. The journey of prayer is simply to find the way to open our human consciousness to his human consciousness.

(John Main, The Hunger for Depth and Meaning)

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Last week we looked at welcoming our children as the individuals they are. This week we look at the complementary spiritual practice of being willing to let our children go. Letting go starts early: the first time we leave our child with a babysitter, child-care provider, or preschool teacher. And before you know it, they're driving on their own, heading off to a job, or going away to college. Letting go graciously—with trust in the goodness of God—can be a challenge for parents. Luckily, we can look to the example of God, our Father, who both welcomes us into life and, by the gift of free will, lets us go. We gain comfort knowing that, like God, our hearts are never far from the children we launch into life. —Tom McGrath

Heavenly Creator of the universe, we thank You for the children that You have entrusted to us. We want to cooperate with You fully in helping them grow into free and responsible persons and mature in the faith received at Baptism.

Grant us the grace to be able to guide them in the practice of virtue and the way of your commandments—by the good example of our lives, and by the loving observance of your law and that of your Church.

Most of all, however, guide them with your Spirit so that they may know the vocation You will for them and be open to genuine self-giving and true Christian love. Amen.

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Joseph Anthony, son of Joseph and Mary (Garritano) Malfeo
Eloise Joy, daughter of Russell and Melissa (Sereno) Meyers
Logan Thomas, son of Joel and Janet (Madura) Sandridge
Quinn Colleen, daughter of Colleen Whalen
Julian Salvador, son of Miguel and Patricia (Sosa) Garcia
Benjamin Lewis, son of James and Kathryn (Stubblefield) Johnson
Austin Tyler, son of Paul and Ellen (Sauser) King
Cecilia Rose, daughter of David and Margaret (Meaney) Yesko
Talia Milena, daughter of Vito and Andrea (Salamone) Mistretta

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

Baptisms Preparation Meeting
Thursday, August 1st

The next Baptism preparation meeting will be held Thursday evening, August 1 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Godparents as well as new babies are most welcome to attend with parents. Please call the Parish Center if you are coming or if you have any questions.
CALENDAR EVENTS:
July 30 OLPH final pre-trip mtg 7 p.m.
Aug 1-4 Kairos 14 retreat
Aug 8-13 Pilgrimage trip to OLPH to help celebrate their 50th anniversary
Aug. 16 Parent BBQ 6 p.m.
Aug 18 Speaker Mike Patin provides training 9 a.m. for adults, noon for teen leaders
Aug. 25 DOS mtg 10-11:30 a.m.

LEADERSHIP ROLES AVAILABLE on Fall Ministry Teams:
- to welcome our newest high schoolers during their Freshmen Experience for the fall semester!
- to lead our confirmation candidates on their Day of the Spirit Retreat Day Saturday Oct. 26th.

PRAYER REQUESTS:
- For the teens & adults celebrating Mass with Pope Francis at World Youth Days in Rio and with Cardinal Francis at WYD Midwest—that their positive energy, spirit and faith is send forth across the world as they return home
- For summer travel of families over the coming weeks—that the time away is enriching, bonding, energizing and renewing
- For the K14 retreat weekend starting Thursday—that all involved are open to the Holy Spirit as they doubt, cry, trust, live in this new community of faith!

INTRODUCING:

Please welcome Steve Foody as our new Recruiting & Marketing Assistant! As a Crossroads alum and lifetime parishioner he brings a wealth of knowledge of our ministry. His efforts will help us build our ministry stronger under our new strategic plan. Keep an eye out for him around the parish center & at Crossroads kick-off events!

CROSSROADS REGISTRATION FOR FALL IS COMING SOON!
A email will be sent to all incoming freshmen in the next week so stay tuned!

LEADERSHIP ROLES AVAILABLE on Fall Ministry Teams: Spots open for both teens & adults:
- to welcome our newest high schoolers during their Freshmen Experience for the fall semester!
- to lead our confirmation candidates on their Day of the Spirit Retreat Day Saturday Oct. 26th.

Details can be found on our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/descriptions
Contact Katie Hayes at 708-246-4404
khayes@stjohnofthecross.org or Christopher Zurowski
teen retreat coordinator, 708-724-0419
Parish News

Love in a Jar

One of our student receptionists gets special gift jars ready for pick up by parish ministers of care for our homebound parishioners. Made by parish children in Vacation Bible School, each jar has a homemade note signed by the child tied to it and is filled with candies and snacks.

Buddy's Place of Pillars is a family-based grief support program for children ages 4-18 who have experienced the death of someone important in their lives. Buddy's Place offers children and their surviving parent(s) a safe and supportive group where they can express their grief and learn coping skills with others who have experienced similar losses.

Buddy's Place is looking for volunteers to help support grieving children and their families in a variety of ways, including Greeters and Group Facilitators. The required 24 hour training is scheduled for August 5, 7, 9, and 14 from 12:00pm-6:00pm in LaGrange. If you are interested, please contact Kelly Huggins, Buddy's Place Director, at 708.995.3750 or at buddysplace@pillarscommunity.org.

Summer Basketball Camp
July 29-August 2
For all boys and girls entering Grades 3-8
More information go to school website.

Are you an unemployed or underemployed homeowner struggling to keep your home?

In the past 2 years over 9,000 families have been helped through the Illinois Hardest Hit Program, a foreclosure prevention resource funded by the US Department of the Treasury, which temporarily assists homeowners struggling to maintain their home while they work to regain employment and financial stability. Because federal funds are almost exhausted, the Illinois Housing Development Authority will accept applications only through September 30, 2013.

Go to www.keepyourhomeillinois.org for more information or 1-855-KEEP-411 toll free.

Thank you for being so very thoughtful…

Dear SJC Parishioners,

Once again I take advantage of the opportunity to keep in touch with you with a word of thanks for your July “Sharing” check for $700.

Thank you for being an important part of our mission and ministry among the people of the Appalachian area.

We are busy preparing for our August 11th celebration of 50 years as a parish. And we look forward to the installation of our new pastor, Fr. Jesuraj, by the bishop during the Mass that day.

We continue to keep you in our prayer. Please keep us in yours.

Sr. Margie and Sr. Joyce

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On Whining and Weeping

Carl Rogers once suggested that what's most private within us is also most universal. His belief was that many of the private feelings that we would be ashamed to admit in public are, ironically, the very feelings which, if expressed, would resonate most deeply inside the experience of others.

But this isn't always true in terms of our tears. Sometimes our private tears are only that, private tears, tears which are ours alone and which don't resonate with the feelings of others but rather cause them an unhealthy discomfort. Why don't all of our tears draw empathy?

Because not all tears are alike; there's a difference between weeping and whining. The former is healthy, the latter isn't.

Weeping is healthy. It's a wholesome expression in the face of loss. Moreover, when we weep we are giving expression to a sorrow that speaks not just of some private loss and pain, but somehow too of that same sadness within the entire world. The loss we are mourning may seem a private thing, like the death of a loved one, but, if the focus of our grief is on the one lost rather than on ourselves, our weeping is essentially empathic. Our deep sadness then mourns a universal condition and connects us more deeply to the world, where death and loss spare no one. Everyone, ultimately, carries that same sadness.

Whining, on the other hand, is mostly self-pity. Unlike weeping, its focus is not on what has been lost to tragedy but is primarily upon ourselves, our hurt, and our plea for sympathy. To whine is to hold a private wound up for public viewing in order to look for sympathy, like a child showing a bruised knee to his mother. We can feel sorry of a bruised child, the propriety there is not offensive, but the scenario is not nearly as palatable when we are adults.

We cry tears for different reasons and we cry tears in different ways. In all tears, the question is: "Whom am I crying for, for someone else or for myself? What is causing my tears, sympathy for someone, sympathy for something, or self-pity?"

That's not an easy question to answer because our tears are invariably a mix of both altruism and selfishness. Rarely are our tears pure, without self-pity, like the tears that Jesus wept over Jerusalem or the ones Mary wept under the cross of Jesus. Our tears can indict us just as much as they can exhibit empathy. For instance, Therese of Lisieux suggests that when we cry tears over a broken heart it is generally because we were seeking ourselves, rather than the other, inside that relationship. The tears are real, but they're hardly noble. In a similar vein, Antoine Vergote, the renowned psychologist, suggests that the tears we cry when we feel guilty about doing something wrong are generally tears of self-pity rather than a sign of actual contrition. True contrition, he contends, evokes something else inside of us, sorrow. What distinguishes sorrow from guilt is that, in sorrow, we weep because something we've done has hurt someone else. With tears of guilt, we're crying because we're feeling badly.

The difference between whining and weeping is often seen too in their aesthetics. Whining is invariably exhibitionistic, over-sentimental, and causes discomfort to those witnessing it. It fails to keep a respectful aesthetic distance. In essence, it's bad art! We've all experienced this at times, at a funeral perhaps, where, however tragic or sad the occasion, someone's tears were simply so raw and so exhibitionistic that we experienced them as somehow violating proper propriety. We felt uncomfortable for the person shedding those tears.

We experience this occasionally too to a lesser extent in bad popular art, where, in some song or film or novel, the sadness expressed is simply too raw, too sentimental, or too juvenile to leave us a safe space within which to view it and digest it. Again, the fault is in the aesthetics, bad propriety. Bad art leaves us wanting to shield our eyes so as not to embarrass someone else or it leaves us feeling like we have ingested too much sugar. That's a second feature of whining; beyond being self-pitying, it's bad art.

And so we need to be careful about the tears we shed in public and the frustrations we express out loud. Of course, none of our tears are pure, we're always crying too for ourselves. The same is true for our protests; there's always some self-interest involved. But, with that being admitted, we should strive to do more weeping and less whining, that is, to insure that when we express sadness or indignation in public our tears and our anger are expressing more empathy than self-pity.

Carl Rogers is right: What's most private inside us is also what's most universal. That's true too for our deep sadness, for our chronic heartaches, for a good number of our frustrations, and for many of the tears we cry. But it's less true for our whining.

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.
Calling all Young Adults in their 20’s and 30’s Married or Single:

Theology-on-Tap is a free summer speaker series for Young Adults in their 20’s and 30’s (married or single). All the talks occur in a casual environment with time for socializing, learning and sharing. Light refreshments will be provided. Please join us each week to learn more about our Catholic faith and ourselves.

Fr. Terry Keehan 7/31/13 from 7-9PM
Reconciliation & Eucharist: Two Fascinating Fonts of God’s Desire to Connect With Us
Fr. Terry Keehan is the Pastor of Holy Family parish in Inverness. He has led retreats, missions and workshops nationally with a special focus on young adult issues, and responding to God’s call in life. He always speaks from the heart with great enthusiasm.

Fr. Paul Novak 8/7/13 from 7-9PM
Letting Go & Letting God: A Catholic Strategy for Getting Free?
Fr. Paul Novak, O.S.M., who was ordained a Servite priest in 1990, currently is president of De La Salle Institute High School. Additionally, he currently assists at Old St. Patrick’s Church. He will help us to understand that we don’t have to hold onto our baggage.

No need to RSVP, Just Come ~ Friends Welcome

Youth Catechesis

Our children are in need of adults and high school teens that are willing to make a difference in their lives!

Here at YC, we have so many opportunities for you to get involved and positively affect a child’s faith life.

- Mentor a child as they walk in faith
- Keep our youth safe while they are in classroom
- Help in the office with preparing crafts and activities
- Help during class times monitoring halls and tracking attendance
- Aide the Teacher in the classroom
- Teach children about how much Jesus loves them!

Call us and find out more!

If you love your neighbor as yourself, you will give generously if he is in need (James 2:14-17)

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@sjcross.org * 708-246-6760 * www.stjohnofthecross.org/yc
Summer Hours
Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
This Week at SJC

Monday, July 29
9:30 a.m. Senior Planning Committee Meeting
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation Group
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Wednesday, July 31
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, August 1
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class

Saturday, August 3
8:00 a.m. Gora & Maier Families; Roche Williams
5:00 p.m. George Gallagher; Tom Brown

Sunday, August 4, 18th Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Holy Cross (Uganda) & SJC Parishioners
9:00 a.m. Jeannine Navigato; Gene Miley
10:45 a.m. Anthony Jacyno; John Barron
5:00 p.m. William Sturgeon; Helen Hutton

Wedding Banns
Courtney Odelson & Joe Dynes
Nicholas Wroblewski & Kacie Shuba

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
Norma B. Duffy, mother of Linda, Kevin & Tom
Virginia Terrell, mother of Mark and Cindy
Ed Veome, brother-in-law of Carol Hojnar

Pray for Our Sick
Kat Egan
Melissa Morrissey Eldredge
Bernadine Gordus
John Gottlick
Karen Hult
Barbara Jacob
Allison Kazragis
Shirley Kazragis
Joe & Rosie King
Fr. William Mannion
Baby Maddie Mayer

Jay Meehan
Vickie McNally
Harry Milani
Baby Meghan Hope Pacyna
Rick Reimer
Teresa Schaefer
Charles Sugrue
Guy Thomas
Mary Catherine Warren
Pam Wilson

Mass Intentions
Monday, July 29, St. Martha
7:45 a.m. Catherine Pozen; Roche Williams

Tuesday, July 30, St. Peter Chrysologus
7:45 a.m. Alice & Al Sobey; Jack McDonnell

Wednesday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola
7:45 a.m. Jeanette & Joseph Young; Chester Kowal

Thursday, August 1, St. Alphonsus
7:45 a.m. Frank A. Piszczor; Bob Cosgrove

Friday, August 2, St. Eusebius
7:45 a.m. Tony Adolf; Bob Cosgrove; Joanna Beluch

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“Ask and you shall receive: seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.”
Believe and act on Jesus’ promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God’s will.
(Luke 11: 1-13)

If you have ever considered a vocation to the priesthood, contact Fr. Francis Bitterman, fbitterman@archicago.org or at 312-534-8298, or go to www.ChicagoPriest.com. For information on religious life contact Sr. Elyse Ramirez, OP at 312-534-5240 or eramirez@archchicago.org, and for the Permanent Diaconate program contact Deacon Bob Puhala at 847-837-4562 or bpuhala@usml.edu

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WE WEEDED - WE PLANTED
WE MULCHED - WE WATERED

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THAT HELPED!

THE CLEAN-UP CREW
Joyce and Randy Ferrari
Sandra Waunn and Jim Strafaci
Jan Grabacki
Carrie Shurhay
Brooke Shurhay (Our Littlest Angel)
Lucy Sulentic
Katie Lohnes
Kellan Stanner
Auden Conyers
Ian Zindel
Corbin Chube
Peter Goldman
Katie Goldman
Sarah Grier
Yahaira Cortina
Yulisa Castro
Antoinette Castro
Gina Barajas

THE PLANTERS-WEEDERS-WATERERS
Sandra Waunn
Joyce Ferrari
Jan Grabacki
Charlene Sprague
Mary Kay Shukis
Marianne Johnson
Carrie Shurhay
Alice Leuffgen
Karen Lipinski
Diane LaForte

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Joyce and Randy Ferrari
Dave and Jan Grabacki
Katie Pruitt
Marianne Johnson
Kevin Foody
Linda Dolezal
Nancy Polacek