We of St. John of the Cross Catholic 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 proclamers of the Gospel.

MASS SCHEDULE
Monday-Friday: 7:45am
Saturday: 8:00am and 5:00pm Anticipation
Sunday: 7:30am
9:00am
10:45am
12:15pm
5:00pm

CONFESSIONS
Saturdays following morning Mass

IF WE HAVE DIED WITH THE LORD, WE SHALL ALSO LIVE WITH THE LORD; IF WE ARE FAITHFUL TO THE END, WE SHALL ALSO REIGN WITH THE LORD.

OCTOBER 13, 2013
28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Remembering All Those Who Have Gone Before Us

November is the Month of All Souls

The origins of the solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, November 2) are connected. From the beginnings of the Church, Christians have cherished the memory of those martyred for the faith and those who lived a life of virtue as icons of Jesus Christ. The martyrs and saints became venerated as disciples and imitators of Christ. All the saints are celebrated each year on November 1; however, most Christian traditions of honoring the dead are linked with All Souls Day on November 2. On this day, we remember our own loved ones who have gone before us in faith. These tributes extend beyond the day itself and last through the month of November, the Month of All Souls.

Please join us on Saturday, November 2nd at 11:15 a.m. to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Our liturgy will commemorate parishioners and loved ones who have died during the past year. As the names of all deceased are read aloud, families will be invited to light a votive candle as we prayerfully remember them. After Mass, our bereavement ministers and priests will gather in the community room of church to share hospitality.
Become Involved in Liturgy

If you have never served as a liturgical minister, this is your invitation! Just as ministers serve the community, the ministry serves the minister. There are so many parts of the Mass that provide for spiritual growth and a wonderful sense of community working together. Call Jim Clauer if you have any questions—x137.

New Communion Minister Training
Sunday, October 13, 2:30 p.m.

Adults and high school teens who have a sincere love and appreciation for God’s gift of the Eucharist are welcome to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ during weekday and Sunday Masses. In addition to the desire to serve, Extraordinary Ministers must be baptized Catholics who have received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation, must go through training and be free to receive the sacrament and not restrained though a marriage situation. Training Sessions are held in church. No need to register, just come!

New Lector Training
Sunday, October 20, 2:30p.m.

Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass. This ministry is open to all adults and high school youth, who have a sincere love for the Word Of God contained in scripture, have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of confirmation, and who preferably possess good reading skills and a clear speaking voice.

Ushers Needed at All Masses

Ushers, Ministers of Hospitality, are men or women of high school age or above willing to give their time during liturgies to help others attending Mass. This includes welcoming and guiding people to their seats before Mass, at communion time, taking up the collection and aiding the handicapped or anyone taken ill. Parishioners interested in joining this ministry are welcome and needed, particularly at the 12:15 p.m. Mass.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 10:45am Sunday Mass. Preparation materials and training are provided. Please help us to continue to offer this ministry. The commitment is only once a month but the reward is great! Please call Megan O’Brien at 708-784-0732.

Programs at SJC

Seasons of Hope
meets for six consecutive weeks.
Any parishioner who is mourning a loss is encouraged to attend.
Please join us on
Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. through November 14th
St. John of the Cross Rectory

Our Lord assured us that those who mourn are blessed, and that they shall be comforted. Seasons of Hope offers the bereaved an opportunity to come together to share in God’s love. With the support of the faith community, we can give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth. Seasons of Hope sessions help us explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. Seasons of Hope is centered on Jesus Christ and grounded in the healing wisdom, traditions, and practices of the Catholic Church.

Fellow parishioner and educator, Kathleen Broderick, and Fr. David team up to lead this intimate grief support group for adults who have experienced loss of any kind. There is no charge to attend.

Even though this group began last Thursday, you are still invited to join us this week. To register, contact Kathleen at 708-246-1165 or kathleen.broderick@yahoo.com.

Bible Study on the Old Testament Book of Ruth

The Wednesday morning Bible study group will begin a four-week study of the Book of Ruth on Wednesday, October 23rd. This short book of the Old Testament tells the story of the Moabite woman who became the great grandmother of Israel’s King David. In its description of the way that faith in God spreads in a loving family environment and of the divine reward for filial piety, it is as relevant in our day as it was for the Israelites who recorded it. The Wednesday Bible study group meets in room 6 of the Parish Center from 9:30am until 11:30am. The cost of the workbook is $10. All are welcome to join!

Please contact Madonna Muscarello at 630-325-7990 with any questions or to order study materials.
This Sunday's Readings

First Reading 2 Kings 5:14-17
Naaman is cleansed of his leprosy and chooses to serve the God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
Rejoice! The salvation of God is made known to all.

Second Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-13
Those who remain faithful to Christ will share Christ's glory.

Gospel Reading Luke 17:11-19
Jesus heals 10 lepers, and one, the Samaritan, returns to give thanks.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we hear about how Jesus, continuing on his journey to Jerusalem, heals 10 lepers. This story is a lesson about faith and reminds us that faith is sometimes found in unlikely places. Ten people afflicted with leprosy cry out to Jesus. Struck with pity, Jesus heals all 10. However, only one is described as glorifying God and returning to thank Jesus. The one who returns is a Samaritan, a foreigner. In the Jewish circles in which Jesus lived, Samaritans were looked down upon because of the differences between the two communities in their observance of Judaism. It is significant, therefore, that Jesus commends the Samaritan for his faith, which has been his salvation. Throughout Luke’s Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with gratitude. Throughout Luke’s Gospel, faith is found in surprising places. Another lesson for us in this Gospel has to do with salvation. All 10 of the lepers were given the gift of healing, but in his gratitude to God for this gift, the Samaritan found salvation. Our salvation is found in recognizing the gifts we have been given and knowing to whom we must offer our thanks.

Theme: We are Eucharistic people. We live in praise and thanksgiving.

Richard Rohr Meditation

The soul has many secrets. They are only revealed to those who want them, and are never completely forced upon us. One of the best-kept secrets, and yet one hidden in plain sight, is that the way up is the way down. Or, if you prefer, the way down is the way up.

In Scripture, we see that the wrestling and wounding of Jacob are necessary for Jacob to become Israel (Genesis 32:26-32), and the death and resurrection of Jesus are necessary to create Christianity. The loss and renewal pattern is so constant and ubiquitous that it should hardly be called a secret at all.

Yet it is still a secret, probably because we do not want to see it. We do not want to embark on a further journey (the second half of life) if it feels like going down, especially after having put so much sound and fury into going up (the first half of life). This is surely the first and primary reason why many people never get to the fullness of their own lives.

Finding a passage in the Bible

Bible passages are identified by book, chapter, and verse, for example, Ex 3:1-4. The name of the book comes first. It is often in abbreviated form. Your Bible’s table of contents will help you determine what the abbreviation means. For example, Ex stands for Exodus. After the name of the book, there are two numbers. The first one identifies the chapter, which in our example is chapter three; it is followed by a colon. The second number identifies the verse or verses, which in our example are verses one to four.

Readings for the Week

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Stewardship of Prayer

A Refresher on the Bible

The Bible is not just one book; it is a collection of many books. The writings in the Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit and written by many different authors using different styles.

The Bible is made up of two parts: The Old Testament and the New Testament. The Old Testament contains 46 books that tell stories about the Jewish people and their faith in God before Jesus was born.

The first five books of the Old Testament—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy—are referred to as the Torah, meaning “instruction” or “law.” The central story in the Torah is the Exodus, the liberation of the Hebrew slaves as Moses led them out of Egypt and to the Promised Land. During the journey God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and the people.

A beautiful part of the Old Testament is the Book of Psalms. A psalm is a prayer in the form of a poem. Each psalm expresses an aspect, or feature, of the depth of human emotion. Over several centuries 150 psalms were gathered to form the Book of Psalms. They were once sung at the Temple in Jerusalem, and they have been used in the public worship of the Church since its beginning. Catholics also pray the Psalms as part of their private prayer and reflection.

The prophets were called by God to speak for him and urge the Jewish people to be faithful to the Covenant. A large part—18 books—of the Old Testament presents the messages and actions of the prophets.

The New Testament contains 27 books that tell the story of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection and the experience of the early Christians. For Christians the most important books of the New Testament are the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Many of the 27 books are letters written by leaders such as Saint Paul.

Praying with Scripture

There are two easy ways to pray with Scripture. One is called in Latin, Lectio Divina, (Holy Reading) and the other is Gospel Contemplation. Next week we will focus on Contemplation.

Lectio Divina

This method of prayer goes back to the early monastic tradition. There were not bibles for everyone and not everyone knew how to read. So the monks gathered in chapel to hear a member of the community reading from the scripture. In this exercise they were taught and encouraged to listen with their hearts because it was the Word of God that they were hearing.

When a person wants to use Lectio Divina as a prayer form today, the method is very simple. When one is a beginner, it is better to choose a passage from one of the Gospels, usually ten or fifteen verses. Some people who regularly engage in this method of prayer choose the Gospel for the Mass of the day as suggested by the Catholic Church.

First one goes to a quiet place and recalls that one is about to listen to the Word of God. Then one reads the scripture passage aloud to let oneself hear the words with his or her own ears. When one finishes reading, pause and recall if some word or phrase stood out or something touched one’s heart. If so, pause and savor the insight, feeling, or understanding. Then go back and read the passage again because it will have a fuller meaning. Pause again and note what happened. If one wants to dialogue with God or Jesus in response to the word, one should follow the prompting of one’s heart. This kind of reflective listening allows the Holy Spirit to deepen awareness of God’s taking the initiative to speak with us.

Lectio Divina can also be an effective form for group prayer. After a passage is read, there can be some extended silence for each person to savor what he or she has heard, particularly noting whether any word or phrase became a special focus of attention. Sometimes groups invite members, if they so desire, to share out loud the word or phrase that struck them. This is done without discussion. Then a different person from the group would read the passage again with a pause for silence. Different emphases might be suggested after each reading: What gift does this passage lead me to ask from the Lord? What does this passage call me to do? The prayer can be concluded with an Our Father.

Whether one prays individually or in a group, Lectio Divina is a flexible and easy way to pray. One first listens, notes what is given and responds in a way one is directed by the Holy Spirit.

Praying with Scripture By Douglas J. Leonhardt, SJ - See more at: http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-what-how-why-of-prayer/praying-with-scripture/#sthash.1bevvDr0.dpuf

Let sleep find you holding your Bible, and when your head nods let it be resting on a sacred page. St. Jerome
Finding God in Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches

When I was in school, especially high school and college, my focus was on building a career. I envisioned myself dressed for success in a well-cut business suit and smart leather shoes, carrying a briefcase filled with important papers, and presiding over meetings where very important issues were discussed. An alternate vision of the future was that I would become a modern-day St. Francis, humbly and happily devoting myself to the wretched and neglected of the world while unassumingly working my way to sainthood. I spent little to no time envisioning rushed mornings in my pajamas, hair wild and unbrushed, pouring cereal into bowls and orange juice into glasses, finding socks and clean shirts, and spreading peanut butter and jelly on 16 slices of bread.

What's that expression? We plan and God laughs. Somehow, in the multiplication of days that turned into a life and a lifestyle, I had to let go of what I thought I wanted out of life and not only accept but rejoice in the life God had given me. Instead of business suits and heels, most of my days are spent in tennis shoes, jeans, and a sweatshirt. Instead of presiding over meetings attended by others dressed in the professional corporate uniform, I supervise homework, transfer endless piles of laundry from the washer to the dryer, and make sandwiches.

God's Invitation in the Everyday

This letting-go of what my plans were, of what I thought of as my mission, was far from easy. I remember reading with some skepticism what St. Therese of Lisieux wrote about holiness being achieved in the little things of life. St. Ignatius of Loyola wrote often of finding God in everything. Everything? Even peanut butter and jelly sandwiches?

Well, yes. I have discovered over the years that sacramental moments are to be found everywhere. As I spread the peanut butter and jelly over eight sandwiches for my four children, I pray that I am not giving them just something to swallow at lunch during their hectic days at school. I pray that they recognize the love and care that envelops them always, in the ordinary moments and in the anxious moments. I make sure I am there at the door when they leave for school, to be sent off with a hug and a kiss and a have a good day. It still amazes me that every day they thank me for lunch, even if it is just an ordinary PB & J.

It is in these simple but loving exchanges that we are invited to see the presence of God in our lives. God is everywhere in everything. It is our mission to find him.

Julianne B. McCullagh is Director of Family Life Ministry at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Lewisville, Texas. She writes the weekly column The Family Life Corner.

Write a family prayer of thanksgiving. Have each member contribute by telling at least one thing for which they are thankful. Pray this prayer at mealtime each night this week.
Crossroads Family

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Oct 19  Kickball North Lawn 3:30pm
Oct 20  Home Group Meetings &
        Freshmen Experience PC 6-7:30pm
For a complete calendar of Crossroad events
for the year go to
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/events

CROSSROADS REGISTRATION IS
CLOSING SOON!
REGISTER AT
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads

Crossroads Basketball sign up

Be a part of the great tradition
of SJC Crossroads basketball.
Registration for Crossroads members begins
Tuesday, October 15th. Non-member
registration begins October 22nd.
Visit our website at
http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/sports/
to register.

“Teamwork is the ability to work together
toward a common vision, to direct individual
accomplishment toward organizational
objectives, and it is the fuel that allows
common people to attain uncommon
results.” Andrew Carnegie

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Youth Catechesis

YC classes in full swing!

7th Grade
Commitment Ceremony
Tuesday, October 22nd
6:30 pm in the Church

YC Schedule
Classes K-6  10:15-11:30am  Sunday, Oct 20, 27
          6:15-7:30pm  Monday, Oct 21, 28
FFC       Noon-1:30 pm  Sunday, November 3
Jr Hi Groups On campus  either Oct 20 or 21
Special Needs

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@sjcross.org * 708-246-6760
www.stjohnofthecross.org/yc
Monday thru Thursday 8:30am- 4:00pm

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Family Faith Connections Gathering!

Special needs children teaching Fr. Fil active prayers!

Special Needs Confirmation Commitment Ceremony ~ the five Candidates celebrated with Fr. Fil and their families!

Kindergarten Parent Welcome

Family Faith Connections Gathering!

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Outreach

From Holy Cross Mission Center
Dear Friends,
Thank you for your most recent gift of $1,000.00 to Holy Cross Mission Center for Holy Cross Parish, Bugembe — your “twin” parish. We are so grateful for your continued loyalty and support.

Here at Notre Dame, it is September and the students are back in class. It’s hard to believe that we had our first football game his past Saturday. The summer is virtually gone…

We still have a number of missionaries here for their “home visits”, but soon others too will be leaving to return to their ministries around the world. God’s Kingdom is a busy one, helped along with the generosity of benefactors such as you.

May He increase your blessings a hundred-fold, and may you always know that you are remembered in our prayers of thanksgiving for being such an important part of our ministry to spread the Good News!

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Rev. Leonard Olobo, CSC

Interfaith Community Network
What You Don’t Know You Don’t Know About Social Media
Come and hear Abby Kohut, who is educating a million job seekers on how to secure satisfying employment. Do you really know how recruiters are using social media to find you? Social media can help you accelerate past your competition and stand out in the crowd, but only if you REALLY know how to use the tools effectively. In this program, you will learn how to update your profiles so recruiters will ACTUALLY find you, where recruiters post jobs and why, the reason why groups are critical to your success (and which groups you should join,) and how to find and get introduced to a hiring manager or recruiter. Thursday, Oct. 17, 7-9pm at St. Cletus Education Building, 700 West 55th Street, La Grange. Look for the ICN sign outside and enter the school building at the flag pole entrance, door 3.

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Tuesday, October 15, 7-9pm First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 Ashland Ave. HR professionals will coach you about successful phone and in-person interviews plus provide tips on how to recover from interviewing blunders.

Annual Mass Supporting People With Mental Illnesses, Families, Friends, And Mental Healthcare Providers.
Mental Illnesses, such as depression, bi-polar disease, schizophrenia, anxiety disorders and others touch one in four families. Stigma is the misinformation about these illnesses that keeps people from seeking help and keeps people from helping. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping.

Mass will start at 2 pm on October 27th at St Gertrude Church, 1420 West Granville, Chicago. (Granville is 6200 North, and the church is 4 blocks west of Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.) Refreshments and fellowship will follow after Mass.

For more information contact Deacon Tom Lambert 773-525-0453x21 / email:olmcinfo2@aol.com; or Deacon Dan Welter 312-534-8283/ email:dwelter@archchicago.org; or Faith & Fellowship 708-383-9276/ email:faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

Sponsored by:
Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness/ Office of Disabilities  Faith and Fellowship

Join us for The Port Ministries Fall Harvest of Hope Celebration
Enjoy a cornucopia of food, fun and fellowship.

Sunday, November 3, 12pm to 4pm
115 Bourbon Street
3359 W. 115th Street
Merrionette Park, IL  60803
Silent Auctions, Gift Baskets and Prize Drawings.
Tickets prior to event:
$30 adults, $15 child
At the door: $40 adults, $20 child

Please help spread the word – bring your friends, bring your family, bring your neighbors, your business associates and share it with your employees, members or congregation. This celebration is an open, all-inclusive event – share with everyone – young and old. This will be an afternoon of food, fun, fellowship, and fundraising to help The Port Ministries continue their mission to serve the poor.
To purchase tickets, call 773-778-5955.

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Supplies for Kolbe House
Kolbe House is in need of men's undershirts and boxers. All sizes, S-XXL, new or gently used, will be gratefully received. (Please no boxer briefs or briefs!) Toiletries, travel or regular sized, are also needed: Shampoo, soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, deodorant and razors are appreciated. Items can be placed in one of the Kolbe House boxes in the church or at the Parish Center. Thank you for supporting those who have recently been released from prison and are trying to make a fresh start.

St. Thaddeus Visit
Our Sharing Parish, St. Thaddeus, will celebrate with us at our Sunday 5pm Mass on October 27th. Please mark your calendar and join us for this special Mass.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Knows NO Boundaries: The SFX Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry invites you to a Mass of healing and prayer at: St. Francis Xavier Parish in LaGrange on Tuesday, October 15 at 7:00pm. Share the experience of a parishioner who overcame Domestic Violence.

The Lord has revealed to his nations his saving power. Psalm 98

We aren’t trying to rush the season…..but our orders must be in!

Boy Scout Troop 117 will be taking orders for Christmas wreaths today after all the Masses. Wreath orders must be received by October 30. Delivery will be made November 23.

Go to our parish website for a look at the handcrafted wreaths, decorations and order form. Order forms can also be found at church exits and the parish center office. For your convenience, you can buy after Mass~ or buy online ~ or drop your order in an envelope at the parish office. Thanks for your support!
Many of us, I suspect, have heard snippets of an interview that Pope Francis did for a series of Jesuit publications, including the USA magazine, America, where, among other things, he suggested that we might be wise to not always emphasize the moral issues around abortion, gay marriage, and contraception in our conversations. That's, of course, the phrase that most caught the attention of the media, but the whole interview is remarkable for its candor and includes a whole range of thoughts that help give us a sense of how Francis intends to color his papacy. Here are a few of his thoughts, in his own words:

· On why our pastoral focus needs to be on healing and not on reiterating certain moral concerns

"I see clearly that the thing the Church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask an injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the levels of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about something else. ... During the return flight from Rio de Janeiro I said that if a homosexual person is of good will and is in search of God, I am no one to judge. By saying this, I said what the catechism says. Religion has the right to express its opinion in the service of the people, but God in creation has set us free: it is not possible to interfere spiritually in the life of a person. A person once asked me, in a provocative manner, if I approved of homosexuality. I replied with another question: 'Tell me: when God looks at a gay person, does he endorse the existence of this person with love, or reject and condemn this person?' ... I also consider the situation of a woman with a failed marriage in her past and who also had an abortion. Then this woman remarries, and is now happy and has five children. That abortion in her past weighs heavily on her conscience and she sincerely regrets it. She would like to move forward in her Christian life. What is the confessor to do? We cannot insist only on issues related to abortion, gay marriage and the use of contraceptive methods. This is not possible. I have not spoken much about these things, and I have been reprimanded for that. But when we speak about these issues, we have to talk about them in context. The teaching of the Church, for that matter, is clear and I am a son of the Church, but it is not necessary to talk about these issues all the time."

· On women in the Church

"Women are asking deep questions that must be addressed. ... We must therefore investigate further the role of women in the Church. ... The challenge today is this: to think about the specific place of women also in those places where the authority of the Church is exercised for various areas of the Church."

· On what it means to think with the Church

"All the faithful, considered as a whole, are infallible in matters of belief, and the people display this infallibility in believing, through a supernatural sense of the faith of all the people walking together. This is what I understand today as 'thinking with the Church'. ... We should not even think, therefore, that 'thinking with the Church' means only thinking with the hierarchy of the Church."

· On manifesting a wide Catholicity

"This Church with which we should be thinking is the home of all, not a small chapel that can hold only a small group of selected people. We must not reduce the bosom of the universal Church to a nest protecting mediocrity.

· On Benedict's decision to allow a wider use of the Tridentine Mass

"I think the decision was prudent and motivated by the desire to help people who have this sensitivity. What is worrying, though, is the risk of the ideologization of the Vetus Ordo [the decree authorizing a limited use of the Latin Mass], to its exploitation."

· On the temptation to defensively circle the wagons in face of a growing secularity

"If the Christian is a restorationist, a legalist, if he wants everything clear and safe, then he will find nothing. Tradition and memory of the past must help us to have the courage to open up new areas to God. Those who today always look for disciplinarian solutions, those who long for an exaggerated doctrinal 'security', those who stubbornly try to recover a past that no longer exists - they have a static and inner-directed view of things. In this way faith becomes an ideology among other ideologies. ... It is amazing to see the denunciations of lack of orthodoxy that come to Rome."

Perhaps it's best not to add much commentary to this. His words speak for themselves and, obviously, for him.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
Women’s Club News

Holy Yoga!
Wednesday, October 23rd
7:00 pm Parish Center
This is a free event! Please bring a yoga mat!

Holy Yoga is experiential worship specifically created to deepen your connection to Christ. The sole purpose is to combine world class yoga with a Christ honoring experience that offers an opportunity to authentically connect with God. We do this by integrating God’s Word, prayer, worship and the physical practice of yoga to contemporary and Christian music. Session will be led by Sue Bidstrup, R-HYI. All are welcome!

SJC WOMEN'S CLUB
ANNUAL COAT DRIVE
To benefit St. Vincent De Paul
Help keep others warm this winter!
October 11 - November 1
Drop boxes are located at the Parish Center, school and in the Church narthex
For more information contact Colleen Pabst at mahoney5674@yahoo.com or Amanda Collins at aj_collins03@yahoo.com
Thank you for your support!

Parish School Annual Book Fair
October 22 & 23 during school hours beginning at 9:30 a.m.
in the Parish Center
Gift the child or grandchild in your life with a new book.
This Week at SJC

Monday, October 14, No School, Columbus Day
10:30 a.m. Christian Meditation Step 11
1:00 p.m. Little Rock Scripture Study
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, October 15
9:05 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
1:00 p.m. Sacraments Study
3:45 p.m. Altar Server Training
7:00 p.m. Sacraments Study
7:00 p.m. School Board
7:00 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, October 16
9:00 a.m. Fr. Bonin Reflection
9:30 a.m. Bible Study 3
11:30 a.m. Ladies Bridge
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, October 17
9:30 a.m. Mom’s Club
6:30 p.m. Seasons of Hope Grief Support
7:00 p.m. Preschool Father’s Night
7:00 p.m. Women’s Club Meeting
7:00 p.m. Promise Pre-Can, Learning Center
7:00 p.m. Crossroads DOS Meeting

Friday, October 18
3:45 p.m. Altar Server Training
3:00 p.m. Beloved Spiritual Advisory Committee

Saturday, October 19
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
3:00 p.m. Beloved Spiritual Advisory Committee

Sunday, October 20
6:00 p.m. Crossroads Freshman Experience

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 14, St. Callistus I
7:45 George J. Zurowski; Joseph Santagata

Tuesday, October 15, St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin
7:45 William Egan; John Gallagher

Wednesday, October 16, St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Brian Donovan

Thursday, October 17, St. Ignatius of Antioch
7:45 Arlene Bishop; Jerry Fazznoglio

Friday, October 18, St. Luke
7:45 Francesco Brotto; Ralph Knoernschild

Saturday, October 19, St. John de Brébeuf
8:00 Gloria Oechsel; Franklin Smith
5:00 Roy Cook; Gene Harris

Sunday, October 20, 29th Sunday Ordinary Time
7:30 O’Connell Family; Fr. William Mannion
9:00 Victor & Pauline Kotleba; Steve Ryan
10:45 John Philbin;
Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Ky) & SJC Parishioners
12:15 Esther Zwierzyna; Joseph Rejsek
5:00 Marilyn Greven; Leonard Mancione

Italics—Living

Pray for our Sick

Dale Alm
Vickie McNally

John Casey
Jay Meehan

Paul Cervony
Baby Meghan Hope Pacyna

Terry Cosgrove
Lisa Miller

Terry Cullen
Marion Pascale

William Dwyer
Bob Pietras

Melissa Morrissey Eldredge
James Reilly

Bernadine Gordus
Rick Reimer

Sally Hawkins
Dan Santucci

Barbara Jacob
Teresa Schaefer

Dee Kennedy
Charles Sugrue

Kelly Kennedy
Guy Thomas

John LaValle
Baby Kameron Walters

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