Called to be Holy through Prayer, Service & Sharing
to Build Up the Kingdom of God.
Presentation of the Lord
February 2, 2014
Dear Parishioners,

Regrettably, I need to tell you that Fr. Filbert has made a decision to leave St. John of the Cross. As many of you know he has been in Africa the last two weeks on a previously scheduled vacation. Prior to leaving for vacation, however, he came to this very difficult decision. Upon his return he has been assigned to Fr. Larry Duris, pastor of St. Ailbe parish, effective immediately.

Fr. Filbert has done wonderful work with the RCIA, the Ministers of Care and the Baptismal Preparation ministry. You have welcomed him into your homes and your lives. I have gotten wonderful feedback about his ministry at funerals and in the confessional. School children and students in our YC program have enjoyed the time he has been able to visit them. He will be missed.

When we all have had more time to absorb the consequences of this turn of events, a discussion about a parish our size having only one priest will have to take place.

In the meantime, please keep Fr. Filbert in your prayers as he makes this transition. As I am sure you do as well, I wish him nothing but the best.

St. Ailbe’s address is: 9015 S. Harper Avenue, Chicago, IL, 60619. The telephone is 773. 374.2345.

Peace,
Fr. David

The theme of this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal is—You are the temple of God. We are God’s temple when, in his name and with his grace we serve others and stand for justice, reconciliation, truth, and respect for all life. Our sharing through the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to sustain Catholic schools, parishes, programs of religious education and support ministries to children, youth and adults in economically disadvantaged communities in our archdiocese, the recruitment, education and formation of lay ministers and deacons and for continuing education and ongoing spiritual formation of priests. Through your generosity the Appeal is also able to serve people in need worldwide, without regard for religious affiliation whose lives are devastated by illness, wars, famines and natural disasters through Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your support of the 2014 Annual Catholic Appeal.

St. Blaise: While serving as Bishop of Sebastea, in Armenia, Saint Blaise was a visible witness of the Gospel, which eventually led to his martyrdom during the persecutions of Diocletian. His feast day is commemorated with a blessing of the throats because legend says that he cured a young boy choking on a fish bone. Blessing of the throats will take place Monday, February 3 at the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Mass Intentions: An important part of our Catholic tradition is to pray for those who have died. Requests that a particular loved one be remembered at Mass can be arranged at the Parish Center Office. Sympathy cards are available if you wish to notify the family that a Mass will be offered at our parish. Occasionally people will request that a Mass be said for the living on an anniversary or birthday. A Mass intention stipend of $10 is requested. The 2015 Mass Book is now open for intentions.
St. John of the Cross Parish is proud to be co-sponsoring this program with The Well. The fee is waived for our parishioners. Just call the Parish Center to register.

Terry Nelson Johnson who has spoken at our parish before is a SJC favorite. He holds a Masters from Loyola University Institute of Pastoral Studies and a Doctorate of Ministry from University of St. Mary of the Lake. Dr. Nelson Johnson is the author and leader of the acclaimed Beloved Retreat.

“OH COME ON! - COME OUT AND PLAY!”
(The Spirituality of Fun)
Saturday, February 8: 9am-Noon
at The Well, LaGrange Park
Facilitator: Terry Nelson Johnson

We tend to relegate play to the realms of childhood or those with too much time on their hands. Nothing could be further from the truth!
To play is to explore, tease and challenge our perceived limits.
To play is to access energy and take intentional risks.
To play is to remember that participation trumps production.
To play is to remember that laughter is healing and courageous and liberating.
To play is to be free to perceive ourselves, someone else or some reality from an alternative perspective—to be free to re-imagine.
To play is to enter into Holy Communion with Jesus - Player Par Excellence.
So with respect to your marriage; your health, body, sexuality; your job, vocation or lack of employment; with respect to your divorce; your retirement, your parents, siblings, children; your soul, your church, your world, your God. . .

Terry Nelson Johnson invites us to Come Out and Play!

Cost $30
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Discuss with the family the persons of Simeon and Anna as they meet Jesus. (Luke 2: 25–40)

Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as “a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.”

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know. Used with permission. ©Loyola Press

Let us pray for the grace to help build a world that values each person and respects the variety of gifts and talents each person has to offer.

Saint Blaise: February 3rd

If you are already familiar with St. Blaise, it is probably because of the blessing of throats—a Catholic custom on his feast. According to tradition, Blaise had been a doctor before he was ordained a priest. He became the bishop of Sebaste (now in central Turkey). During a period of persecution, he fled to a cave where he lived as a hermit. It is said that he cured and tamed the wild animals there. One day hunters discovered him and took him to the governor, who sentenced him to be tortured and killed.

About four hundred years after his death, many stories began to be told about Blaise, and he became a popular saint, especially in France and Germany. One legend says that while Blaise was in prison, a mother brought him her small boy, who was choking on a fishbone stuck in his throat. Blaise prayed over the child, and he was healed. Every year on St. Blaise's feast, two candles tied with ribbon in the shape of an X are used to bless throats. In the prayer the Church prays that those blessed may be delivered from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. Candles are used because of another story: It is said that while Blaise was kept in a dark prison, a woman secretly brought him some candles and food.

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Lifelong Catechesis

First Reading Malachi 3:1–4
The Lord you seek will come to the temple.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 24:7,8,9,10
The Lord is the king of glory.

Second Reading
Hebrews 2:14–18
Jesus became like us in order to save us.

Gospel Reading
Simeon recognizes the infant Jesus as the promised Messiah.

Background on the Gospel
Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke’s Gospel is to show that God’s promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles.

Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn Son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God’s rule in Israel.

Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Savior, a “light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

Rituals are momentous reminders of the transformations completed and paths still to come. In today’s Gospel, the ritual of presentation, in which Jesus is fully given his name happens and his identity is fully recognized by the wise prophet, Simeon and prophetess, Anna. Both had waited their whole lives to have God’s promises fulfilled. They seemed to hold a sacred space and gave due blessing in the ritual of presenting Jesus to his Jewish faith.

Who knows your identity so fully that they present your life and richness back to you; or remind you of your true self when you have forgotten? Gift each of them with some form of thanks this week. Similarly, which young person in your life can you choose to unceasingly pray for to grow into their identity in God. Start a quiet prayer journey for them.

The Messiah, the “light for revelation to the Gentiles,” we await is already here. The Holy Spirit opens our eyes to see this Light present here and now in our daily living. The more we recognize this Light, the brighter it becomes. Even more, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we become this Light for all the world when we make clear how we live Gospel values, help another see salvation in the midst of suffering, and make visible Jesus’ healing, forgiveness and compassion in our relationships.

God who sends the Light of the world to dwell among us, fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may recognize the presence of Christ and make his presence known to others. Living Liturgy 2014
Can You Hear Me?  
While listening takes as much skill as talking and it’s just as big a part of communicating, it’s something most of us have not been well schooled to do.

We were taught something about trying to make ourselves understood when communicating, but nothing about opening ourselves to receiving messages from others with as little judgment as possible.

Here are some “how-to’s” for listening techniques:

- **Mirror back what you’ve just heard.** “So you think we should give our money away and move to Chile?” Listening to what you thought you heard may enable your partner to clarify the original message.

- **Paraphrase.** “So you mean that you think we should give up what we have to help others?” Paraphrasing helps both of you figure out whether you have gotten the message straight from the original speaker.

- **Summarize.** “Let’s see if I have this straight. You’re tired of working in a dead end job and you’d rather do something that is more meaningful. Is that it? Have I understood?” See if you can put together a brief summary of what you think you heard and how you understand it.

  It’s impossible to respond appropriately unless you’re responding to what was said and unless you pin down the intention behind the words. This takes a lot of discipline, but it pays off when you’re able to act in a way that gives you a bit of emotional distance. Families have different ways of processing information too, so learning how to really hear your spouse may be like learning a foreign language. Be patient with yourself and forgive yourself if you make a mistake. And by the way, be patient with your spouse too!

(John Main, From Anxiety to Peace)

Richard Rohr Meditation

By teaching “Do not judge” (Matthew 7:1), the great teachers are saying that you cannot start seeing or understanding anything if you start with “no.” You have to start with a “yes” of basic acceptance, which means not too quickly labeling, analyzing, or categorizing things as in or out, good or bad, up or down. You have to leave the field open, a field in which God and grace can move. Ego leads with “no” whereas soul leads with “yes.”

The ego seems to strengthen itself by constriction, by being against things; and it feels loss or fear when it opens up. “No” always comes easier than “yes,” and a deep, conscious “yes” is the work of freedom and grace. So the soul lives by expansion instead of constriction. Spiritual teachers want you to live by positive action, an open field, and studied understanding, and not by resistance, knee-jerk reactions, or defensiveness, and so they always say something like “Do not judge,” as judging is merely a control mechanism.

Words and thoughts are invariably dualistic, but pure experience is always non-dualistic. You cannot really experience reality with the judgmental mind, because you are dividing the moment before you give yourself to it. The judgmental mind prevents you from being present to the full moment by trying to “divide and conquer.” Instead, you end up dividing yourself and being conquered.

Letting go of your past and plans you enter the present moment, where the now of God's infinite love flows in your mind and heart with a power greater than the mightiest river or waterfall in the world. (John Main, In the Beginning)
To study Psalms is to study prayer, ultimately to enter into prayer. Through video and discussion our study will challenge participants to reflect on their own prayer and life experiences. Psalms I focuses on a selection of twenty-eight psalms divided into three categories: psalms of descriptive praise, psalms of trust or confidence, and wisdom psalms. Psalms of descriptive praise, also known as hymns, praise God for his ongoing, regular care of the world and humanity. Psalms of trust or confidence reinforce the belief that the God who made and loves us will protect us in difficult situations. Wisdom psalms are an acknowledgment of God’s justice in the right ordering of human affairs.

If you would like to attend, please contact Roberta Gilbert for more information. Study materials are $15.
beritageorge@gmail.com

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word at SJC**

Each Sunday at the 9am and 10:45am Masses, children in kindergarten through 3rd grade can attend our Children’s Liturgy of the Word sessions in the church community room during the readings and homily time. The children’s readings, prayers, and discussion are all geared for kids to understand and participate. Leaders are needed at the 10:45 Mass. Training is provided. Call Megan O’Brien to learn more. 708-784-0732.

**... a child shall lead them**

Last Saturday 25 parish children participated in a Family Faith Program designed for our littlest angels aged 2-5 years old which focused on the sacrament of Baptism. The next sessions will be on Saturday morning, April 5 and May 17. Mark your calendar!
Home Group Leader Invite
Our Home Group Leaders met last week to pray, learn and discuss our ministry serving our parish teens. If you heard our request the past few weeks and considered joining this amazing team, DO NOT LET the whisper of God’s invitation fade away. Contact Mary Stadler, home group coordinator, to get further details so that next time we have a need you’ll be ready to say Yes!
708-246-3838 stadler2@hotmail.com

Laser Tag Night: Feb. 9
Crossroads is heading to Laser Tag Next Sunday Feb 9th!
Forms online at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/social/ Due this Thursday, 2-6-14. Call Sean Thomas, social teen coordinator, with any questions at 630-254-4358

CROSSROADS CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Feb. 6 Sign up for laser tag due
Feb. 8 Work Tour Sign-ups due
Feb. 9 Update Meeting, Laser Tag outing, Home Group Mtgs
Feb. 22 First Work Tour Formation Mtg
Feb. 23 Home Group Meetings
March 7 Fish Fry

Can’t wait to wear your shorts & t-shirts?
Plan for summer faith & service opportunities where you’ll see your teen smile & enjoy!

It’s Time to Plan Summer Activities for your Teen
Crossroads has five amazing opportunities to engage our teenagers in faith and service. All teens are welcome—spots will fill so check out the work tour & conference packet at:
www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/worktour
The DEADLINE IS NEXT FRIDAY Feb. 8th to ensure you have all the details to join formation & fundraising.
These trips can be affordable for anyone if you join in our fundraising efforts.

Quotes from past attendees:
I learned a great deal from listening to others share their stories and ideas during reflection time.
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I saw God in the dedication of the people who we worked with. —Adult
My favorite part of the YLC was hanging out with my friends while getting closer to my religion and God. —Male 15 youth

2 SJC teens at work at our Sharing Parish, OLPH in Kentucky last summer.

SJC teens attended the Youth Leadership Conference last summer.
Enjoy your Super Bowl Sunday events today!
And thank you to all our families who donated non-perishable food to our SOUPER Bowl Sunday Drive.

The wonderful and unique focus of this event is helping those in need in our area. Nothing we collect, or any monetary donation, goes to souperbowl.org. Everything stays local. We report our success to souperbowl.org, but the donations get distributed to the charity of the Council’s choice. This year once again, the Council donates the collection from Sunday, February 2nd to St. Cletus Food Pantry in LaGrange Park. All foods donated on Monday, February 3rd goes to Catholic Charities in Cicero. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that are helping today and tomorrow sort and deliver all the donated items!

The YC Council hosted this year’s SOUPER Bowl Sunday Food Drive.

Topics you will cover in this course:
• Mission and Vision of Catechesis
• Readiness to Receive the Message
  • Catechetical Methods
  • Classroom Management
• Open to all Volunteers who teach our faith!

Register TODAY with the Youth Catechesis Office at 708-246-6760 or yc@sjcross.org

Fostering Faith courses are open to all adults seeking to further their knowledge of the Catholic faith. This workshop is offered at NO COST to you, courtesy of the Burlington Cluster Churches. This course can lead to certification with the Office of Catechesis and Youth Ministry. Workshop will be located in the Parish Center.

Youth Catechesis Office
yc@sjcross.org * 708-246-6760
www.stjohnofthecross.org/yc
Monday thru Thursday 8:30am- 4:00pm (Sun & Mon eve during class)
Catholic Schools Week has been a tradition in our schools for forty years. Last week, our students enjoyed Spirit Day activities as they played volleyball games with the faculty and had friendly competitions between classes. Our teachers and staff were treated to a wonderful lunch provided to them by our Parent Association. We had numerous new families come through our building for our Open House. Because of the snow days, we are extending the celebration into the coming week. On Monday, join us for our all school liturgy. A volunteer reception to follow. On Tuesday our eighth graders will hold their annual, “Invention Convention.”

Mrs. Gorman and our staff and students wish to thank the families, parishioners, and friends who helped make our week special. We appreciate the time you spent learning about our community of faith, knowledge, and service that St. John of the Cross Parish School provides for our students and parents.

This Week at SJC
Monday, February 3, 2014  All School Liturgy  9:15 a.m.  Church
Tuesday, February 4, 2014  Volunteer Reception  10:00 a.m.  Parish Center
Invention Convention  All Day  School
Parent Association Meeting  9:00 a.m.  Parish Center
Thursday, February 6, 2014  Parent Teacher Conferences
Confirmation Practice  6:15 -9:15 p.m.  Church
Friday, February 7, 2014  No School  Parent Teacher Conferences
Confirmation  7:00 p.m.  Church
Saturday, February 8, 2014  Confirmation  10:00 a.m. & 2 p.m.  Church
Outreach

Upcoming Interfaith Career Network Programs

New Year—New Job: A 5-week Career Transition Workshop offered on 5 Tuesday evenings beginning February 4 from 7-9 at First Presbyterian Church (Westminster Hall) in La Grange. Learn how to mentally prepare for your job search, how to access your skills and quantify your accomplishments, how to craft your elevator speech, the keys to successful Networking, how to prepare for phone and onsite interviews and how to get the job if you are over 50 or re-entering the workforce.

From College to Career: A Job Search Workshop for college students and recent grads. Thursday, February 6 from 7-9 pm at SJC Parish Center. Learn how to attract hiring managers, recruiters and executive search firms. Learn how to develop a strategy and market yourself for success in today’s challenging job market.

Thank You from Our Sharing Parish…

Dear Parishioners,

We gratefully received your monthly sharing parish contribution of $1,000. It is a true blessing to us here at St. Mark. I can not tell you how much I really appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Once again, we are grateful to Cathy Laskey and everyone at St. John’s. You were our angels this Christmas Season. Your gifts provided our families with the resources to obtain Christmas meals, clothes, toys, games, etc.

Speaking of angels, Bill Bright continues to collaborate and to advocate for St. Mark’s Food Pantry and for our families. Also, Shawn Sweeney and other SJC parishioners continue to bring food for our families and community distributed at our Food Pantry.

It is because of your continuous support that we are able to carry our mission here at St. Mark Parish.

Thank you,
Rev. Bolivar Molina, St. Mark Parish Administrator

An Invitation from St. Thaddeus Parish

We, the parishioners of St. Jude Thaddeus Church, extend to St. John of the Cross Parish our heartfelt invitation to share our Black History Month Celebration. We would love have you join us on February 23. Our Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. and we welcome any and all to join us for our Black History Month Celebration. We will have refreshments after the Mass. We are so looking forward to sharing this day with you.

If you are interested in going to St. Thaddeus Parish, please contact Bill Bright at the Parish Center, 708-246-4404 x130.

Volunteer Opportunities

Have some spare time on your hands? Thinking of a place that can use your help? Like working with people? Catholic Charities West Regional Office is looking for volunteers to help better serve our clients.

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities

Help unload food deliveries on Wednesday’s 11:00am and 3:30pm.
Greet individuals and families, pack food bags on Thursday’s 1:30pm -6:30pm.
Greet visitors and answer the telephone weekdays, between noon and 1:00 p.m.

Child Care Assistance Volunteer Opportunity

Catholic Charities’ New Hope Apartments program is looking for childcare assistance on Thursday, February 13 from 5:30-6:30pm at their Cicero location. New Hope Apartments is a program that assists families in becoming self-sufficient. While the children are being cared for during this hour, the clients will be attending a group meeting to enhance and discuss various topics to support their families.

All volunteer opportunities are located at 1400 South Austin Blvd. If you would like to volunteer for any of these opportunities, please call Maricela Gomez at 708-329-4023 or email mgomez@catholiccharities.net.

During the month of February, our Food Collection in the church narthex will be delivered to our neighboring parish’s food pantry, St. Francis Xavier Parish in LaGrange. Please bring some non-perishable food items with you when you come to Mass. Your help makes all the difference in the lives of those living in poverty right in our community. Thank you!
Sunday Afternoon with Fr. Ken Baker
Hi Friends!
I just wanted you to be the first to hear that I will be giving a concert soon! An Afternoon with Ken Baker & Friends will take place on Sunday afternoon, March 30, 2014 at 4:00pm at The Reber Center at Lyons Township High School, North Campus. This concert is a benefit for St. Cletus Parish Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Capital Campaign. Tickets are $20 in advance or $25 at the door and based on availability. Since there is only one performance, order your tickets early! Please visit my website at www.kenbakersings.com for all the details. I hope you can join me! Fr. Ken
Holiness, Wholeness, and Depression

External appearances can easily fool us, and often do. That's true in every area of human life, and religion is no exception.

Some years ago, I lived in a seminary for nearly two years with a young seminarian who, by all outward appearances, appeared to be the ideal candidate for priesthood and ministry. Intelligent, conscientious, prayerful, strongly committed to his studies, and with a deep concern for the poor, he seemed above the more mundane and secular concerns of his peers. He wasn't interested in drinking beer, arguing football, gossiping, making small talk, or wasting time with the other seminarians. While these other things were going on, he was normally found in either the chapel, the library, or at this desk, busy about more serious things. Moreover, he was always courteous and polite to a fault, no harsh words, bitter slang, or salacious jokes issued from his mouth. He did all the right things.

But none of us living with him confused him with a saint. He was a sincere young man but not a particularly happy one. Why not? Because, while externally he was doing everything right, what radiated from his person was not life but depression. His entry into a room had the effect of draining some energy from the room. He was doing everything right, but his energy wasn't right. The other seminarians, for all their mundane interests, were perceptive and good-hearted enough to recognize that he needed help and would play the Good Samaritan, taking turns sitting beside him at table, hoping to cheer him up a little. The seminary rector too recognized a problem and sent him to a psychologist who told the young man that he was on the edges of a clinical depression and that he would be well-advised to leave the seminary, at least for a while. The young man did leave seminary, eventually regained his health, and is today a man who brings a robust energy into a room.

This is not an uncommon example. One of the struggles we perennially face with religious discernment is that it's easy to mistake depression for sanctity, sentimentality for piety, rigidity for orthodoxy, narrow sectarianism for loyalty, repressed sexuality for wholeness, and denial of one's complexity for stability. Depression can look like sanctity because the person within its grip will appear to be free from the normal urges that come from our more-earthy passions. Sentimentality invariably gravitates towards piety and dresses itself as devotion. Rigidity invariably cloaks itself as an overzealous concern for truth and orthodoxy, just as narrow sectarianism forever presents itself as fierce loyalty, and repressed sexuality and denial of one's complexity, especially one's sexual complexity, take on the guise of wholeness and stability.

Depression, sentimentality, fearfulness, rigidity, sectarianism, repression, and denial like to hide behind nobler things.

I say this sympathetically. None of us are free from these struggles. But, with that being confessed, we shouldn't be fooled by false sanctity. Depression, sentimentality, fearfulness, narrowness, rigidity, and repression drain the energy from a room. Real sanctity, piety, orthodoxy, loyalty, wholeness, and stability bring energy into a room and don't make you swallow hard and feel guilty because your own blood is filled with a more robust energy. The presence of real sanctity sets you free and gives you permission to feel good about your humanity, no matter how red your blood. Real sanctity attracts and radiates life; it doesn't unconsciously beg you to play the Good Samaritan to cheer it up.

We see this, for example, in Mother Teresa. As we now know from her diaries, she spent the last sixty years of her life in a deep, painful dark night of the soul. During the last sixty years of her life she was struggling interiorly for consolation, yet everything about her radiated the opposite. She filled a room with energy. She lit up a room like a powerful light bulb. She wasn't just doing all the right things; she was radiating a life-giving energy.

And that is how, in the end, we need to discern genuine sanctity, genuine piety, genuine orthodoxy, genuine loyalty, and genuine wholeness from their false guises. Genuine sanctity brings energy into a room, depression drains it from a room; genuine piety, like a beautiful icon, attracts you, sentimentality makes you uncomfortable, wanting to shield your eyes; genuine orthodoxy makes you want to embrace the whole world, rigidity makes you fearful and petty; genuine loyalty has you standing up for your loved ones, narrow sectarianism makes you a bigot; genuine wholeness has already faced the dark chaos of your human and sexual complexity, repression and denial make you huddle in fear before those dark corners.

There's a double challenge in this: First, as this pertains to our own lives, we must be more honest and courageous in facing our own chaos and recognize our perpetual propensity to disguise our weaknesses as virtues. Second, we need, as the poet, William Stafford, puts it, to make sure that we are not following the wrong star home.

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2013 in Review

... A child shall lead them

Christmas Eve 2013
This Week at SJC

Monday, February 3
10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
1:00 p.m. Little Rock Bible Study
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
5:30 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
6:30 p.m. Play Auditions
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

Tuesday, February 4
9:00 a.m. Respect Life Office
9:05 a.m. Rosary
9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
7:00 p.m. RCIA
7:00 p.m. Archdiocese CRHP Director Training
7:00 p.m. YC Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 5
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, February 6
9:00 a.m. Flourish
9:30 a.m. Moms Club
3:30 p.m. Brownies
6:30 p.m. Play Auditions
7:00 p.m. Career Networking

Friday, February 7
3:30 p.m. Daisy Scouts
7:00 p.m. Confirmation

Saturday, February 8
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
10:00 a.m. Confirmation
2:00 p.m. Confirmation

Sunday, February 9
10:00 a.m. Teen Advisory Meeting
4:00 p.m. BEDS

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord
Marion Koerner, mother of Greg
grandmother of Molly, Patrick, Megan and Grace

Avariella Cotto, daughter of Adam & Kim
great granddaughter of Gloria Tepavchevich

Mae Geraldine Goodyear, mother of Pam Falotico
and Linda Sweeney

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 3, Ss. Blaise and Ansgar
7:45 John Penicook; O’Malley & Madigan Families

Tuesday, February 4
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Robert McNulty

Wednesday, February 5, St. Agatha
7:45 Robert McNulty; Michael Cardamone

Thursday, February 6, St. Paul Miki
7:45 John Spalo; Markey Foley Ringwood

Friday, February 7
7:45 Howard Hague, Jr.; John Pusinelli

Saturday, February 8, Ss. Jerome & Josephine Bahkita
8:00 Roger Kallal; Anthony Sweeney
5:00 Robert Plechaty; Laura Stark

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 Rita O’Carroll; Roseanne Hasler
9:00 Elizabeth Wilson; Barbara Rovtar
10:45 Billy White; George Jakicic
12:15 Peter J. Barber; John Catherine Fitzpatrick
5:00 Peter Mangele and Kevin Flynn; Virginia McVickers

Italics—Living

May the Lord bless us and keep us! May the Lord let his face shine upon us, and be gracious to us! May the Lord look upon us kindly and give us peace! Amen.

Pray for our Sick

| Frank Accardi | Lee Lepinske | James Reilly |
| Mitch Allen  | Josephine    | Rick Reimer |
| Paul Cervony | McNamara     | Teresa Schaefer |
| William Dwyer| Fr. William  | John Shea |
| Melissa Morrissey | Mannion | Guy Thomas |
| Eldredge      | Mary Ann Matsysik | Baby Kameron |
| Audra Frolik  | Vickie McNally| Walters |
| Mark Giangrande| Jay Meehan  | Mary Catherine |
| Maria Hanson  | John Munch   | Warren |
| Karen Hult    | Nancy Olin   | Pam Wilson |
| Barbara Jacob | Susan Olson  | Eleanor |
| Dee Kennedy   | Marion Pascale| Zarnowiecki |
| Rosie King    | Bob Pietras  | |

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Name: _________________________________________________________________

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