Called to be Holy through Prayer, Service & Sharing to Build Up the Kingdom of God.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
Sunday, April 20, 2014
Alleluia! Filled with Easter Joy! Alleluia!

I have risen, and I am with you still, Alleluia!
To him be glory and power for all the ages of eternity.

In the Easter Gospel from John today, after finding the tomb empty a startled, bewildered Mary of Magdala ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple that Jesus loved, and exclaimed “They have taken the Lord from the tomb and we don’t know where they put him.” Over time Jesus’ followers begin to realize that God has raised Jesus from the dead. He is alive! He is risen!

Jesus is indeed alive! He is still present and among us. He is alive in the Eucharist we celebrate; alive in the hungry whom we feed; alive in the gathering of two or more in his name. Mary of Magdala sadly does not know where they have put the Lord in the Gospel story from long ago, but today we do know exactly where our Lord is: in our hearts, in our words, in our love and care that we share when we reach out to the least of these. The risen Christ is present in our world through us. Filled with Easter joy we know that Christ is risen!

We welcome everyone joining us at Mass today, especially new parishioners, out of town visitors and college students home on break. Whether you come to Mass at St. John of the Cross Parish every week or are able to join us just on occasion, your presence and participation are important to us. Our parish is here to help you live our Catholic faith, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to support you in being a witness and proclaimer of the Gospel.

At St. John of the Cross we invite everyone to experience the vibrant Catholic spirituality of our parish! We are a faith community fueled by the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of many generous people who gather to pray, to learn, to serve, and be Christ to others. Members of all ages take advantage of a myriad of education and formation opportunities, and outreach and social activities that support each of us in our mission to imitate him and proclaim Easter to the world.

This special Easter bulletin provides an overview of our parish for newcomers. We invite you to join our parish, call it your spiritual home, and to become involved. For those who are already parishioners, I encourage you to look over the pages, enjoy the photos, and perhaps note areas to which you can share your unique talents. Be sure to note the dates of our wonderful Parish Fest on your summer calendar so you and your family can be part of the fun. Please feel free to pass this copy on to a friend or neighbor who might be seeking more. Invite them to join us at Mass. Contact any one of our Pastoral Staff members or Elizabeth Russell-Jones, our Welcome Coordinator, to learn more about getting involved at SJC!

Happy Easter!
Rev. David P. Dowdle
Pastor
Filled with the joy of our Easter Alleluia, we ask God’s blessing on the newest members of our Church!

Christopher Ing
Baptized and completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation)

Christie Kenny
Baptized and completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation)

Keith Knight
received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation)

Brett Padgett
received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation)

Christopher Walters
received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation)

Bob Peterson
received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church (Profession of Faith, Eucharist and Confirmation)

Katie Broderick
Received Confirmation
Who is St. John of the Cross Parish?

Who We Are
Identity Statement
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 proclaimers of the Gospel.

Vision
St. John of the Cross Parish is a vibrant, caring, Catholic faith community, responding to the dynamic movement of the Holy Spirit and living the Gospel call to right relationship with God, each other, and all creation.

Our Mission
Thus, guided by the words of St. John of the Cross, “In the evening of life we will be examined in love,” our mission is to love as Christ loved and to proclaim the Good News. Therefore, we will:

- Celebrate Eucharistic liturgies that enliven our spirits
- Be a welcoming community, who calls forth the gifts of each person
- Engage in life-long formation that calls us to convert our hearts
  - Share the teachings of our Catholic faith
  - Value relationships and expand outreach
- Advocate for the social justice teachings of the Catholic Church

To support this mission, we will communicate effectively, promote lay leadership and collaborative models of governance, and faithfully steward our time, talent and treasure.
What makes SJC different?

We are a faith community fueled by the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment of many generous people who gather to pray, to learn, to serve, and be Christ to others. You will find our liturgies to be fulfilling, insightful and full of inspirational, engaging music. Our parish also offers a myriad of excellent education and creative formation opportunities, compassionate outreach and inclusive social activities that support each of us in focusing our lives in Christ. In fact, all that we do, our prayer, service and sharing, is grounded in our desire to follow the mission of Jesus.

We invite you to explore our beautiful campus, from Sunday Mass in our newly refurbished church, to the Garden of Mary which is home to our beautiful marble statue of the Blessed Mother. Our parish office is located in our Parish Center which is open daily for meetings and activities and where you will find our helpful staff welcoming and ready to serve you.

When moving to the area we wanted a parish that was welcoming and offered our family an opportunity to not only practice, but grow in our faith. St. John of the Cross was a perfect fit for us.

I think the best testimony as to the parish’s impact on our family, comes from our son feeling that this was the only place he wanted to be married. Growing up, SJC was his spiritual home having received all his sacraments here, and he wanted this sacrament to be here as well. His wife was very eager to share the sacrament of marriage in his “home” parish.

Fr. David Dowdle our Pastor
What does SJC offer for adults?

The St. John of the Cross Parish faith community recognizes that God is the origin of all life and the giver of all that we have and are, the source of our freedom and giftedness. In gratitude we respond through prayer, service and sharing, working to embrace stewardship as a way of life. Being open to learning at all ages and stages of our faith lives, adults take part in many education and formation programs, prayer and service opportunities and social activities that foster spiritual growth, nurture our relationship with Jesus and support our efforts to be his disciples.

From our Beloved Retreat to Christian meditation to small group studies to efforts that support Catholic parents to traditional devotionals, adults have plethora of opportunities that will energize, inspire and strengthen them as the Body of Christ.

The Beloved weekend experience was very nurturing and spiritually energizing for me. I left believing again in the goodness and Godliness that surrounds us every day.

My involvement in Christian meditation has made me more peaceful, compassionate with myself and others and encourages me to live in the present moment.

Before our second child was baptized, we attended a Baptism Preparation Program with other “experienced” parents. We are grateful that we went as we learned many new ideas that we can use to strengthen our role as parents and first teachers of our Catholic faith. We also loved meeting new couples.

Participating in Flourish Women’s Faith Sharing & Bible Study has strengthened my faith and hunger for God. It was worth taking the time out of my busy life for myself each week. It continues to be a gift to me and I enjoy connecting spiritually with our women in our parish. P.S. I loved the Holy Yoga class.

Being involved with SJC’s Music Ministry has made me a more active and intimate participant in the Mass and in my faith. It is a great gift I give to myself.
What makes our parish school stand out?

St. John of the Cross Parish School is a Blue Ribbon Award winning school that strives to provide a safe and dynamic Catholic environment where faith is nourished and knowledge grows. We offer challenging education experiences that foster success, promote unity and respect the individuality of each student. Our school prides itself on multi-generational Catholic traditions and achievement, which empowers our students to live the Good News.

With over 650 students in preschool through 8th grade, our school provides a progressive and challenging curriculum utilizing advanced technologies that prepare our students to excel in high school studies and beyond. A positive attitude toward learning and respect for themselves and others rooted in our faith as well as a dynamic parent-school partnership contributes to the success experienced by each child. Both before and after-school care and full day kindergarten are available.

Sending our children to St. John of the Cross was one of the best decisions we have made as parents. The education they received was excellent. The help we received in bringing them up in our faith was priceless.

Volunteering through the Parent Association is a must for me. It is a way for me to help the school and be a part of the great community—not to mention meeting other parents.
What formation program is available for teens?

Crossroads Youth Ministry supports the faith of and develops the leadership skills of our high school teens.

Upon graduating from grammar school, SJC teens are encouraged to participate in our Crossroads Teen Ministry even if they choose to attend a Catholic high school. Our program, which is one of the strongest in the archdiocese, is led by both teens and caring adults who provide opportunities to continue educating our youth in the faith and Catholic values. Retreats, home groups, many service opportunities and work tours foster spiritual growth.
Families at St. John of the Cross will find an excellent Youth Catechesis Program with over 1,100 parish children enrolled.

At SJC we believe that parents through their word and example are the primary faith teachers of their children. By providing spiritual formation and religious education to families, our Youth Catechesis Program assists parents in the formation of their children in the Catholic faith and leading them to a closer relationship with Jesus and our parish community. Our multi-faceted program involves not only traditional classroom discussion, but includes creative and inspiring prayer, worship, special sacramental celebrations and service opportunities.
Where can I fit in?

St. John of the Cross Parish is proud to have a Welcome Coordinator, Elizabeth Russell-Jones, who not only welcomes new parishioners, but is a fountain of information about the many organizations, ministries, programs and activities at the parish that parishioners, both old and new, can become involved in. Elizabeth’s office is in the parish center and she welcomes you to call or visit. Elizabeth can connect you to SJC!

You can also become acquainted with our parish on our website. Look for our Ministry Directory which gives a great overview of all that we are and do.

www.stjohnofthecross.org

I will always treasure my years on the SJC Women’s Club. The Women’s Club offers a great opportunity to put your faith into action by planning religious and social gatherings, organizing charity drives, and raising money for our parish, the Sr. Anastasia Scholarship Fund and local community organizations. From our most glamorous fundraiser, the fashion show, to our less glamorous, but amazing parish-wide effort, the Garage Sale, the Women’s Club combines fellowship with Christian service in a meaningful way.

In volunteering at SJC I was able to give back a bit of what I received and also feel that I was a real part of the workings of the parish. It is a great way to meet other parishioners too.

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By getting involved, using your energy and unique talents, you will meet many parishioners just like you! There are over 40 ministries and clubs that would welcome your presence and participation. Details about each can be found on our parish website.

**Enrich the Mass (Liturgy & Music)**
- Altar Server (Grades 6-8)
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word Adult Leader
- Communion Minister
- Lector
- Liturgical Art & Environment
- Sacristan (High School students)
- Ushers
- Wedding Coordinator
- Music Ministry (Choirs for all ages)

**Feed My Spirit (Adult Formation)**
- Baptismal Preparation Ministry
- Beloved Retreat
- Flourish Women’s Faith Sharing
- Promise PreCana Team
- Respect Life Committee
- Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults-RCIA
- Scripture Study & Prayer

**Help Those in Need (Care)**
- Bereavement Minister
- Career Networking Group
- Divorce & Beyond Support Group Leader
- Minister of Care
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Seasons of Hope Grief Support

**Help Those in Need (Outreach)**
- Food Pantry Committee
- Harvest Saturday Food Drive
- Outreach Advisory Leadership Committee
- Share Christmas Committee

**Socialize & Serve**
- After-Mass Hospitality Committee
- Family Fest Carnival Committee
- Gardening Angels
- Greeter at Mass
- Men’s Club
- Saintly Seniors’ Club
- Women’s Club
- Mom’s Club

**Nurture Young Catholics**
- Crossroads Youth Ministry
- Parish School
- Parish School Parent Association
- Teacher Recognition Trust Committee
- Youth Catechesis Program
- YC Catechist

**Parish Leadership**
- Crossroads Ministry Advisory Board
- Finance Council
- Parish Advisory Council
- Parish School Advisory Board
- YC Advisory Council Board

I go to SJC because it is the most nourishing community around. It offers so many ways to practice and share my faith not only within the parish but with the community at large. It also provides so many different ways to increase my faith and my spiritual life. There is something for everyone here.
How does SJC serve others?

The call to a life of commitment and service comes to us through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit empowers us to be Jesus in the world in our lifetime. If you recall, Jesus came not to be served but to serve, and as his disciples we want to imitate his life and his love.

Every day of the year parishioners of all ages are called to continue the mission of Jesus Christ though involvement in many outreach efforts such as providing operational and financial support and building relationships with our six Sharing Parishes, assisting those in prison and their families, dropping off food in the church vestibule for area food pantries, collecting clothing, coats and school backpacks, and career networking for the unemployed. Parishioners also participate in our Harvest Saturday food drive (an annual event led by our Crossroads teens) and Share Christmas which provides food and gifts to thousands of families in the Chicago area. Volunteers also provide labor and construction materials for local outreach and out of state and Chicago area work tours. Go to our Outreach page on our parish website to see how you and your family can become involved!

Service has always been an important part of our faith lives. Oftentimes we feel we end up receiving more than we give. St. John of the Cross offers many ways that we can live out the Gospel message of loving and serving others. Our involvement in various outreach projects has not only challenged us, providing opportunities for us to grow in our faith, but has allowed us to meet and work with some really great people.

Volunteering over the years rewarded us with a deep sense of community here at SJC. So much is always offered in this parish!
What care services does the parish offer?

St. John of the Cross Parish priests, deacons, and lay ministers actively bring the love of God into people’s lives by providing supportive care to those who face crises, trauma, loss, or personal dilemmas.

Ministry of Care: Ministers visit, pray, and bring Eucharist to parishioners who are ill in hospitals, care centers or at home.

Bereavement Ministry: Ministers offer prayerful support and help the family plan the funeral Mass.

Grief & Divorce Support: Parishioners suffering a loss of any kind can participate in group support offered twice a year, or through the Catholic Charities counseling service in our rectory, parishioners can obtain private help. Many grieving individuals also seek support through Spiritual Direction which is offered by Marianne Firlit in our parish rectory.

Caritas SJC Needy Family Fund: Using the Latin word for “charity” as its name, this fund provides emergency financial support to parishioners, who through unplanned circumstances face difficulty meeting a critical financial obligation. Confidential arrangements are provided on a case by case basis through the Pastor. Our offertory collections on Holy Thursday and Thanksgiving are directed to this fund, however donations can be made to the Caritas Needy Family Fund throughout the year.
SJC FEST 2014
June 26-29th

CARNIVAL RIDES
RAFFLE PRIZES
FOOD & ENTERTAINMENT

BE A PART OF THE SJC FEST
CALL DAN MADDEN
(708) 417-1999

WE NEED YOU!

SJC Women’s Club
19TH ANNUAL FLOWER SALE
Landscape Quality Flowers & Baskets at a Great Price!

Color photos, plant descriptions & care instructions for all plants at the parish website: www.stjohnofthecross.org

Need Help? Please contact Lee Rosenberg 708-209-0046 or Katie Pruitt at 708-764-0065

Annual Flower Sale - Order online too!

HERBS & VEGETABLES - 3” - Pots
- Italian parsley
- basil
- thyme
- cilantro
- rosemary
- oregano
- sage
- 3-pack big boy tomatoes
- 3-pack green bell peppers
- total # of herbs/vegg 2.00

GERANIUMS - 7” Pots
- white
- red
- fuchsia
- total # of 7” pots 11.00 =

MARTHA WASHINGTON - 6.5” Pots
- royal lavender
- merlot
- total # of 6.5” pots 10.00 =

GERANIUMS - 12” Deco-Pots
- coral
- fuchsia
- red
- melody blue
- total # of 12” pots x 3.00 =

6” POTS
- Fountain Grass (purple)
- Caladium (white)
- total # of 6” pots x 3.00 =

HYDRANGEAS 7” Pots
- blue
- pink
- total # of hydrangeas x 2.00 =

4½” Pots
- Lantana (yellow)
- Helichrysum (licorice plant)
- Helichrysum (licorice-lemon)
- Scaevola Blue
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Vinca vine
- English Ivy
- English Ivy - variegated
- Spider
- Million Bells
- rose
- blue (purple)
- yellow
- Double Impatiens
- red
- pink
- yellow
- Verbena
- burgundy
- pink
- purple
- Sweet Potato Vine
- black (black burgundy)
- marguerite Biner
- Coleus (Vegetative)
- red ruffles
- rust (rustic orange)
- pericia magilla
- electric lime
- Zonal Geraniums
- white
- pink
- fuchsia
- red
- salmon
- total # of 4 1/2” pots x 4.00 =

Hanging Baskets
- Floribunda Geranium (pink)
- Scaevola Blue Wonder
- Bacopa Snowstorm (white)
- Torenia Summer Blue Wave
- New Guinea Impatiens
- red
- electric rose
- lavender glow
- Wave Petunia
- white
- lavender
- yellow
- plum vei
- rose
- violet blue
- Ivy Geranium
- light lavender
- red
- Trailing Verbena
- purple/blue
- wild rose
- Non-Stop Begonia
- yellow
- orange
- scarlet red
- total # of baskets x 18.00 =

Bedding Flats
- Coleus
- watermelon
- wizard mint
- Begonia
- pink green foliage
- pink bronze foliage
- red green foliage
- red bronze foliage
- white green foliage
- mixed
- lipstick/dark pink
- light pink
- white
- blue pearl
- Petunia
- mixed
- yellow
- red
- violet/midnight blue
- white
- Marigold
- yellow
- orange
- Alyssum (white)
- total # of flats x 16.00 =

TOTAL DUE:
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SJC WOMEN’S CLUB

Name:
Phone:
Email:
Address:

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**Pray for Our Beloved Dead**

David King, son of Mary Kay & Howard King  
Donald Cisek, brother of John Cisek  
Jack Walsh, son of Jack & Jackie Walsh  
Tom Flynn, brother of Kevin Flynn  
Harry Hajek, uncle of Michael Lambesis  
Patrick Sheridan, brother of Mary Novotny

**Pray for Our Sick**

Miroslav Chybik  
John Cozza  
Margaret Daley  
Allison Kazragis  
Shirley Kazragis  
Alexander Obi  
Ray Principe  
Donna Webster  
Sharon Wildman  
Edward Wojcik

**A Look Ahead at Next Weekend:**

**Saturday, April 26**  
7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation  
9:15 a.m. Liturgical Minister Enrichment Day  
12:00 p.m. YC Day of Preparation

**Sunday, April 27**  
9:00 a.m. YC Students at Mass  
11:30 a.m. YC Catechist Luncheon  
1:30 p.m. Baptism Preparation Sessions  
Crossroads Catholic Goods Sale after Masses

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, April 21**  
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Tom Barry

**Tuesday, April 22**  
7:45 Franklin Smith; Richard Falkenthal

**Wednesday, April 23**  
7:45 Rose Byrne; Richard Falkenthal

**Thursday, April 24**  
7:45 Carmela McGuire; Sophie Klein

**Friday, April 25**  
7:45 Mark Joyal; Joseph O’Donnell

**Saturday, April 26**  
8:00 Charlene Sisler; Helen Ratin  
5:00 Robert McNulty; Dutchie Adamenas

**Sunday, April 27, Second Sunday of Easter**  
7:30 Bruno Shukis; Demetrio Maguigad  
9:00 James J. Reilly; Nick Marchese, Madeleine Cronin  
10:45 Orlando Trinco; Social Steffen  
12:15 Martha Matrisciano; Colin James Kennedy  
5:00 Margaret Taylor; Christian Bylund

**Parish Information**

**Mass Times:** Weekdays 7:45am Mass  
Saturdays 8am Mass and 5pm Mass of Anticipation  
Sundays 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:15pm and 5pm  
No 12:15pm Mass Memorial Day to Labor Day Inclusive  
Holy Days: 6:30am, 7:45am and 6:30pm  

**Confessions:** Following the Saturday morning Mass  

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Mondays 2:30-9pm Mary Chapel  

**Rosary:** Daily before and after the morning Mass & 9:05am during the school year  

**Anointing of the Sick:** Call the Parish Center. A minister of care is also available to bring communion to our parish sick and homebound.  

**Baptism:** Call the parish center to schedule preparation session and baptism date. Baptisms are usually held the first three Sundays of each month at 1:30pm (Noon during the summer months). Prep sessions are the 4th Sunday.  

**Marriage:** Contact the Parish Center  

**Parish Center Office:** 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs, 60558  
708-246-4404 Our double doors face the parking lot. After hours calls, follow the voice prompt to reach a priest in an emergency.  

**Weekday Hours:** 9am-8pm  
**Saturdays:** 9am-6pm  
**Sundays:** 8am-6:30pm For Mass intentions, sacramental inquiries and prayer requests call the Parish Center office.  

**Parish School:** 708 51st Street, Western Springs, 60558  
708-246-4454  

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS —
Our parish is home to a special prayer garden called the Garden of Mary, Mother of Jesus. Dedicated in 2007 on the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25), the focal point of the garden is a beautiful statue of a young Mary at the Annunciation. Mary has one hand over her heart and the other over her womb, physically symbolizing where she accepted the will of God.

Last summer, working with DaPrato Rigali and a team of parishioners, our parish commissioned sculptor, Noel Winn, to create a replica of our Mother of Jesus statue. Handmade by Noel in his studio in Wisconsin, each cold cast statue is made from Carrara marble and other materials. The statue stands 18 inches tall. It is recommended that it be placed indoors to preserve its coloring and natural beauty.

A limited number of statues will be available for sale for $150. To order, drop off an envelope with your contact information at the parish center with a check to SJC or order on our parish website. Each statue will come in a box with a prayer card. Stop in to see Mary in the church narthex or the parish center office. She’s beautiful. It’s a once in a lifetime gift for Mother’s Day!