Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 19, 2014
“...our mission is to love as Christ loved and to proclaim the Good News...”
from our Parish Mission Statement
Last rites / Anointing of the Sick

When someone in the family is seriously ill, you need to have a clear sense of how the Church’s sacraments can offer peace and support.

So often in the past, we’d never call a priest for fear of frightening our loved one with the prospect of imminent death. The result was both depriving those we love of the comforts of their faith and giving the sacrament a false reputation. It also meant calls in the middle of the night to a family distraught with grief.

The problem is even older than our emotional discomfort with the reality of death. It began in the early centuries of Christianity when the sacrament of penance could only be received once in a lifetime. That meant that people often put off penance until death was very close, and since the sacrament of the sick presumed confession and reconciliation with the Church community, it also gradually became the sacrament for the dying. A mindset developed and I can even remember its consequences from my own days as a young priest in Elm Grove – only call the priest when there was no hope of recovery. That often meant waiting until the person was unconscious. It also deprived a family of the consolation experienced when gathered in prayer for and with the one we loved dearly.

The Second Vatican Council called us to reclaim the practice found in the New Testament, namely the invitation to call the priest in case of illness so that once again the anointing might be a sacrament for the sick (James 5:14).

Some things to keep in mind include:

- The sacrament is for anyone who is seriously ill or facing serious surgery. It may be repeated during a long illness or with the increasing infirmity of old age. It may be offered to a child over seven years of age.
- No emergency is necessary.
- The ideal manner of celebrating the sacrament is in the midst of family and close friends who join the Church’s prayer. Regular anointings in the parish church are very useful, especially with shortened hospital stays and fewer numbers of priests. Only an ordained priest can administer the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.
- The purpose of the sacrament is to unite the sick person’s ailments to the Lord’s passion and resurrection – in a sense to anoint the pain or discomfort and render it more Christ-like. It brings peace.
- Thus, the anointing of the sick is for the living. In fact, the Church does not permit anointing for anyone who has already died.
- By contrast, the real “Last Rites” are simply and powerfully the administration of holy Communion with the special prayers for the dying. This Communion is called Viaticum, which means “nourishment for the journey.” It is a powerful prayer and brings great peace and consolation to someone facing her/his final travel into the embrace of God’s love.

Call your parish office if a loved one is seriously ill so that you can best determine which type of sacrament might be most appropriate. It may be helpful to cut out this article and place it in the family Bible for future reference.

by Most Reverend Richard J. Sklba Vicar General/Auxiliary Bishop of Milwaukee
Remembering All Those Who Have Gone Before Us

Remembering the Dead
In parishes around the world, the Church remembers the names of their dead. We hear their names at the Prayer of the Faithful during Mass and in the chanting of the Litany of the Saints at the Easter Vigil. The names of the deceased are seen on holy cards, memorial cards, and grave markers and Masses are prayed for the repose of souls. These rituals and practices serve to keep the memory of those who have gone before us in faith present in our minds and hearts.

The Book of Remembrance
During the month of November, the Month of All Souls, parishioners and visitors to St. John of the Cross are invited to write the names of their beloved dead in The Book of Remembrance found by the Ambo. The Book of Remembrance will remain there until the final feast of the Church year, Christ the King. Please put their name on the envelope and they will be prayed for every week. Remembering all of those who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

Unlike the Books of Life, which list only deceased parishioners of St. John of the Cross, our Book of Remembrance may include the names of all our deceased loved ones.

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.

The Books of Life
In keeping with the important observance of this month, our parish Books of Life will be placed along the north wall of our church. These books, one for each month, list the names of every person who has been buried from St. John of the Cross Parish. As a parish that is rooted in faith in our Lord Jesus, let us prayerfully recall these deceased members of our community.

Take time to look through the books. Find the names of those you know and offer a prayer for them.

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Please join us on Sunday, November 2nd at 12:30 PM 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 be available in the narthex.
Living the Gospel

Jesus is not fooled by the Pharisees and Herodians’ shameful flattery, but sees through it to their malice and hypocrisy. These vices lead to a false dichotomy between earthly and divine kingdoms. Goodness and truth lead us to recognize our place and proper conduct in both kingdoms. When earthly kingdoms are guided by God’s values and ways, they are no less than the spatial presence here and now of God’s kingdom. And we pay only one tax: the self-giving that bears the image of Jesus.

These Jewish authorities miscalculate Jesus’ clear perception of himself and his mission. Jesus’ answer puts things into perspective. When God is truly the center of our lives, and we faithfully bear the image of Jesus in all we do, then there need be no separation between earthly and heavenly realms. True, sometimes the values of religion and society clash. When this happens, we need only to remember the basic notion of religion: a “binding” (the word “religion” comes from the Latin meaning to bind) of ourselves to God and each other. When God and God’s ways are sovereign in our lives, our choices about responsibilities and concerns in all the various realms in which we live—family, workplace, city, nation, world, church—are more clear. Even when there is a clash of values, if we remain faithful to the image of Jesus we bear, then it is clear to others how we make our choices; how we serve; and how we tithe our time, talents, and treasure for the good of all. The fundamental choice is ours to make: to bear the image of Jesus at all times and in all places. ©Living Liturgy

Today’s gospel contains a crucial message for every Christian. Jesus makes it clear that we possess a dual citizenship: citizens of earth and citizens of heaven. And because of our dual citizenship, we have responsibilities toward both worlds: toward God and toward Caesar. These two obligations are like two sides of the same coin. A failure in our duty as citizens, literally, constitutes a failure in our duty as Christians. We have a grave responsibility to keep the administration of our nation from falling into the hands of selfish and unqualified leaders.

Referring to this responsibility, Peters says to Christians in his First Letter: “Have reverence for God and respect for the Emperor” (1 Peter 2:17). And Paul writes to Christians in Rome in a similar vein, saying: “Be subordinate to the higher authorities...Pay to all their dues, taxes to whom taxes are due...respect to whom respect is due” (Romans13:1, 7).

What happens if our dual citizenship leads us into an open conflict between our God and our country? We must resolve the conflict in such a way that we do not compromise our primary obligation to God. Christians have had to do this throughout history and they are still doing it in modern times.

Consider the case of Franz Jaeggerstatter, an Austrian peasant and father of three young children. Jaeggerstatter opposed Hitler in the 30’s. When Hitler marched into Austria and held a mock vote of the people to show that they approved of his action, Jaeggerstatter was the only person in his Austrian village to oppose Hitler. And when war broke out in 1939, Jaeggerstatter refused to report for duty in Hitler’s army. He even refused noncombatant service when this was offered to him. Finally on August 2, 1943 he was arrested and executed by the military.

Jaeggerstatter had two obligations, one to God and one to his country. When they conflicted in his own conscience, he chose to remain faithful to his primary obligation: to God.

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Congratulations!

Our parish community prayerfully supports and congratulates the following families who had their child baptized last Sunday. Pictured below are: John Michael with parents Michael and Kimberly Ribich, Padraig Christopher with parents Parker and Megan Mathers, and twins Merida Morgan and Lillie Anne with parent Nadine Schullo with Christian witnesses.

What do I need to do to have my baby baptized?

Pre-baptism sessions are now offered for all parents whether it is your first child being baptized or a subsequent child. The sessions are offered on the fourth Sunday of each month at 1:30pm (noon during the summer). It is our expectation that both parents will attend this session. Feel free to bring your new baby and invite the godparents too. The session which runs 2 hours is designed with input from parents like you who are eager to provide an environment that will foster faith in Jesus Christ. Parents are asked to register to attend a pre-baptism session.

Simply call the parish center front office during regular business hours (9am-4pm). One of our full-time staff members will take all the necessary information and answer any questions you may have.

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, the misinformation about these illnesses, keeps people from seeking help and stigma keeps people from helping. The Mass is for all affected and those who are interested in helping. This celebration is our petition to the Holy Spirit to give encouragement to those affected by mental illness to pursue paths of recovery and wellness and to inspire and motivate all others to be advocates and helpers to those in need of housing, jobs, and support to reach their life goals. The Mass will start at 2 PM on October 26th at St Gertrude Church, 1400 West Granville, Chicago (6200 North, and 4 blocks west of Broadway at Granville and Glenwood.) Refreshments and conversation will follow 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 for Persons with Disabilities and Faith and Fellowship.

Spirituality of John of the Cross

Wednesdays 3-4pm

Join us on Wednesdays through December 10th as we explore the life and spirituality of our parish patron, St. John of the Cross. We will meet in the parish center from 3-4pm every Wednesday afternoon to learn and discuss. On Sunday, December 14th at 10:15am, the feast of St. John of the Cross, our study will culminate with a special celebration of his life. For more information and to register call Sister Joyce at 708-599-2954.

“Gratitude is the exultation waiting between the cracks of normalcy.” Frederick Potter
Centering Prayer Workshop

Many Christians are finding that Centering Prayer helps them move toward a closer and more meaningful relationship with God. Centering Prayer is a well-grounded method of silent prayer and meditation that prepares us to experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. Contemplative Outreach, an organization founded in 1984 to serve those interested in Centering Prayer, is offering an in-depth introductory workshop on the method on Saturday November 1 in Western Springs. Workshops on related topics are also part of the day’s agenda, including sessions on the Transformative Power of Dreams, Healing Touch, and “Emptiness” as a posture that helps us be open to the full indwelling of God’s presence. All are welcome. For further information or to register, please visit www.centeringprayerchicago.org or contact Phil Jackson, jaxson900@aol.com, (847) 778-1022.

Centering Prayer is not meant to replace other kinds of prayer. Rather, it adds depth of meaning to all prayer and facilitates the movement from more active modes of prayer — verbal, mental or affective prayer — into a receptive prayer of resting in God. Centering Prayer emphasizes prayer as a personal relationship with God and as a movement beyond conversation with Christ to communion with Him.

Program at The Well Spirituality Center


The name we were given at our birth was our first conscious legacy, connecting us to our immediate family, our ancestors, and sometimes representing our faith and/or ethnicity. Our names are part of our story. In this guided program, enjoy shining the light of your pen on your name, and leave with increased appreciation of its meaning to you.

Edna Groves has guided people since 2005 in writing their lives. She is a former psychotherapist, an ongoing workshop leader, and she knows the power of story as a living presence.

The Well is located at 1515 W Ogden in LaGrange Park. To register call 708-482-5048.

Come near to God and he will come near to you.

James 4:8a

Richard Rohr Meditation

The One Thing Necessary

Mystics always bring this message in some form: “Do not be afraid.” They know that it is all okay and finally okay, too! They want to tell you so that you can stop fretting and fearing and enjoy divine union now. “Enjoy” is the operative word. Mystical experience allows you to enjoy your own life, and to stop creating enemies and people to be afraid of and nations we have to punish and kill. When you are enjoying deep union, you won’t need to create divisions, mistrust, and separation. Conspiracy theories and tabloid gossip hold little interest for you.

True spiritual encounter changes your politics, your attitude toward money, your use of time, your relationship toward foreigners and the weak, your attitude toward war and nationalism. You are a citizen of the Big Kingdom now (Philippians 3:20). Be prepared to have a very different lifestyle afterwards. If you are not ready to change, don’t seek out God.

Once you have one sincere moment of divine union, you will want to spend your time on the one thing necessary, which is to grow deeper and deeper in love every chance that you get. Talk to someone who has had a near-death, or nearing-death, experience. They all agree: It’s all about love. It’s all about union.

Gateway to Silence:

We are one in Love.

Give the Lord glory and honor.
Last week, St. John of the Cross Parish School embarked on a special project, an all-school book club, “One School, One Book.” Every family received a copy of the same book – C.S. Lewis’s *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* - to read at home over this month. Broadway actress and SJC graduate, Tania Richard, joined us to kick off the event. Ms. Richard engaged the students by reading the first chapter aloud at an all-school assembly.

Sue Michalowski, librarian, brought this program to SJC. She feels, “reading aloud at home is valuable because it better prepares children to be effective readers. With this program we aim to build a culture of reading throughout our school.”

Everyone - students, parents, and teachers - will participate. In school, the children will be invited to answer daily trivia questions to encourage and reward attentive listening. In class there may be various activities which discuss or explore the book. Throughout the month, everyone will be talking about *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*!

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**YC Schedule**

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God of love and mercy,
Open our hearts to your ways and
teach us to follow you more closely each day.
We want to grow in your love!
Amen.
Five Reasons to Simplify Life in Your Family

Crowded time is not good for the spirit.

Consider the frenetic life many of us lead. We may thrive on it for a while, but eventually it takes a toll not only on our health but also on our family time and on our spirit.

Too many possessions can make more work or make us lazy.

This may seem like a contradiction because much of modern technology is meant to free us of repetitive or menial tasks so that we can be more productive. Surely automatic washers and dryers free up a day that might be devoted to interaction with children. Computers speed up communication and maximize the number of people we can be in touch with. But do you find yourself washing clothes more often or getting more junk e-mail and spending more time on the Internet just because it's so easy?

On the other hand, if children have all kinds of stimulating electronic games and gadgets to occupy their free time, will they think to take a hike or create a neighborhood play?

Waiting, longing, and working for something increases appreciation.

Even if we can afford many toys or lavish vacations, we do our children a disservice if we provide too much. It may make us feel better for not spending time with them, but it takes away their need to stretch, to delay gratification, to savor what they have and long for something else. A toy or experience that has been “longed for” is much more appreciated. Ungrateful children usually have too much stuff.

Consuming less is a small step toward a more just world.

It just doesn't seem right that some people on our earth have much more than they need while others lack the basic necessities. Can one person living more simply make a difference? Not much. Can a family influence a society to reduce consumption so that others can have a little more? In time, step by step, yes. That is what Raising Kids Who Will Make A Difference is all about—making our world a better place to live for all, through the actions of those who care, starting at home. The increasing gap between the rich and the poor just is not fair.

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StreetWise Sales Provide Employment for Homeless

If you spend any time in downtown Chicago, you’ve undoubtedly heard the call, but maybe you are not aware of who and what are behind it. “Streetwise” is a magazine published weekly and sold by the poor and homeless of Chicago. StreetWise is a registered 501(c3) non-profit organization and is a member of the North American Street Newspaper Association. (www.streetwise.org)

Streetwise provides a crucial lifeline for individuals at a time when they most need it. Within 8 hours of entering StreetWise doors at 4454 N Broadway, an individual can begin making a living, regardless of that person’s background or present situation. Upon completing orientation that person will immediately be given a Vendor Badge and his/her first supply of magazines to sell.

The mission of StreetWise is to assist Chicago area men and women who are facing homelessness achieve personal stability by providing a combination of supportive social services and immediate access to gainful employment.

Goals:
- Employment: Provide immediate access to legitimate earned income to any person willing to work, and provide the training and support necessary to help our clients secure stable, long-term employment.
- Housing: Assure that each client is safely and stably housed, and work to move those clients living on the street or in a homeless shelter into non-shelter based housing as quickly as possible.
- Financial Literacy: Provide each client with the education and support needed to successfully manage their income and expenses so they can achieve personal/financial stability.

So, the next time you hear “StreetWise!” look around and consider investing $2 and a big smile in one of these hard working vendors. You will be helping a vendor and will get an interesting little magazine to boot. Please purchase your copy from a badged vendor only.

Interfaith Community Partners Theater Benefit on Thursday, October 23
Reception 6:30pm ~ Performance 8pm “The Gravedigger—A Tale of Frankenstein’s Monster” by Joseph Zettelmaier at First Folio Theatre in Oak Brook. For benefit and raffle tickets call 708-579-8929.

What is Interfaith Community Partners?
The mission of Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) is to maximize the independence and well-being of older adults by enabling connections with others in their community.

Interfaith Community Partners (ICP) was formed to help our elderly neighbors maintain their independence. ICP was founded in 1999-2000. After extensive research undertaken by Community Memorial Foundation identified the plight of isolated adults in our community, ICP began as a visitation service with teams of volunteers from seven founding churches. It became evident that loss of mobility is one of the biggest causes of isolation. Within two years ICP’s primary service switched to assisted transportation. ICP now accompanies our care partners to medical appointments, therapies, and assists with other essential daily living errands (grocery shopping, banking, etc.) As ICP’s services grew, so did the number of coalition churches. At present there are 13 member congregations, and most of the volunteers are members of these churches.

Go to interfaithcommunitypartners.com for more information or call 708-579-8929 for assistance.

ICN Career Transition Workshop
Looking for a change in jobs, interested in making a career switch, unemployed, underemployed or a recent grad looking for your first professional position? Interfaith Career Network invites you to join us at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange, 150 South Ashland Avenue from 7-9pm. This Workshop is open to all and there is no cost to attend. Please enter church on Catherine Avenue. For further information, contact Susan Sedler at sqsedler@aol.com.

Week 5, Tuesday, October 21: With 80% of jobs found in the “hidden job market,” networking is the heart of any job search. At our final workshop session, Jim Peterson will coach you on the fundamentals of this critical search strategy. Jim will also provide job search tips for people over 50.
Parish New & Notes

Boy Scout Annual Wreath Sale
Orders will be taken for the Scout annual Christmas wreath sale through November 1st. Order forms with pictures are available in the Parish Center, church or on our parish website. Watch for the Scouts taking orders outside the Parish Center after Mass this weekend.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Two parishes in our area (Divine Infant and St. Francis Xavier) have Domestic Violence Ministries that are committed to raising awareness of the problem of domestic violence and offering support and access for help to those who have experienced any type of violence in their lives.
If you need immediate help, call the 24 hour Pillars Domestic Violence Hotline -- 708-485-5254 to receive advice and access to shelter, counseling, and legal advocacy.

Hospice Volunteers Opportunities
Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care has announced upcoming training dates for volunteers. All 6 sessions are required. Volunteers help with a variety of activities from patient care, bereavement support, outreach, administration and more. Call Kathy Huber at 847-692-8889 to register.
Tuesday, Oct. 21 and 28 5:30-9pm
Wednesday, Oct. 23 and 30 5:30-9pm
Monday, Nov. 7-8:30pm

Pro-Life Movie
Educating adolescents and adults alike on abortion is an important part of church teaching. The pro-life movie 40 will be shown in the parish center on Monday, October 27th at 6:15pm. This hour long documentary is an interesting, informative and compassionate film. There will be time for discussion after. No registration. Just come to the parish center. Learn more at www.the40film.com.

The documentary 40 presents the prolife movement in the United States through the eyes, the words, and the experiences of its members. It offers an eye-opening review of history to those new to the pro-life cause, and reminds us all of how far we have come and of the challenges we still face in standing up for life.
— Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I, Archbishop of Chicago —

Mental Health First Aid Training
Learn the Mental Health 5 Step Action Plan so that you can offer initial help to people with the signs and symptoms of a mental illness or crisis and connect them with a professional. The 8 hour class is offered on October 27 and 28 from 4-8pm at Plymouth Place in LaGrange Park. To register email gchristoff@cmfdn.org or call Gale at 630-654-4729.

Community Faith Event
Plan to attend a unique program spotlighting churches of Western Springs at 4 p.m. on Sunday, October 26 at the First Congregational Church of Western Springs, 1106 Chestnut St. The event is part of the Adult Lecture series sponsored by the Western Springs Historical Society. Representatives of SJC and other Western Springs churches will give short presentations and display historic items from their faith communities.
The Unhappy Cost of Resentment

It's not only love that makes the world go round. Resentment too is prominent in stirring the drink. In so many ways our world is drowning in resentment. Everywhere you look, it seems, someone is bitter about something and breathing out resentment. What is resentment? Why is this feeling so prevalent in our lives? How do we move beyond it?

Soren Kierkegaard once defined resentment in this way. Resentment, he suggested, happens when we move from the happy feeling of admiration to the unhappy feeling of jealousy. And this, sadly, happens all too frequently in our lives and we are dangerously blind to its occurrence. Me resentful? How dare you make that accusation!

Yet it's hard to deny that resentment and its concomitant unhappiness color our world. At every level of life, from what we see playing out in the grievances and wars among nations to what we see playing out in the bickering in our board rooms, class rooms, living rooms, and bedrooms, there is evidence of resentment and bitterness. Our world is full of resentment. Everyone, it seems, is bitter about something, and, of course, not without cause. Few are the persons who do not secretly nurse the feeling that they have been ignored, wounded, cheated, treated unfairly, and have drawn too many short straws in life; and so many of us feel that we have every right to protest our right to be resentful and unhappy. We're not happy, but with good reason.

Yes, there's always good reason to be resentful; but, and this is the point of this column, according to a number of insightful analysts, both old and new, we are rarely in touch with the real reason why we are so spontaneously bitter. For persons such as Thomas Aquinas, Soren Kierkegaard, Robert Moore, Gil Bailie, Robert Bly, and Richard Rohr, among others, the deep root of our resentment and unhappiness lies in our inability to admire, our inability to praise others, and our inability to give others and the world a simple gaze of admiration.

We're a society that, for the most part, can't admire. Admiration is, for us, a lost virtue. Indeed in the many circles today, both in the world and in the churches, admiration is seen as something juvenile and immature, the frenzied, mindless shrieking of teenage girls chasing a rock star. Maturity and sophistication are identified today with the kind of intelligence, wit, and reticence, which don't easily admire, which don't easily compliment. Learning and maturity, we believe, need to be picking things apart, suspicious of others' virtues, distrustful of their motives, on hyper-alert for hypocrisy, and articulating every reason not to admire. Such is the view today.

But what we don't admit in this view of maturity and learning is how we feel threatened by those whose graces or virtues exceed our own. What we don't admit is our own jealousy. What we don't admit is our own resentment. What we don't admit, and never will admit, is how our need to cut down someone else is an infallible sign of our own jealousy and bad self-image. And what helps us in our denial is this: Cynicism and cold judgment make for a perfect camouflage; we don't need to admire because we're bright enough to see that there's nothing really to admire.

That, too often, is our sophisticated, unhappy state: We can no longer truly admire anybody. We can no longer truly praise anybody. We can no longer look at the world with any praise or admiration. Rather our gaze is perennially soured by resentment, cynicism, judgment, and jealousy.

We can test ourselves on this: Robert Moore often challenges his audiences to ask themselves this question: When was the last time you walked across a room and told a person, especially a younger person or a person whose talents dwarf yours, that you admire her, that you admire what she's doing, that her gifts enrich your life, and that you are happy that her path has crossed yours? When was the last time you gave someone a heartfelt compliment? Or, to reverse the question: When was the last time that someone, especially someone who is threatened by your talents, gave you a sincere compliment?

We don't compliment each other easily, or often, and this betrays a secret jealousy. It also reveals a genuine moral flaw in our lives. Thomas Aquinas one submitted that to withhold a compliment from someone who deserves it is a sin because we are withholding from him or her some of the food that he or she needs to live. To not admire, to not praise, to not compliment, is not a sign of sophistication but a sign moral immaturity and personal insecurity. It is also one of the deeper reasons why we so often fill with bitter feelings of resentment and unhappiness.

Why do we so often feel bitter and resentful? We fill with resentment for many reasons, though, not least, because we have lost the virtues of admiration and praise.

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.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours,
No feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
Is to look out to the earth,
Yours are the feet by which He is to go about doing good.
And yours are the hands by which He is to bless us now.

- Teresa of Avila
News & Notes

Welcome!

Please help us welcome our new members to the St. John of the Cross Parish faith community.

- Angie and Ryan Prendergast
- Elizabeth and Andrew Nesler and Family
- Barbara Bialy
- Margaret and Herbert Zureich
- Samantha and Joe Bahena and Family
- Vera and Peter McDonnell and Family

If you would like to register to become a new member, please contact Elizabeth Russell-Jones in the Welcome Center. For more information call 708.246.4404x155 or erussell-jones@stjohnofthecross.org.

The Still Missed Support Program of Adventist Hinsdale Hospital warmly invites you to join us at our

26th Annual Memorial Service to commemorate the lives of our children Wednesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m.*

“Gathering time/memento preparation begins at 6:30 p.m.
Hinsdale United Methodist Church
945 S. Garfield Hinsdale
R.S.V.P. 630-856-4497

Crossroads Work Tour News

Crossroads provides a variety of summer work tour and conference experiences each summer. We will have our information packet for 2015 ready in the next week, earlier than usual, because of a new trip to one of the homes of Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos in Guatemala. We will hold an informational meeting about this international trip on Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm. Stay tuned for the packet and save the date for the meeting. Contact TJ Williams at fifatjw@att.net with any questions.

Francis Xavier Run/Walk

Grab your family and friends and join us for the 9th Annual Falcon 5K Run/Walk to benefit St. Francis Xavier School. Race starts at Richmond & Waiola Avenues on Saturday, November 8th at 8:30am. Register online at www.imathlete.com/events/falcon5k2014.

School Book Fair

Please join us for the SJC Fall book fair on Tuesday, October 21 and Wednesday, October 22 from 9:30 to 4:00 in the Parish Center. Visit www.ABCfairs.com to preview titles.

Change the Way Your Donation Arrives to SJC

Our Sunday offertory collection is the main source of income that covers parish operating expenses. By using our EFT electronic giving program on our parish website, your donations arrive automatically and are recorded more efficiently in our parish database, reducing our expenses and providing a consistent revenue stream. Our safe, convenient program is easy to use and allows you to give on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Parishioners are encouraged to give electronically from your bank account (instead of using a credit card) as this is less costly for the parish which absorbs all program fees. If you are not computer savvy, a simple paper form can be picked up at the Parish Center office. Our staff is ready to help you and answer any questions you may have about your donations. Changes can be made with the click of a mouse or over the phone.

Change to the new online program today:
Parishioners enrolled in our old “ACH” program from quite a few years ago are asked to change to our new EFT program. If you are not sure give MJ a call at the Parish Center office at x123.

Plan ahead:
St. John of the Cross Parish would be honored to be remembered in your will or other long-term giving plans. Your generosity will allow our parish to be a vibrant, caring faith community for years to come. To learn how you can add SJC to your estate plan contact Marguerite Chrusciel at the Parish Center or Dan Cochran from the Finance Council at cochradf@comcast.net

Thank you for your generosity to SJC.
This Week at SJC

**Monday, October 20**
- 9:30 a.m. Spiritual Journaling
- 10:30 a.m. Step 11 Christian Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Little Rock Psalms II
- 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts

**Tuesday, October 21**
- 9:30 a.m. Book Fair
- 9:30 a.m. Focus on Sunday Scriptures Group
- 7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. RCIA

**Wednesday, October 22**
- 8:30 a.m. Fr. Bonin’s Opera Study
- 9:30 a.m. Book Fair
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 7:00 p.m. Chicago Catholic Scripture School
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

**Thursday, October 23**
- 9:00 a.m. Flourish
- 2:15 p.m. Market Day Pick-up
- 6:30 p.m. Preschool Dad’s Night

**Saturday, October 25**
- 7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
- 11:30 a.m. Day of the Spirit

**Sunday, October 26**
- 10:00 a.m. Crossroads
- 12:30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick Mass & Reception
- 1:30 p.m. Baptism Prep Classes

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**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, October 20, St. Paul of the Cross**
- 7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Jack Walsh

**Tuesday, October 21**
- 7:45 James Piszczor; Silviano Gomez

**Wednesday, October 22, Bl. John Paul II**
- 7:45 Teresa Cullen; Eoin Deasy

**Thursday, October 23, St. John of Capistrano**
- 7:45 Michael Reavy; Eleanor Teglia

**Friday, October 24, St. Anthony Mary Claret**
- 7:45 Joseph Scelsi; Hague & Galloway Families

**Saturday, October 25**
- 8:00 Gora & Maier Families; Mr. Canavan
- 5:00 Evelyn R. Whitson
- Lipinski/Sampson & Mulvaney Families

**Sunday, October 26, Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time**
- 7:30 Gloria Oechsel
- 9:00 Patrick F. Healy; Ronald Bonfiglio; Don Cisek
- 10:45 George H. Kiefer; Evelyn Whitson
- 12:30 James Uckerman; Michael Powers
- 5:00 Joseph Connelly;
- Lipinski/Mulvaney/Sampson Families

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**The Anointing of the Sick Mass is Sunday, October 26th at 12:30pm. This Mass will start 15 minutes later than usual.**

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**Pray for Our Sick**

Richard Baruth | Linda McMahan
Tara Bassi | Donald J. Martin
Mike Belpedio | John C. Martin
Irene Gutsell | Christine Moran
Karen Hult | Ramona Morrissey
Jeanine Jasica | Alexander Obi
Lucine Kasis | Erika Peterson
Theresa Anne Keanini | William J. Voller
Tom McGorey |

**We Pray for Our Beloved Dead**

Jack Gallagher, brother of Roe Lawinger
Clarence Naborowski, husband of Lorraine
Patrick Harrington, nephew of Adeline Garvy
Tom Marshall, son of Jim and Carol, brother of William, Jonathan and Peter
John Tuohy, father of John
grandfather of Connor, Ryan, & Danny
Anna O’Brien, R.S.M., sister of Sr. Josephine
Ronnie Terry, sister of Patricia Butler, aunt of Cathy Buinauskas
Steven LaVoie, husband of Jody

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Afternoon of Reflection
The World Community for Christian Meditation groups at St. John of the Cross parish invite you to an afternoon of reflection and meditation in the Christian tradition.

Christian Meditation as an 11th Step Practice

Sunday, November 2, 2014
1 – 4 pm, Hospitality 12:30
Parish Center

Mission Statement: We are a group of men and women from 12 step programs, following the teachings of John Main and the World Community for Christian Meditation. We are not a replacement for, nor are we affiliated with, any 12-step program of recovery. We are here to share this ancient path of contemplative prayer as a way to practice the 11th Step. Step 11 –“Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God, as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.”

Conscious Contact: Releasing the Power of Love

“We are all in need of the power of love that will restore us to wholeness and bring us to fullness of life”, says Linda Kaye, who will lead this time of reflection on a topic that holds broad appeal.

Linda Kaye is the director of the WCCM Neptune Beach Center in Neptune Beach Florida, which opened in 2009. She remains active in a 12 step program since 1984 and has facilitated retreats and workshops internationally for Christian Meditation as an 11th Step Practice since 2002.

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