St. John of the Cross Parish
5005 S. Wolf Road Western Springs, IL 60558 • Parish Office: 708-246-4404 • stjohnofthecross.org

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 26, 2014

“...our mission is to love as Christ loved and to proclaim the Good News...”

from our Parish Mission Statement
Dear Parishioners,

Occasionally someone asks me, ‘What’s in the box under the altar?’ Now is the time of year to remind people of its purpose. Each All Soul’s Day we offer you the opportunity to have your beloved dead remembered at Masses throughout the year. Each week at one of the daily Masses an intention is for ‘Our Beloved Dead’. Specifically this refers to those people whose names have been written on the envelopes for All Soul’s Day in your envelope packet. (There are also envelopes near the Book of Remembrance in the front of the church that you can use for this same purpose.) During the month of November we remember in a special way and pray for Our Beloved Dead at all of the Masses we celebrate. At the end of November we put all the All Soul’s Day envelopes that have been inscribed with the names of your deceased friends and family in the basket under the altar. Those are the people who comprise all ‘Our Beloved Dead’ who are included in that Mass intention.

The box under the altar also stands as a reminder for everyone who sees it to pray for those who have died, whether they know each individual name in the box or not. One of the temptations of grief is that the one who is mourning is alone or isolated by their sorrow. We share each other’s grief and mourn together during November and whenever we pray for one another’s deceased loved ones. So whether you list the names of your beloved deceased on the All Soul’s Day envelope or not, trust you are not alone in your grief. The deceased are remembered by you and by all of us during November and throughout the year at weekly Masses.

There are other intentions in the box as well. For Confirmation, small groups of candidates write their names on a bandanna. After Confirmation was celebrated last year, two small groups gave their bandannas to me, to remember them in my prayer. I put the bandannas in the box. The new life that comes to our young people through the gifts of the Holy Spirit conferred in the sacrament is a reminder that death never has the last word. That from death and dying comes new life in Christ. So I pray not only for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith but also those who are coming after us who were sealed by the Holy Spirit. I pray the lives of their parents, grandparents and sponsors inspire in them to live lives of service through the church.

Those who are newly confirmed are beginning their adult journey of faith. For those who have died, their earthly journey of faith has come to completion. For the rest of us we are somewhere in between. The challenges of daily life, the changing circumstances of family members, the ‘hopes and dreams, joys and sorrows’ of all our lives are also the subject of prayer. I have put a few of the names of the sick in the box under the altar. (I want to get more consistent with that practice, especially for those who are chronically ill.)

So, what is in the box under the altar? The full answer would be there is a lot. A lot of love, a lot of faith, a lot of cries for help and tears of sorrow are all in there. It looks like such a small box, but it holds a lot.

Next weekend we have a Triduum (three days) of prayer. All Hallows Eve, October 31, All Saints, November 1, All Souls November 2. I hope the kids have fun this Halloween. I know some of the adults in the school think Halloween is the best day of the year. All Saints is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. Still, you are always welcome at the regular Saturday morning Mass at 8:00am. If you have lost a loved one, whether in the past year or many years ago, I hope you can join us for the special All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance next Sunday at 12:30pm. Even if you can’t be at that specific Mass we will pray for all the souls who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith at every mass.

I also hope some of you can watch the movie 40 Monday night at 6:15 pm. Please encourage your high school and college aged children to come as well. It will be well worth the time.

Peace,

Fr. David
As I sit at my desk writing I cannot help but be distracted by the magnificent autumn colors and the turning and falling leaves. Bright yellows, crisp oranges, and fiery reds light up the landscape and the smell of autumn fills the air. Autumn is a great time of the year. Many say it is the best and their favorite of the seasons that Chicago offers. It too is mine. Autumn is a time for gathering the harvest, eating caramel apples, trick or treating, carving pumpkins, and watching football games on cool Saturday afternoons. It is a time when the smell of baked acorn squash smothered in butter and brown sugar, pumpkin pie and lattes, caramel apples and spiced cider fills the air with their intoxicating aroma.

On a much deeper level, the season of autumn is symbolic of the life of a Christian disciple – a time of surrender and transformation. The dying and falling leaves remind us of our ongoing conversion of removing the old and putting on the new; a life lived in Christ. This beautiful season stirs our own hearts to ponder and discover what we need to remove from our lives that is not from God so that we may become more fully who we are called to be - children of God. The transformation of life that occurs in autumn is symbolic of our own transformation; that we are to die to self and rise in service of Christ and others. Dying and rising - the pattern of life in which we are called to live. As a people of the resurrection we do so with hope for we know and believe that as the poet Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote, “Every winter turns to spring.”

I remember reading several years ago in the Jesuit publication, America Magazine, an article on the season of autumn by Thomas McCarthy. He wrote, “Fall is the only season characterized as purely transitional: its destiny is attached to things passing and passive.” He goes on to say, “There is humility about autumn; a humility inherent in every human fall. Transformation, not fulfillment, is precisely what makes fall what it is. Nevertheless, as trees young and old succumb to an eternal process, the same self-denial on which most spirituality is based comes to ironic fruition in nature’s self-emptying. For this reason fall is as much about gain as it is about loss. Just as the cross symbolizes the reckoning of human and divine natures, ‘Fall’ is an annual coming down to earth: a return to our source. And that source is God. We belong to God.”

Autumn, especially the month of November and All Souls Day, has traditionally been a time in our faith to remember the dead, to recall and remember all of those who have gone before us on the journey of faith. We do this with the hope our faith in the Risen Christ gives to us. “I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die” (John 11:25-26). “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life” (John 6:51). It is a hope reflected in the prayers the Church uses in its liturgy. “Indeed for your faithful, Lord, life is changed not ended, and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust, an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven” (Preface of Christian Death I). On Sunday, November 2 at 12:30 p.m. Eucharist we will celebrate our annual All Souls Day Mass of Remembrance. It is our hope that in celebrating the Eucharist together, the faith, liturgy and prayers of this community and of the community in heaven will be a source of comfort and hope to those who mourn the loss of a loved one.

Fr. Bill
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.

Please join us next 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.

Excerpts by Margaret Mary Brennan, Catherine Combier-Donovan, and LTP editorial staff © 2009 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, 3949 South Racine Avenue, Chicago IL 60609; 1-800-933-1800; www.LTP.org. All rights reserved. Used with permission.
Dear Parishioners,

Last week the Parish Advisory Council (PAC), which meets three times over the course of the year, gathered for its fall meeting. As the new Chairperson this year, it is my responsibility to keep you informed of the work of the Council.

Joining me on the PAC Executive Committee is Brian King (Vice-Chair), our Pastor, Fr. David, and our Secretary, MJ Martin. New to the Council this year are our two At-Large Parish Representatives, Pat Surdyk and Ed Giles. Others new to the Council are Diane Januska, Finance Council Chair, Tony Liotta, YC Council Representative, Mike Scudder, Apostle, and Dave Zich, School Advisory Board Representative. With the pastoral staff and continuing Council members our group totals 28. Welcome to everyone! We are looking forward to a most productive year.

Before each of our meetings each consultative body, ministry advisory group or goal committee submits a pre-read summary for Council members to communicate goals and updates to the parish. Council members are encouraged to bring questions and suggestions from the pre-read to our meeting for discussion. The pre-read notes and meeting minutes from our fall meeting can be found on the parish website at http://www.stjohnofthecross.org/leadership/parish-advisory-council/.

This year the work of the Council will focus on preparing for the archdiocesan *To Teach Who Christ Is* Campaign, which for our parish will begin in the fall of 2015. A brief synopsis of the campaign can be found in our PAC pre-read materials. Leading our pre campaign activity or Advance Committee are Dan Cochran and Pat Surdyk who will help the parish explore how we can best use our portion of the funds collected to live out our mission more effectively. During the next six months this committee will reach out to parish leaders as well as all parishioners to generate and prioritize ideas that will make our parish stronger or add to the quality of parish life. Then during the second half of the year, the Advance Committee will put together a case statement which details the selected project(s), costs and timing for consideration by the whole parish in the fall of 2015.

Next steps for the Advance Committee will be to prepare for idea generation and prioritization sessions for all volunteers serving on consultative bodies and advisory groups at our winter PAC meeting on Saturday, February 21st, and then to reach out to the entire parish through group sessions and a survey to garner their input.

I look forward to keeping you apprised of our work during the coming months.

Ann Marie Calistro
Parish Advisory Council Chairperson

*Pour in love where there is no love and you will draw out love.*
John of the Cross
Autumn Greetings to you and your family,

Meaningful liturgies have always been highly valued at St. John of the Cross, and none of that would be possible without the help of many people; from the art and environment you experience in church to the sacristan who turns off the lights after Mass. I would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who is involved in liturgical ministries here. However, we are in need of more ministers to help out. A typical weekend uses 99 volunteer ministers and that doesn’t even include music ministries. If you aren’t currently involved in any of our ministries I invite you to explore the idea of becoming involved. We will be having several training sessions in November and I hope to see you there. Here are the areas that we need the most help with:

Lector: Lectors proclaim the Word of God during Mass. This ministry is open to all adults and high school youth who are registered members of the parish, have a sincere love for the Word Of God contained in scripture, have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of confirmation, who preferably possess good reading skills and a clear speaking voice. Training will take place on Tuesday November 4th at 7:00 PM and Sunday November 9th at 3:00 PM, in the church. You only need to attend one session and no RSVP is required.

Communion Minister: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion distribute the Body and Blood of Christ during weekday and Sunday liturgies. This ministry is open to all adults and high school youth who are registered parishioners, have a sincere love and appreciation for God’s gift of Eucharist, have been fully initiated into the Catholic Church through the sacrament of confirmation, and who are not restrained through a marriage situation from receiving the Eucharist themselves. Training will be held on Tuesday, November 11th at 7:00 PM, Sunday, November 16 at 3:00 PM and Tuesday November 18th at 7:00 PM. You only need to attend one session. We are especially in need of ministers at the Sunday 12:15 PM Mass. No RSVP is required for the training.

Altar Server: Any child in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade is welcome to serve at Masses, weddings, and funerals. If you missed the training this past fall now is your chance to get involved. Training will be held on Tuesday and Friday, November 4, 7, 11, 14, 18 and 21st. Students must attend 3 sessions either on Tuesday or on Friday (1 session each week, as different material is covered each week.) Please sign-up on the website.

Usher/Hospitality Minister: Ushers/Hospitality Ministers play an extremely important role because you may be the only contact a visitor has with someone in our parish and we want them to feel welcome. They also assist with seating of the assembly at weekend Masses and gather the collection. This ministry is open to adults and high school students over the age of 16. If you are interested in this ministry please contact me at the Parish Center.

Jim Clauer
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 in the Parish Center

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.

Janet, 708-246-4866, jccoadc@sbcglobal.net ~ Mary, 708-2465108,mary105105@gmail.com
www.wccm-usa.org ~ Free will offering ~ Reservations requested, but not required

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.”
Lifelong Learning

The musical *Fiddler on the Roof* centers around Tevye, the father of a poor Jewish family in Russia. Tevye and his wife, Golde, have five daughters.

Their eldest daughter falls in love with a young tailor. This pains Tevye and Golde, because Jewish tradition specified that all Jewish marriages should be arranged by a matchmaker. But after a struggle with their consciences, Tevye and Golde allow their daughter to marry the tailor.

Next, their second daughter, Hodel, falls in love with a young man named Perchik. The situation is complicated because Perchik has abandoned his Jewish faith. After a struggle with his conscience, Tevye accepts the situation. But Golde cannot accept it.

To try to help her see her way clear to do so, Tevye says to his wife, “Perchik’s a good man, Golde. He is a little crazy, but I like him. And what is more, Hodel likes him. She loves him.” (paraphrased)

Then with a mischievous twinkle in his eye, Tevye says to his wife, “Golde, do you love me?”

“Golde says, “Do I love you? For all these years, I’ve cleaned your house, cooked your meals, and washed your clothes. Do I love you?”

But Golde’s response doesn’t satisfy Tevye. Again, he asks her, “But, Golde, do you love me?”

Again Golde replies, “Do I love you? For all these years I have walked with you, talked with you, starved with you, slept with you. Do I love you? If that’s not love, what is?”

This dialogue between Golde and Tevye makes a fitting introduction to today’s gospel. In today’s gospel Jesus talks about love and the kind of love we should have for God and for one another. Jesus says: “Love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul...Love your neighbor as yourself.” When Jesus says, “Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,” he implies that there are various levels of love.

The first level of love is the minimal level. It is sometimes called the essence of love, the kind of love Golde talks about with Tevye. It consists of mutual sharing and fidelity. Without it there is no genuine love.

The second level of love is called the logic of love. It’s a higher level. At this level the lover is not content with mutual sharing and fidelity; the lover wants to do more and searches for ways to surprise and please the beloved. It is never satisfied with the bare minimum. It always wants to do more.

The third level of love is called the folly of love. It is the most perfect love there is. At this level the lover does what other people consider madness, what ordinary people cannot understand.

Consider the example of a couple who were childless. When they tried to adopt they found that healthy children were scarce. So they decided to adopt a child who was considered unplaceable; a child who was severely crippled and could not walk. They went on to adopt a total of 12 unplaceable children. To some, what this couple has done is madness. To them it’s simply an expression of love, a response to Jesus’ invitation to love with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind.

The most perfect example of this third level of love is Jesus himself. Speaking of Jesus’ love, Paul says: “Though he was in the form of God...Jesus emptied himself...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:6-8).

To people who do not love with all their heart, with all their soul, and with all their mind, Jesus’ love is sheer madness. Jesus says, “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

Most us love most of the time at the first level. We share with one another and are faithful to one another. And most of us have moments in our lives when we love at the second level. We go out of our way to please or to surprise those we love. And, finally, many of us have moments in our lives when we love at the third level. We love in a way that makes nonloving people thing we are mad.

In today’s gospel, Jesus exhorts us to strive more and more to love as he did—not in a minimal way, but in a perfect way: with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our mind. It’s this kind of love that is capable of transforming not only those we love but also ourselves and the world we live in.
Lifelong Learning

Each person’s mission is a mission of love… Begin in the place where you are, with the people closest to you. Make your homes centers of compassion and forgive endlessly. Let no one come to you without coming away better and happier…

At the hour of death when we come face-to-face with God, we are going to be judged on love; not how much we have done, but how much love we put into the doing.

Mother Teresa

Gracious God, Author of all love, may your rule of compassion and commandment of love govern every moment of life you give us until the coming of your reign, where Jesus is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.

Love When We Do Not Find Love

Love never gets out of date. Love, therefore, all things and all persons in God.

So long as there are poor, I am poor;
So long as there are prisons, I am a prisoner;
So long as there are sick, I am weak;
So long as there is ignorance, I must learn the truth;
So long as there is hate, I must find love;
So long as there is hunger, I am famished.

Such is the identification our Lord would have us make with all whom he made in love and for love. Where we do not find love, we must put it. There is nothing in all the world more calculated to inspire love for others than this vision of Christ in our fellow man: “For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; Naked, and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.” Fulton Sheen ((1895-1979)

Living the Gospel

By asking “which commandment in the law is the greatest,” the Pharisees reveal an attitude toward law far different from that of Jesus. Instead of limiting the demand of the law as the Pharisees do to discrete commandments that are kept or not, Jesus teaches that the demand of the law embraces the totality of our relationships with God, self, and neighbor. We are to love God above all things and others, with our entire being. This kind of love is singular—God alone is deserving of receiving everything we are.

There is a second, similar commandment as well: we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. This second commandment raises two questions. First, who is our neighbor? In all of Jesus’ teaching, he stresses that the neighbor is not merely the one near us, but anyone who enters into our lives. In other words, everyone is our neighbor! Second, what does loving our neighbor look like? The love we have for our neighbor, as Jesus says, is to be the love we have for ourselves. Most of us, however, probably don’t think too often about loving ourselves. This means that we care for and respect ourselves, and do the same for our neighbor. Love defines our relationships; love is the wellspring of obedience to any commandment. Love is the greatest commandment because it truly is the whole Law of God. Would that we be so tenacious in our loving as the opponents of Jesus were in testing him! ©Living Liturgy


<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Tuesday</th>
<th>Wednesday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
<th>Friday</th>
<th>Saturday All Saints</th>
<th>Sunday All Souls</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Eph 4:32-5:8  
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6  
Psalms 19:3-4, 5  
Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14  
Psalms 144:1b, 2, 9-10  
Psalms 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6  
Luke 14:1-6 | Psalms 7:2-4, 9-14  
Psalms 24:1-3, 3-4, 5-6  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matt 5:1-12a | Wis 3:1-9  
Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9 |

John 6:37-40
Congratulations!
Our parish community prayerfully supports and congratulates the following families who had their child baptized last Sunday. Pictured below are: Poppy Grace with parents James and Ana Jansen, Theodore James with parents Matthew and Julie Canna, Bennett Clarence with parents Chris and Grace Johnson, and Andrius Vladas with parents Justin and Jennifer Riskus. Information about having your baby baptized at St. John of the Cross is on our parish website.

Domestic Violence Awareness
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.

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.

Coping with the Holidays
For those mourning the death of a loved one this holiday season, Little Company of Mary Hospital and Health Care Centers is offering an evening entitled:

Coping with the Holidays
Wednesday, November 12 from 7:30-9:30pm

The presenter will be Fr. Jim Heneghan, Pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Little Company of Mary is located at 2800 W. 95th Street in Evergreen Park. Register at 708-229-5484. There is no fee.

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 open to both adults and high school students. 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.
Praying the Rosary

During the month of October the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7th). The Rosary is one of the most well known and easily recognized Catholic devotional practices. The actual origin of the Rosary is hard to trace. According to tradition, it may have started in 1214 when the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Dominic. Another theory is that the Rosary began as a way for the laity to imitate monastic practice by having 150 prayers to match the 150 psalms chanted by the monks.

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the Apostles’ Creed, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The Our Father, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the Hail Mary is the angel’s words announcing Christ’s birth and Elizabeth’s greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the Hail Mary.

The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ’s life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Pope John II in 2002—the Luminous.

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

Rosaries can be made from a wide variety of materials, from cheap plastic beads to precious stones. Once they have been blessed, they are considered a sacramental, and should not be bought or sold or worn around the neck like jewelry. (Used with permission. USCCB)

String Your Own Family Rosary

Make this treasured prayer even more precious by praying it on a Rosary that you and your family have made with your own hands and hearts. Go to our parish website home page to download the pdf that gives you the instructions to string your own family Rosary. (Loyola Press)
Help a New Refugee Family in Chicago

Shoppers at Jewel Osco receive Saver Stamps that can be redeemed for Cuisinart cookware. Donate your Saver Stamps to help us earn cookware for new refugee families served by the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program in Chicago. Stamps may be dropped off at the parish center or the YC office.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

While seemingly far away and obsolete, poverty is closer to home than it may seem. What can we do? Be a volunteer. Be a donor. Be an advocate for justice. Pope Francis tells us, “The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need, those who have nothing apart from their poverty.”

In efforts to align our church with Pope Francis’ call, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to combat the threats that poverty poses and empower the poor through self-help programs. They fund organizations in your neighborhood including Mujeres Unidas (Women United), who works to build upon the talents of the program participants to create future self-sufficient, women owned co-operatives in the food service industry.

This November 22nd and 23rd, join the millions of generous Chicagoans and support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development to help fund remarkable organizations. Visit www.ChicagoPeaceAndJustice.org/CCHD

Virtus Training at SJC

A Protecting God’s Children Workshop will be offered at the parish center on:

Wednesday, November 12 at 6:30pm

Register at www.virtus.org. Seating is limited. Attendees must be on time and attend the entire session. For all parish employees and volunteers 18 years of age and older. This is our last session for the year.

Your food donations brought to the church narthex will be donated to St. Mark Parish. Please remember to bring food for the poor when you come to Mass.

To change the world we must be good to those who cannot repay us.

Pope Francis @Pontifex · Oct 18
The Wednesday Morning Bible Study group at SJC will begin the new version of the 24 week Ascension Press series, “The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation” on Wednesday, November 5th from 9:30-11:30am.

This is a comprehensive approach to Bible study that introduces participants to the “big picture” of God’s saving plan to draw all of humanity into his divine family plan. Dividing salvation history into 12 periods and focusing on 14 narrative books of Scripture, both Old and New Testaments, this program shows how God has revealed in words and deeds his loving mercy toward mankind.

Each meeting includes a video presentation, group discussion and Scripture reading and questions to be completed at home. The cost of materials is $40 which includes a workbook, laminated Bible timeline chart, Bible timeline bookmark and “bracelet’’ to act as a very helpful mnemonic device for memorizing the periods of salvation history. Participants should bring their own Bible and Catechism of the Catholic Church to the meetings. View video highlights at http://ascensionpress.com/products/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation-new-version-2-dot-0-dvd-set.

To register for this study, please drop off an envelope marked Wednesday Morning Bible Study with your name and a check for materials to the parish office (708.246.4404) by Thursday, October 30th.

Volunteers Needed for Flyer Day and Harvest Saturday

Adult drivers (21 and over and insured) are needed from 9:00 -11:00am on Saturday, November 8 to drive our Crossroads teens as they deliver Harvest Saturday flyers to homes in the surrounding neighborhoods.

On Harvest Saturday, November 15, we will be picking up the food donations and need adult volunteers to drive the teens. Volunteers are also needed to deliver the food to pantries and unload the truck. Teens and adults are invited to help sort and box the food. Sign up today on the Crossroads home page, www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/.

Contact Fran Karas with questions, 708-246-2612 or franbkaras@gmail.com.

Last year we collected more than two truckloads of food and delivered it to the following agencies and food pantries: House of the Good Shepherd, Port Ministries, La Grange Area Transitional Housing, St. Cletus, St. Francis, St. Thomas of Canterbury and the Midwest Workers Association.

Sunday October 26 our dedicated and loving Parishioners Joe & Kathy Gazdacka will receive the Christifideles Award from Archbishop Francis George. Fr. Dave Dowdle, with our Pastoral Staff’s recommendation, is grateful for their dedication to various ministries in our parish. They served together as home group leaders for our teens. Joe is a regular Usher and serves as our Crossroads Work Tour Adult Coordinator. The Gazdacka’s make service and helping others a part of their lives and our parish is grateful for their faithful dedication. Congratulations!
Last week, our students competed at the Benet Scholastic Bowl. Students achieved amazing results. They were awarded an overall first place for Science, Math, Social Studies, and Language Arts. In addition to those victories, the eighth graders scored a first in Science. Seventh grader’s scored a first and third in Social Studies. Congratulations to all of our students who achieved this success against 60 different teams.

Each fall, SJC invites Kathy McGowen, Outreach Coordinator for the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Task Force, to talk to our students about internet safety. She addressed our students about making responsible choices in our wireless world. She presented to each grade level and was most informative.

Please pray for all our 7th and 8th grade students in the St. John of the Cross Youth Catechesis Program and Parish School.

Yesterday over 190 parish 8th grade students experienced their Confirmation Retreat called Day of the Spirit, learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit that are blooming within their souls! At the end of the day, the students and retreat leaders joined the parish for Saturday 5:00pm Mass.

The 7th grade student parish Confirmation Commitment Ceremony will be on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30pm in church.

Students and at least one parent should attend. The ceremony is a beautiful event that honors their commitment to walk the two year journey to Confirmation.

Dear young people, Christ is counting on you to be his friends and witnesses to his infinite love.

Pope @Pontifex October 10
Pray for Our Sick

Trying to get in touch with us? More info is on our website: www.stjohnofthecross.org

Rev. David P. Dowdle, Pastor
ddowdle@stjohnofthecross.org

Rev. Joseph F. McDonnell, Pastor Emeritus
Contact Fr. Joe through the Parish Office

Rev. William J. Vollmer, Associate Pastor
bvollmer@stjohnofthecross.org

Deacon John Schopp, Deacon
john.schopp@newhemispheres.com

Bill Bright, Director of Outreach Ministries
bbright@stjohnofthecross.org

Janet Caschetta, Director of Youth Catechesis
jcascetta@stjohnofthecross.org

Jim Clauer, Director of Worship
jclauer@stjohnofthecross.org

Laura Dragich, Reservations Coordinator
ldrdragich@stjohnofthecross.org

Kathleen Gorman, School Principal
gorman@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us

Katie Hayes, Director of Crossroads Teen Ministry
khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Jessica Koch, Director of Music
jkoch@stjohnofthecross.org

MJ Martin, Director of Parish Operations
mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org

Elizabeth Russell-Jones, Welcome Coordinator
erussell-jones@stjohnofthecross.org

This Week at SJC

Monday, October 27, 2014
9:15am School Mass
9:30am Spiritual Journaling
10:30am Christian Meditation
1:00pm Little Rock
2:30pm Adoration
6:15pm Film 40
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
9:05am Tuesdays with Mary Rosary
6:30pm Commitment Ceremony church
7:00pm RCIA

Wednesday, October 29, 2014
8:30am Fr. Bonin Opera Study
9:30am Wednesday Morning Bible Study
2:00pm Christian Meditation
3:00pm Spirituality of St. John of the Cross
7:00pm Chicago Catholic Scripture School
7:30pm Christian Meditation

Thursday, October 30, 2014
Friday, October 31, 2014
Parish Center closing at 4pm

Saturday, November 01, 2014
7:00am Christian Meditation
9:00am Men’s Club Speaker

Sunday, November 02, 2014
12:30pm All Souls Mass of Remembrance
12:30pm Christian Meditation Afternoon of Reflection
1:00pm Family Faith Connection
6:00pm Crossroads Freshmen Experience

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 27
7:45 Our Beloved Dead; Jerry Jung

Tuesday, October 28
7:45 Walter Piszczer, Genrose Hlavin, Suzette Pertile

Wednesday, October 29
7:45 Wayne Santi; JoAnn Jones

Thursday, October 30
7:45 Dorothy Rydzewski, Don Winkel

Friday, October 31
7:45 Fr. Bill Martin; Anthony Sweeney

Saturday, November 1, All Saints Day
8:00 Dr. Edward Montgomery; Murray & Gerald Ferrill
5:00 Marie Capellani; Catherine Boyle

Sunday, November 2, All Souls Day
7:30 Ron Stevens; Tom Stevens; Donald Stevens
9:00 Barbara Mann; Brian Conrad
10:45 Anthony Jacyno; deceased members of Jakicic Family
12:30 Our Beloved Dead
5:00 Helen Gula Sherlock; Gerald Casper

The All Souls Mass of Remembrance is Sunday, November 2nd at 12:30pm. This Mass will start 15 minutes later than usual.

Don’t forget to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend.

Pray for our Sick

Richard Baruth
Ramona Carroll
Lori Cook
Willard Savage

We Pray for Our Beloved Dead

Helene McInerney, mother of Joan Zahorik, Leo, Allen, Bill, Lynne and Tom

Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves.
Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words.

Ignatius of Loyola
John C. Skreko, DDS
GENERAL DENTIST Since 1981
CARE FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
• Reconstruction
• Root Canals
• Extractions, Oral Emergency
Indian Head Park
708-246-1263

Dr. Joseph E. Kizior, Orthodontist
Orthodontics for Children and Adults
Metal or Clear Brackets • Flexible Hours • Most Insurance Accepted
4365 Lawn Avenue, Western Springs
708.246.1000

Maloney & Company, Ltd.
Certified Public Accountants & Consultants
Specializing in Personalized Accounting, Tax and Consulting Services
For Individuals and Family Owned Businesses
61 Ogden Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL 60514
(630) 455-1666

Baldinelli Pizza
Homemade Sausage, Sauce, BEEF Meatballs, Italian Ice & Gelato
Delivery Sun-Th 11am-9pm
Fri & Sat 11am-10pm
630-654.4600 • Catering
32 E. Hinsdale Ave., Hinsdale

Bella Cosa Jewelers
On-site Custom Design and Repair
Diamond Importer • We buy gold and diamonds
SeeBeautifulThings.com • 630.455.1234

KEENAN ROOFING AND SOLAR
IF YOUR HOME'S EXTERIOR IS UNBECOMING TO YOU
YOU SHOULD BE COMING TO US!
FREE Gutter Cleaning with Gutter Topper Installation
Never Be Without Power Again – Always Have Power!

Home & Office Cleaning Services
773-505-5658
www.cleanologycorp.com

STAINING, WATERPROOFING
FREE coverall cleaning with gutter topper installation
Never Be Without Power Again – Whole Home Generators Installation
708.485.0766

Digital Color Match Paint
Lawn and Garden Electrical & Plumbing Supplies
Window & Screen Repair
Weber and Toro Sales & Service

Law Office of Kevin J. Moore, P.C.
Parishioner • Business Law • Civil Litigation
708.246.1595
4365 Lawn Ave., Ste 7
Western Springs
www.KJMooreLaw.com

Battistoni and Beam Orthodontics
708-352-4500
922 S. La Grange Rd.
La Grange, IL 60525
www.awesomebraces.com

CatholicMatch Illinois
Denise Pozzi Photography
“Your Parish Photographer”
To view and order photos from SJC events visit
http://vando.imagequix.com/
Use Photographer ID skydangroup and choose the gallery you would like to view.
Also available for private events 708-352-2771

The Community Bank of Western Springs
A branch of Hinsdale Bank & Trust Company
1000 Hillgrove Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558
708-246-7100

CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

Mary Dine 630-571-7000
www.greggcomm.com

Dan Madden Parishioner
708 246.8898

DUPLEX ELECTRIC
708-387-9400
Expert Troubleshooting Electrical Rehab/Repair
Greg Fiflis – Parishioner
www.duplexelectricservice.com

Wilson Painting
Fine painting of walls, ceilings & woodwork
630.654.4600 • Catering
32 E. Hinsdale Ave., Hinsdale
Everyday Special 16” Pizza & 1 Topping $12.99

Baldinelli Pizza
Homemade Sausage, Sauce, BEEF Meatballs, Italian Ice & Gelato
Delivery Sun-Th 11am-9pm
Fri & Sat 11am-10pm
630-654.4600 • Catering
32 E. Hinsdale Ave., Hinsdale

Cleaning Services
Free Estimates
773-502.9369

ANNA’S CLEANING SERVICES
Free Estimates
773-502.9369

NOTRE DAME FAMILY CENTER
Rev. James Watzke, Ph.D.
Depression • Anxiety • Stress
Family • Separation • Divorce
Sub Abuse • Medicare • Spanish
Oakbrook Terr. • 630.691.1114

Greg Greg Fiflis – Parishioner
www.greggcomm.com

Gregg Communications Systems, Inc.
Telephone Equip. Voiceover IP (VoIP)
38 Years in Business
Mary Dine 630-571-7000 www.greggcomm.com

CatholicMatch.com/myLL
Denise Pozzi Photography
“Your Parish Photographer”
To view and order photos from SJC events visit
http://vando.imagequix.com/
Use Photographer ID skydangroup and choose the gallery you would like to view.
Also available for private events 708-352-2771

CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

CatholicMatch.com/myLL
Denise Pozzi Photography
“Your Parish Photographer”
To view and order photos from SJC events visit
http://vando.imagequix.com/
Use Photographer ID skydangroup and choose the gallery you would like to view.
Also available for private events 708-352-2771

CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

St. John of the Cross Church (B)
www.jspaluch.com
For Ads: J.S. Paluch Co., Inc. 1-800-566-6170
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 pro-life movement envisions a day when abortion is taught in history classes. The 40 film will be used in that lesson plan.”

Nesly Hazard - President of Secular Pro-Life

“The 40 Film beautifully reveals the spectrum in the pro-life movement, our hope for the future in every child, and the courage of student activists who give meaning to our message that “Women Deserve Better than Abortion” through resources and support. Morals makes a clear: Joy is our business.”

Sereni M. Foster - President, Feminists for Life of America

“All high school and college students need to see this film, especially at Catholic high schools and colleges.”

Father Frank Hoffner - Executive Director, Relevant Radio

“Unlike any other engagement of the abortion debate, the ‘40’ film gives voice to both sides fairly and lets women speak for themselves through experience on the reasons for their firm convictions about abortion. What we lose now that we didn’t at the time of Roe is the impact of abortion on women, men, families and society. The ‘40’ film captures it all in an exquisite encounter with human dignity. This is one for the ages, a rare and timeless contribution to this time in history. It should be seen by all people of all persuasions, everyone, everywhere, without exception. This was long overdue, but now we’re talking.”

Sheila Lignamse, Host of “A Closer Look” Relevant Radio