Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Holy Trinity
May 31, 2015
Dear Parishioners,

The way the calendar falls this year makes this weekend feel like a bonus May weekend after Memorial Day, which is always the last Monday in May. With the 31st of the month being Sunday this year we get an ‘extra’ weekend, a fifth weekend, in the calendar. Next year is a leap year and we get 5 Mondays as well, but the last Monday is May 30th. So we won’t get a ‘bonus’ weekend for several more years.

This past week has been busy with grade school graduations. A lot of colleges seemed to graduate last weekend. High schools are just finishing finals and graduations are this coming week. For those families who have graduates at different levels it can be a very hectic time running between celebrations. The parish school year comes to a conclusion this coming Friday. And then we can enjoy the quiet, lazy days of summer, right?

Not really. The Women’s Club Garage Sale is coming up (June 20th) and tons of volunteers are needed to make it a success. This is a great way for new families to get involved. We can utilize moms, dads and teens. And we are in need of grandparents and little kids, too! There is something for everyone to contribute. If you have a strong back and can help out with moving the larger items your help is very much appreciated. If you love to organize, everything from children’s clothes to jewelry to games to Christmas decorations, we can use your skill. If you will have to be decorating a dorm room for the first time or are moving into your first apartment you can get a jump on the sales by helping set up the different rooms or by becoming a room chair. Please join a great group of people and help make this year’s Garage Sale the best yet! The Women’s Club accomplishes a lot of good with the money that is raised.

And if that won’t work into your schedule don’t worry—the Parish Festival is coming up (June 25th-28th) the following week and there is even more opportunity to volunteer and get involved. Set-up, clean-up, food service, ticket booths and so much more can use all the help it can get. The number of volunteers for a particular time slot is organized this year to utilize your help to the best possible advantage. Please join a great group of people to help make this year’s Fest the best yet. The moneys raised allow us to have an operating budget in the black.

Please join us Sunday (after the 10:45 am Mass) at an ice cream reception as we thank Mary Ann Oczkowski and Judie Gale for their incredible service to the parish school as they retire. They have given a combined total of 79 years of dedicated service to Catholic education. When they speak of your children they do so with a passion and love that no pay check could ever adequately compensate them for. Individually and collectively they have helped make our faculty the outstanding group of people they have been for all these many years. At the end of this school year we also recognize and say farewell to teacher, Cindy Janowitz, who has taught preschool at SJC for the past 6 years. Thank you to Mary Ann, Judie and Cindy!!

The school year dominates the rhythm of parish life. As this year concludes it is easy to see how richly blessed we have been throughout the year. Give God the praise!

Peace,
Fr. David
Living the Gospel

No other Gospel so explicitly refers to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity as does the one for this Sunday. We hear the very words of the baptismal formula in use today: Jesus commands the disciples to baptize “in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” The disciples are sent forth to “all nations” with the authority of Jesus and they reap the rewards of being faithful to Jesus’ command and having Jesus always with them. Baptism professes our faith in the Holy Trinity and celebrates our insertion into the intimate, relational life of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The depth and intimacy of God’s relationship with us leads to our own identity. As children and heirs, we share in the identity of Christ and, therefore, of God. Moreover, we participate in God’s saving work because we share in the power and mission of Christ through the Spirit. To be formed into the identity of Christ, therefore, is to be formed into his mission. Knowing God isn’t something we can find out in the abstract; knowing God is sought and expressed in our own doing—in taking up Christ’s mission and living our own privileged identity as daughters and sons of God “until the end of the age.” Without doing as Jesus did, we cannot answer “Who is God?” This doing is nothing less than suffering with Christ, which means a constant dying to self. By our own self emptying are we filled with the divine identity, are faithful to our own baptismal identity, and continue the mission with which Jesus has entrusted us. ©Living Liturgy

Background on the Gospel

This week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next Sunday, however, are designated as solemnities, special days that call our attention to the central mysteries of our faith. Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew’s Gospel quickly moves from the disciples’ discovery of Jesus’ empty tomb and Jesus’ appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today’s Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew’s Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountaintop. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountaintop, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountaintop, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountaintop in the Sermon on the Mount. In today’s Gospel, the disciples go the mountaintop in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commisions them to baptize and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptize and to teach.

Jesus commissions his disciples to baptize in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptized Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God’s love. Loyola Press

May we choose to live our baptismal commitment with love and courage. May we deepen our relationship with the triune God by growing in our relationships with each other. Amen.

Monday
Tob 1:3; 2:1a-8
Ps 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6
Mark 12:1-12

Tuesday
Tob 2:9-14
Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9
Mark 12:13-17

Wednesday
Tob 3:1-11a, 16-17a
Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9
Mark 12:18-27

Thursday
Tob 6:10-11;
7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mark 12:28-34

Friday
Tob 11:5-17
Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10
Mark 12:35-37

Saturday
Tob 12:1, 5-15, 20
Tob 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8
Mark 12:38-44

Sunday
Body and Blood
Exod 24:3-8
Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18
Heb 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

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Richard Rohr Meditation
An Introduction to Francis of Assisi
The Marrow of the Gospel

Many people who are not officially Franciscans are followers of Francis and have rediscovered again and again what can only be called radical simplification. I think of people like Thérèse of Lisieux, Charles de Foucauld, Dorothy Day, Vincent de Paul, Seraphim of Sarov, thousands of Catholic and Protestant missionaries, Mother Teresa, and, most recently, Pope Francis. The way of Francis of Assisi cannot be contained inside of formal Franciscanism simply because it is nothing more than the Gospel itself—in a very distilled and honest form.

Francis says it this way: "The Rule and the life of the Friars Minor is simply to live the Gospel." In fact, the first Rule that he wrote in 1221 is simply a stringing together of a whole bunch of quotes from the New Testament. He sent it off to Rome, and the Pope looked at it and said in effect, "This is no Rule of Life. This is just the Gospel."

I can just hear Francis saying, "Yes, that's the point. It is just the Gospel. We don't need any other Rule except the Gospel." In his "Testament," he says Franciscanism is nothing other than "the marrow of the Gospel." He said our life is simply to live the Gospel, to get to the core of what Jesus taught. Honestly, the core of the Gospel is so simple that it's hard to live. It's so clear that the mind almost insists on making it complicated, doctrinal, and abstract—so we can argue about it. Even Francis had to add some niceties to his Rule to make it more acceptable to the Roman system before it could be approved in 1223. He added politically correct things such as, "Be sure you are nice to the priests and always respect the bishop." And wouldn't you know it, this little ragtag group of Italian laymen were officially approved by the Church, when many others who were doing the same thing (like the Waldensians and the Poor Men of Lyons) were not. Humility goes a long way when you are trying to reform something.

Francis had a sincerity and joy about him, which made him easy to trust and even like, if we are to believe the responses of the Sultan in Egypt (who had nothing to gain), Pope Innocent III in Rome (who had achieved the height of Papal and temporal power), and the local Bishop in Assisi (who had the most to lose perhaps). Apparently, it was pretty hard to dislike this guy!

Give God Full Access
Mags Blackie recently became aware of a pattern of behavior through prayer and she found it liberating. In the tradition of “Pray as you can, and not as you can’t,” she encourages:

What we need to do is to give God full access. To open ourselves to the grace of God. Any prayer method can get us there, it is the intention that is important. What we discover may not always be pretty, but it will lead to freedom.

Consider what form of prayer might lead you to freedom this week.
I grew up in a small town in Ohio. The focal point of the town and its people was Holy Trinity Church. Thus I was happy to discover, upon entering the Jesuits, that the focal point of Jesuit life and spirituality is the Holy Trinity. This focus dates back to its founder, Saint Ignatius. One day after his conversion, Ignatius was praying.

At one point in his prayer, the church’s bells began to ring. Suddenly, he was given to understand how the three Persons in God are one. The three keys of a musical instrument have their own sounds, but, when played together, they form one sound. Throughout his life, Ignatius cherished that moment.

Against this background, the Trinity has always held a special place in my prayer life. One prayer form that I follow is called the 3-Minute Replay. It makes an ideal prayer before bed and is an easy method you can share in helping others kick-start their prayer life.

During the first minute, I pick out a high point in my day, something good, like going out of my way to help someone. I speak to the Father about it and give thanks for the grace to do it. The second minute, I pick out a low point in my day, something bad, like speaking ill of someone. I speak to Jesus about it and ask to be forgiven. The third minute, I look ahead to a critical point I will face tomorrow, like making an important decision. I speak to the Holy Spirit about it and ask for special guidance.

Like three notes that together form one rich, beautiful chord, the 3-Minute Replay can enrich your prayer life by blending together three things—thanksgiving, an examination of conscience, and petition—in a single prayer to the Trinity. The simplicity of the prayer also makes it ideal for those unsure about how to pray. Remember, prayer does not have to be grandiose or complex . . . in fact, it can be as simple as 1, 2, 3.

Mark Link, SJ, author and editor of more than 60 books, including Praying the Way Jesus Prayed. Ignatianspirituality.com
Help Sort & Pack School Supplies

It's once again time to think about this year's school supply recycling project. With the help of many of you last year in collecting, sorting and packing supplies, more than three hundred fifty boxes were distributed to the following organizations all of whom were most grateful for what they received:

Catholic Charities in Chicago, Catholic Charities in Cicero, Global Youth Leadership, Harvest Hope, Kolbe House, Prison Ministry's Children of the Incarcerated Program, Off the Street Club, Precious Blood Ministry of Reconciliation, Refugee One, St. Leonard Prison Ministry, St. Thadeus School, SCARCE, School on Wheels, and St. Vincent DePaul Settlement House, St. Louis MO

Helpers of all ages are needed to sort and pack this year’s supplies on Monday and Tuesday, June 15 & 16 from 9 until 12 at Mary Lee and Jim Larsen's home, 4521 Harvey in Western Springs. Please come for as little or as long as you would like. There will be a pizza lunch and a chance to swim afterwards for those who can stay. If you know of any additional schools or organizations that might be in need of supplies this year or you have any gently used school/art/office supplies that you would like to donate, please call Mary Lee and Jim at 708-246-3987.

Need Help Finding a Job?

ICN is Here to Help!

Upcoming Programs

Your Behind the Scenes Tour of HR and the Hiring Process

Take a tour of HR on Thursday, June 4 from 7-9 pm, with Judy Lake as your Tour Guide. Judy will provide valuable insight into what goes on behind the scenes in HR with discussion on resumes, cover letters and the interview/selection process. St. Cletus School Building.

Career Resource Center

Wednesday, June 3 and June 17

The CRC is a volunteer staffed resource where job seekers receive assistance with internet usage, resume/cover letter preparation and electronic job search skills. These free services are available on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month in the First Baptist Church of La Grange. No appointment is needed. Just ring the doorbell at the Ashland Avenue Office entrance and let us help you.

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Are You a High School or College Student Looking for Joy?

Are you allowing Jesus’ Word to lead you to joy? “If you abide in my word you will know my love and that love will fill you with an immense joy – a joy which is unsurpassing, exalted, and unfading.” (From a meditation by Don Schwager on 2 Peter 1:3,8.)

God’s Word has potential to bring us immense joy, but sometimes it is tough to see how it is relevant and really unlock that potential. Ignite is a weekly small group program for high school and college students where we will share our own experiences to achieve a better understanding of what God is telling us through His Word. Discussions will be Scripture-based where each week we will look at a gospel passage and talk about how it applies to finding joy and direction in our daily lives.

Please contact Ashley Klesken at aklesken33@aol.com or 708-299-1737 if you are interested in being part of a small group or being a small group leader. We will form groups and have our first discussion on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:30pm at the St. John of the Cross Parish Center. We will meet every Wednesday over the summer starting June 10th, so feel free to come every week or just stop by any week that works with your schedule. I hope you’re ready to make new friends and set your faith on fire!

Calendar of Events

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Summer Work Tours

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope.

Join us July 12-18 at Habitat for Humanity in Franklin, WV. We need 3 more teens, age 16 and older, and 2 more adults to serve on the work site building, painting and gardening. Teens do not need to be Crossroads members to attend a Work Tour.

Registration forms are on our website, www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/work-tours/

Contact Joe Gazdacka at 708-246-3965, or at gazzyjoe@aol.com if you have any questions.

Kairos Retreat

Kairos 20, a retreat for Juniors and Seniors, will take place August 6-9. Register by June 30 at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/retreats/
Get Involved ~ Make a Difference!
The Parish Men’s Club is seeking a candidate to fill the office of President. If you are interested please contact Bill Bright at bbright@stjohnofthecross.org or Barrett Long at longbarrett@hotmail.com.

Men’s Club Golf Outing
Tee Times Are Filling Up Fast!!
The SJC Men’s Club invites all men to a golf outing on Friday June 5 at Flagg Creek.
Cost: $27 includes golf, cart, 2 beverage tickets and entry into contests.
Contests: Low score, long drive, closest to the pin.
Tee Times: 1:00 to 2:17pm
Sign-up: Forms can be found on the Parish Men’s Club Web Site. Please drop off the form or a note with your name and/or name of the foursome, contact information, and a check(s) made payable to the SJC Men’s Club to the Parish Center.
Questions: Contact Dan Montgomery (312.952.1435) or John Cisek (708-784-1998).

Father-Son Retreat
August 7-9, 2015 with Fr. Patrick McGrath, SJ
The Father-Son Retreat begins on Friday night with dinner and fellowship. After dinner, silence commences, and the retreat master gives the first of eight talks which are adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.
Your retreat is a time for personal silence and prayer. You can listen to the talks, walk the Way of the Cross, pray the Rosary, receive the sacraments of Penance, Eucharist, and Healing, converse with a Spiritual Director or simply enjoy the beauty of 80 acres set outside the grind of daily life.
The Bellarmine Retreat House is located in nearby Barrington. An $85 deposit is requested at time of retreat registration for each Father and Son pair ($42.50 per individual).
Questions? Email info@jesuitretreat.org or call 847.381.1261.
Many students attended end of the year field trips this week as a culmination of certain units of study. Our fourth graders visited Brookfield Zoo, our fifth and sixth graders visited Lego Land and our seventh graders took the Chicago Architectural Tour. Finally, our eighth graders took their annual trip to Six Flags on Thursday.

This Week at SJC
Monday, June 1 Kindergarten Celebration 9:15am Gym
Thursday, June 4 Celebrate SJC Day All Day
Friday, June 5 All School Liturgy 9:15am Church
End of School Year 11:00am Dismissal

Youth Catechesis News

DON’T BE LATE!
REGISTER FOR YC FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OPEN TO ALL CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE

Youth Catechesis is SJC’s religious education program for all parish children from kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration is underway for the next school year. Visit our office to register your children. The YC office is located in the southeast corner of the school building at 708 51st Street. Call us with questions at 708-246-6760. New families are asked to bring a copy of each child’s baptismal certificate if not baptized at our parish. Our Office Hours are Monday—Thursday 8:30am-4pm.

We encourage all parishioners to become involved as a Catechist or Aide next year. We have volunteers who have children in the program, parishioners who do not have a YC student, and high school teens. All are welcome to share their faith with our parish children! Join us!!
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is the way that those interested in the Catholic Church learn about the faith and join our community. The process traces its roots back to the earliest days of Christian communities.

The process is for...

- Those never baptized who would like to become a Catholic,
- Those baptized in another Christian Church who would like to become Catholic, or
- Those already baptized as a Catholic but who have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation.

The RCIA gives people on a faith journey an opportunity to discover not only what the Catholic Church and a life of faith in it is all about, but also an opportunity to explore how Jesus Christ may be calling them into his life in a deeper way.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about becoming Catholic invite them to contact Fr. Bill at 708-246-4404.

Summer Mass Schedule

Our Summer Mass Schedule began last weekend. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day (inclusive) there is no 12:15pm Mass. Please mark your calendar.

Smile!

Your final opportunity to have your picture taken for our 2015 Parish Directory will be on Thursday, June 18, Friday, June 19 or Saturday, June 20. Please visit the website www.stjohnofthecross.org or call the Parish Center to schedule your appointment. If you already had your photo taken and you received a complimentary 8 x 10, the pictures are now available in the Parish Center for pick-up. Questions? Call Elizabeth Russell-Jones at x155.

Eucharistic Procession

Join neighbors on Sunday, June 7 at 12:30pm in a family friendly, festive Eucharistic Procession from Notre Dame to St. Isaac Jogues. Sign up at sij.net/corpus-christiprocession/ The procession will be followed by Benediction and an ice cream social.

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

Diane and Richard Trzeciak and Family
Kristin and Steven Turk and Family
Sharon and Edwin Lange and Family
Kristi and Matthew Waddell and Family
Maggie and Dan Philips and Family
Claudia and Peter Bush and Family
Marla and Chris Rafferty and Family
Jamie and Jason Kuzniar 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.

Catholic Charities 42nd Annual Senior Unity Mass

Catholic Charities invites all senior citizens to the 42nd Annual Senior Unity Mass which will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 10am. This free event includes a social gathering and hot luncheon immediately following Mass at Holy Family Church located at 1080 W. Roosevelt Road, Chicago. RSVP today by calling Megan Fry at (312) 655-7425 or by email mfry@catholiccharities.net.

Music Basics & Bonin

Join Fr. Harry Bonin in the Parish Center on three Wednesday mornings, June 17 and 24 and July 8, from 9am-11:30am. Fr. Harry will review basic music elements and introduce you to our parish hymnal. Always interesting and entertaining, you won’t want to miss this series!
Inordinate Attachments - Moral Flaw or Struggle with Divine Energy?

The renowned spiritual writer, Henri Nouwen, made no secret about the fact that he was emotionally over-sensitive and that he suffered, sometimes to the point of clinical depression, from emotional obsessions. At times, he, a vowed celibate, was simply overpowered by the feeling of being in love with someone who was hopelessly unavailable that he became psychologically paralyzed and needed professional help.

Yet, given Nouwen's moral honesty and the transparency of his life, one would hardly ascribe this to him as a moral flaw, however emotionally-crippling it was at times. He simply could not help himself sometimes, such was his emotional sensitivity.

Almost all sensitive people suffer something similar, though perhaps not as acute as what afflicted Henri Nouwen. Moreover these kinds of emotional obsessions affect our whole lives, including our moral and religious lives. What we do in the pain and paralysis of obsession rarely does us proud and is often far from a free act. In the grip of an emotional obsession we cannot think freely, pray freely, decide things freely, and we are prone to act out compulsively in ways that are not moral. What is the morality of our actions then?

Classical spiritual writers speak of something they term "inordinate attachments", and, for them, these "inordinate attachments" are a moral fault, something we need to control by willpower. However what they mean by "inordinate attachments" covers a wide range of things. In their view, we can be inordinately attached to our pride, to our appearance, to money, to power, to pleasure, to comfort, to possessions, to sex, and to an endless list of other things. They saw this as the opposite of the virtue of detachment. And, since its opposite is a virtue, "inordinate attachment" is, for classical spirituality, a vice, a moral and spiritual flaw.

There is a lot to be said positively for this view. Normally, lack of detachment is a moral flaw. But, perhaps there is an exception. An inordinate attachment can also be an emotional obsession with another person and this muddies the moral issue. Obsessions, generally, are not freely-chosen, nor are they often within the power of the will to control, at least inside the emotions. As our old catechisms and moral theology books used to correctly teach: We are responsible for our actions but we are not responsible for how we feel. Our emotions are like wild horses; they roam where they will and are not easily domesticated and harnessed.

Hence, I believe, the notion of "inordinate attachments", as expressed in classical spirituality, needs to be nuanced by series of other concepts which, while still carrying the same warning labels, carry something more. For example, today we speak of "obsessions", and we all know how powerful and crippling these can be. You cannot simply wish or will your way free of an obsession. But is that a moral flaw?

Sometimes too we speak of "being possessed by demons" and that also has a variety of meanings. We can be possessed by a power beyond us that overpowers our will, be that the devil himself or some overpowering addiction such as alcohol or drugs. Most of us are not overpowered, but each of us battles with his or her own demons and the line between obsession and possession is sometimes thin.

Moreover, today archetypal psychologists speak of something they call "daimons", that is, they believe that what explains our actions are not just nature and nurture, but also powerful "angels" and "demons" inside us, that relentlessly haunt our bodies and minds and leave us chronically obsessed and driven. But these "daimons" are also very often at the root of our creativity and that is why we often see (in the phraseology of Michael Higgins) "tortured genius" in many high-achievers, romantics, people with artistic temperaments, and people like Van Gogh and Nouwen, who, under the pressure of an obsession, cut off an ear or check themselves into a clinic.

What is the point of highlighting this? A deeper understanding of ourselves and others, is the point. We should not be so mystified by what happens sometimes in our world and inside us. We are wild, obsessed, complex creatures, and that complexity does not take its root, first of all, in what is evil inside us. Rather it is rooted in what is deepest inside us, namely, the image and likeness of God. We are infinite spirits journeying in a finite world. Obsessions come with the territory. In ancient myths, gods and goddesses often fell helplessly in love with human beings, but the ancients believed that this was a place where the divine and human met. And that still happens: The divine in us sometimes too falls hopelessly in love with another human being. This, of course, does not give us an excuse to act out as we would like on those feelings, but it does tell us that this is more an encounter between the divine and the human than it is a moral flaw.

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Vacation Bible School for Girls & Boys!!

June 29—July 2
from 9am to Noon

Faith & Fun for Kids!

Come to our parish Vacation Bible School where you will LEARN what’s so great about God, EXPLORE the nature of God, and SERVE God in practical ways through interactive games, skits, songs, and crafts.

VBS is for kids entering kindergarten through 5th grade in the fall. The cost is $35 which covers the program, t shirt, crafts and snacks. You can register at the YC Office or website. Space is limited. High school and adult crew leaders needed and appreciated.

Last Weekend to Register!!
Registration Closes on June 1
42ND ANNUAL SJC GARAGE SALE
SATURDAY, JUNE 20 9AM-2PM
Half Price Bag Sale on
Monday, June 22 from 9am-1pm

Come shop furniture, electronics, home
goods, adult and children’s clothing,
baby items, bikes, sporting gear
and much more!

For more information on donations and volunteer information, please visit us at
sjcgaragesale.com and like us on Facebook at St. John of the Cross Garage Sale

Thank you for your support ~ The Women’s Club
MEGA RIDE BRACELETS ON SALE NOW!
Pre-Sale Price: $50
Good for unlimited rides during entire SJC FEST!

A limited number of Mega Pass Vouchers are now available for $50 on a pre-sale basis only. Vouchers can be redeemed at the carnival voucher redemption booth for an unlimited ride wristband during the entire SJC Fest from June 25th-28th. Vouchers can be purchased at the Parish Center Office (checks only), School Office (see Val Nelson), on the Fest website or after Sunday Mass. Mega Passes are non-transferrable, non-replaceable and non-refundable. For additional information, please call Diane Schick at (708) 292-1100.

FEST VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

For SJC Fest to be a success, it requires a lot of volunteers. Over 300 to be exact! Won't you please consider volunteering for this year’s Fest? Whether you are a returning volunteer or a new one, we really need all hands on deck! We could use your assistance selling carnival and food tickets, serving food and beverages, selling raffle tickets, helping with setup and takedown, security and much more. We’d very much appreciate you sharing your time and talent with your Parish family! For more info, please stop by the SJC Fest 2015 table outside the Parish Center after weekend Mass or visit www.sjcfest.com and click on the “Volunteer” tab.

Don’t forget to purchase your SJC FEST RAFFLE TICKETS!

Watch the bulletin for Fest News or visit our Fest Website at sjcfest.com
Mass Intentions

Monday, June 1  St. Justin, Martyr
7:45am Tom Gowgiel; Herb Nilles

Tuesday, June 2  Sts. Marcelinus and Peter, Martyrs
7:45am Herb Nilles; Our Beloved Dead

Wednesday, June 3  St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
7:45am Ervin & Sophie Rozsypal; Martin J. Kelly

Thursday, June 4  Weekday
7:45am Meg Scanlon; June Battaglia

Friday, June 5  St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
7:45am David Myers; Tomaso Marion

Saturday, June 6  St. Norbert, Bishop; Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Mary & Albert Myers; Raymond Fatter
5:00pm Capt. Ace Evans; Michel and Rosalia Krupski

Sunday, June 7  Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
7:30am Larry Dougherty; George Polli
9:00am Ann Marie Calistro; Sally Bacon
10:45am Grant Larocque; Mitch Allen
5:00pm Jack Doyle; Kevin Ryan

Pray for Our Sick
Fr. Bob Heinz
Sarah Hergenrother
Margaret Parker
Robbie Rafanelli
Johnna Reggi

Pray for Our Beloved Dead
Hannah Rose Fisher & Liam Rhatigan

Second Collection Next Weekend
Next weekend, June 6-7, there will be a second collection for Retired Priests. Currently there are over 200 retired priests who have served Chicago Catholics, playing a crucial part in sustaining and enriching our Church. Many of these retired priests, like Fr. Joe, Fr. Harry, and our other visiting priests, continue to say Mass and help out at parishes like ours. This special collection benefits the Priests’ Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA) which provides supplemental health and prescription drug benefits to retired clergy. (Note, this collection is different from the December collection for retired men and women religious which goes only to those in religious orders.) Thank you for your generosity.

Help Us to Welcome New Parishioners after the 9am Mass Today
All are invited to join us TODAY after the 9am Mass for coffee and donuts in the Parish Center as we welcome our newest parishioners. Extend a handshake, share a cup of coffee and your knowledge about our wonderful parish.

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