Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 17, 2016
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Dear Parishioners,

Since our school, Parish Center and church were built, much has changed in our world that highlights and necessitates the need for improving the safety and security of our parish children, parishioners, employees and parish property. As we move closer to the summer months when work will begin, we would like to share more details on our improvement plans.

The scope of proposed improvements in the school building include:

- Limiting access during the school day and after school hours to the main entrance, installing a second set of doors at this front main entrance;
- Relocating the school office to current chapel location for direct vision of the main entrance, constructing a reception desk;
- Relocating chapel to current school office; this is an important space in the building.
- Relocating copier work room, faculty bathroom, and nurse’s office and ADA bathroom to other existing office space;
- Expanding security camera system, installing a visitor id system at main reception desk, installing exterior door key fob system and passive door alerts on secondary doors.

It is estimated that this work will take most of the summer and will be completed by the start of the next school year in August.

Parish Center improvements will include:

- Relocating reception area for direct vision of main entrance and lobby waiting area;
- Limiting access to the general office area;
- Expanding security camera system, installing exterior key fob system and passive door alerts on secondary doors.

In the church, the security camera system will be expanded and the handicap door entrance will be enhanced with a protected entry way to keep wind, rain, and snow outside.

As our construction projects begin, our parish staff will also be attending archdiocesan workshops to understand how to be prepared for unpredictable emergencies in the church and Parish Center to minimize damage to people and property. As one would expect, our school and YC Program have had approved emergency response plans in place for quite some time.

Other projects that will be tackled in the near future include parking lot lighting improvements, replacement of hot water tanks in the Parish Center and school building, complete cleaning of the church (this is done every few years), cleaning of parish center carpeting and lighting repairs near the rectory garages/Parish Center.

As approved by the parish Finance Council, these improvements will be paid with parish savings; funds held in reserve for capital expenses. These funds have accrued over the years because of your incredible generosity and commitment to excellence in all that we do at our parish.

We look forward to keeping you informed of our progress on these important projects.

MJ Martin
Director of Parish Operations

Frank DiPompeo
Plant Manager

Diana Januska
Finance Council Chairperson
Reflecting on Living the Gospel

We sometimes hear it said that to give is already to receive. In the very gift-giving, the giver receives intangible but very real benefits in return. Nor do the benefits depend on the size or worth of the gift. Generous, loving gift-giving deepens relationships, strengthens commitment, promotes mutual action. Gift-giving creates memories of goodness, establishes a habit of self-giving, assures the gift-giver of sharing in the dignity of the receiver. The focus of this gospel is giving, giving, giving. The Father gives us to Jesus as his flock. We give Jesus our attentive listening and faithful following. Jesus gives us eternal Life. There are no qualifying words in this gospel at all, no “ifs” about the giving. This is simply the way living risen Life is. Jesus gives us the gift of risen Life; we give Jesus the gift of ourselves. We give the gift of ourselves by hearing and following Jesus. We follow first by listening. The call to follow is a call to faithful obedience (the root word for obedience means “to hear”). In other words, hearing Jesus—heeding his voice—is already an act of following. Heeding Jesus’ voice is already our own participation in proclaiming the Gospel. But probably most important, hearing Jesus’ voice is already our participation in risen Life. Ultimately this promise of risen Life is the reassurance and care that Jesus offers: by hearing Jesus’ voice and following him we will not perish. No better care than this could the Good Shepherd give us as gift! ©Living Liturgy
Prayer is a cherished time to come to know God and to reflect, yet prayer can become rote. Even if we do pray daily we may at times find it fruitless or notice impatience within ourselves. Cultivating prayer routines is very valuable, but sometimes we need to shake up our prayer a bit. Like any relationship that needs rekindling, our relationship with God may need some freshness. Here are five fresh ideas for renewing your prayer.

1. **Focusing on a Sense**

God gave us our five senses. Select one and simply notice how that sense is being engaged. If you pick hearing, you may notice the hum of the refrigerator or the quiet breeze outside. If you choose touch, you may notice the pressure on your body from the chair or an itch on your neck. Pray with one sense, and recognize it as a gift from God.

2. **Water Offering**

One of my favorite kinds of prayer comes from Rachel Naomi Remen’s book *My Grandfather’s Blessings: Stories of Strength, Refuge, and Belonging*. Remen suggests filling a bowl slowly with water, letting the water represent the various “contents” of your life: your health, your gifts, your weaknesses, your family, your triumphs, your possessions, and your history. Place the bowl in a special place and offer it to God praying, “All that I have and hold…to you, Lord, I return it.” At the end of the day empty the bowl into the earth.

3. **Slow Prayer**

Choose a prayer you know well, like the Our Father, and recite it very slowly. Go one word at a time, without rushing, letting the individual word speak to you. Relish its meaning. Let it touch you. Then move to the next word. It’s okay if you spend the entire prayer time on just a single word!

4. **The High-Low Prayer**

In this shortened form of the Examen, ask yourself what the high point of your day was and why. Then ask yourself what the low point was and why. Share these two moments with God, and engage in a conversation with God about them.

5. **The Prayer of Doing**

Many spiritual directors will tell you that prayer is not about doing. However, why not make something you already do into a prayer? For instance, if you exercise, notice your body movements. Acknowledge how God animates you and gives you life. If you’re cleaning the house, be present to the work as if each action of wiping or organizing glorifies God. If you’re cooking, pay attention to the foods’ colors and smells, and receive them as God’s gift.

Just as you may go out with a friend for coffee one week and bowling the next, it’s okay to experiment with various kinds of ways to have an encounter with God, our closest friend. Ignatian Spirituality
I believe it's especially important for those of us who are comfortable and privileged—whether we are white, financially secure, male, or have some other social “advantage”—to nurture a contemplative mind. Only through the eyes of the Divine Witness can we learn to see that to which we are mostly blind. Only when we are listening from the True Self, not the protective ego, can we hear the truth about ourselves and the unjust system in which we participate.

Christena Cleveland, one of our CONSPIRE speakers this July, wrote recently about how hopelessness is actually a privilege. [1] Those of us who are well off and at ease have the luxury of feeling despair. It’s easy to look around at our dysfunctional politics, endemic racism, the unbalanced distribution of wealth, and climate change and become overwhelmed . . . and then disengaged. But those who are oppressed or connected intimately with systemic suffering have the greatest capacity—and sense the most urgency—for hope and for compassion.

As a white, educated, American clergyman, I realize I’m privileged on so many counts. From my own experience, I know I need a contemplative practice to rewire my mind. Some form of the prayer of quiet is necessary to touch me at the unconscious level, the level where deep and lasting transformation occurs. From my place of prayer, I am able to understand more clearly what is mine to do and have the courage to do it.

Unitive consciousness—the awareness that we are all one in Love—lays a solid foundation for social critique and acts of justice. I hope you will let God show you how to think and live in new ways, ways that meet the very real needs of our time on this planet.

Gateway to Silence: Open my eyes.
Shepherd
and spirit of love,
I listen for your
voice, warm,
familiar and loving.
I hear you call my
name as you
guide me in life.
Help me always to
recognize your voice
leading and
guiding me.
Help me also to see the
stranger
you lead me to love
and serve.
I beg your
Holy Spirit to set my
heart on fire.
Like the deer
longs for water,
I long for you,
my God.

Planting for Hope
Parishioners of all ages are invited to take part in our Planting for Hope Service Project for our Sharing Parish Precious Blood Ministry.

Simply plant your choice of flower, vegetable, or herb seeds in small cups or pots. Give them plenty of sun and water. Bring your seedling plants to the Parish Center the week of May 16. Our plants will be delivered to Sister Carolyn at PMBR. Sister will gather youth in the community to transplant our seedlings in and around Precious Blood.

Questions? Contact Bill Bright at the Parish Center.

Food Pantry Collection
Bring a can of soup or a box of rice with you to Mass next weekend. All of our nonperishable food donations in the church narthex will be delivered to St. Cletus in LaGrange. Thank you for your commitment to feed those who are hungry in our community.
Fr. Arturo Perez, Director of Kolbe House Prison Ministry, joined us at our Saturday 5pm Mass this weekend. We wish Fr. Arturo prayers of blessings as he retires this summer from Kolbe and as pastor of Assumption B.V.M. Church in Chicago, one of our sharing parishes. Located less than a mile from Cook County Jail, Kolbe House not only supports the spiritual and emotional needs of inmates or former prisoners, but also their families impacted by the incarceration of their loved ones.

As part of our learning and celebration, the traveling Santuario exhibit was brought to our church narthex. The actual or real Santuario is in the rear of Assumption Church. There the sanctuary serves as place of peace for those who have been affected by crime. Filled with works of art it consists of two rooms: a reconciliation room and a small shrine connected by double triptych doors.

The first phase, the most inner panels of the doors, was completed by artist Victor Lopez in 2007. There are almost two hundred hands touching one another and reaching up to the massive wounded hands of Christ. The hands were made by ex-offenders, Assumption parishioners, families of men, women, youth who are incarcerated, benefactors of Kolbe House, and persons who are victims of crime. All of our hands are connected to one another and to the hands of Christ praying for the peace that only he can give. At the top of the central panel a painting depicts Assumption Parish and the four pillars of jail ministry - Santuario, Presence, Reconciliation and Voice. Artwork and poetry created by inmates surround a sculpture of a jail minister's hand reaching out to an inmate behind bars. There is space below for people to add their own prayer intentions. The artwork is meant to provoke and inspire us to pray, to see God, and to view spirituality from the viewpoint of the incarcerated. (1)

The second phase, the outer doors created by Jaimie Arreguin, depicts two angels against a brick wall clad in Department of Corrections uniforms. (2)

This 3rd phase of the Santuario was painted by Salladeen Muhamyn. The left panel depicts the challenges of jail ministry. The center and right panels tell the story of what Kolbe House does to face those challenges. The entirely airbrushed doors depict dark scenes of the streets: caution tape surrounding a slain body, a thunderstorm, a mourning woman; life in jail: letter writing, orange jumpsuits, cinderblock walls; and then the possibility of redemption: paper dolls dancing in a circle and hands reaching from a bright sky holding a heart, on whose front says “Kolbe House” in the shape of a cross.

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin founded Kolbe House in 1983. It was named Kolbe in honor of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Franciscan friar who gave his life in a Nazi concentration camp Auschwitz in 1941, and “House,” to emphasize the fraternity and hospitality that this ministry would be known for.

Fr. Joe McDonnell’s name is painted in the Santuario to honor his years as a priest and his 8 years ministering at Cook County Jail. (4)
Last Sunday, April 10th, our parish was honored to welcome the St. Gall Choir to the 10:45 Mass. Under the direction of Orlando Telumbre, they enriched our liturgy with a variety of strings, brass, drum and keyboard as well as their beautiful voices singing in Spanish. Several songs were sung in combination with the St. John of the Cross Choir, creating an amazing musical prayer.

After Mass, SJC hosted the choir for lunch in the Parish Center. We hope to make this an annual event!

Save the Date: Friday, May 13
Benefit for St. Gall Sharing Parish: Dancing with the Priests, featuring Fr. Bill Vollmer, priests from other neighboring parishes and professional dancers in a Dance Competition. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Whoever preaches, let it be with the words of God; whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:11

This is the key. We must be rooted and open ourselves to be nourished by those very words. We know that the work of sharing and giving witness to our faith takes energy both physical and spiritual. Peter’s words remind us that God will supply the strength we need to do God’s work. In prayer we can ask for this strength and know that God will provide.

In what particular way do I need God’s strength in my life at this time?
For what do I want to give glory to God this day?

Loving God, I give praise to you this day for all the ways your Word and Truth gift my life. Strengthen me so that all I do in word and action may give glory to you. Amen. Loyola Press
Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy
You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.
Following the reception of the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil, the post baptismal formation and education of our RCIA elect, who are now referred to as neophytes, joyfully continues over the coming weeks.

This period of catechesis is called mystagogy. Mystagogia comes from a Greek word meaning a time of entering into mystery. It is during this time that the newest members of our Church learn what it means to be disciples. Reflecting on their experiences at the Vigil, they continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church and will reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

Pictures from the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper are below. Look for more pictures from the Triduum next week.

Bread and Wine

It is the nature of food that it should be eaten. Food exists only that it may be devoured. Food is food, not for its own sake, but to give life to the hungry.

Drink exists only to be poured out. Drink is drink, not for its own sake, but to give joy to the drinker.

Food and drink are creatures which achieve fulfillment in being put at the disposal of others: they exist to serve the needs of others; their destiny is met in their destruction.

When the Lord Jesus, shortly before he was betrayed, took bread and wine, and gave them to his disciples he expressed himself perfectly; bread that we might have life, wine that we might be glad; one bread, broken and shared in friendship, one cup, pledge of common destiny.

This bread is my body, which is for you; this cup is my blood, poured out for you. He is for us. It is the story of his life.

Mark Searle
Liturgical Gestures, Words, Objects
This week our preschool children celebrated, “Week of the Young Child.” During this time, our teachers focus on each child’s special gifts recognizing they are all unique and its importance. To celebrate, our teachers allow the children to dress in special clothing that they pick out on their own. They have guest readers each day of the week, and they will write an “All About Me” book that our teachers hope will be a special keepsake for their lives.

O God, you are always with me and know me best. You want my happiness. Help me find it. Show me the way to life with you. Help me in my choices. I do want to follow your voice. Give me the courage to fully trust you. I know you love and care for me. So lead me, Lord, on your way. Mother of Jesus, pray for me. Amen.

This week at SJC
Monday, April 18  Prayer Service 9:15am Church
Friday, April 22   No School
Join us for coffee and donuts after the 9am and 10:45am Masses today in the Parish Center. Bring a baby item to benefit Teen Parent Connection for our Spring Drive!!

Women's Club ~ Career Networking ~ Crossroads

Religious Jewelry Sale Today!
We will be selling a variety of jewelry, including Catholic medals, crucifix necklaces, bracelets, rosaries and more in the Parish Center before and after all Masses this weekend and next. Shop today for beautiful Mother’s Day and First Communion gifts. Proceeds support our Work Tours.

Summer Work Tours
There are only a couple of weeks left to register for a Summer Work Tour. Visit our website, www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads/work-tours/ to download a registration form. Applications are due May 1. Spots are available for the following tours:
- Our Lady of Charity in Cicero, July 18-22
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Williamsburg, KY, July 23-30
- Notre Dame Vision Conference, June 27-July 1

Year-End Leader’s Brunch
Help us thank our Crossroads leaders at a year-end brunch on May 1 from 9am-12:30pm. Contact Ann Smith at anngsmith@gmail.com if you can help.

Looking for a Job?
Career Transition Boot Camp
Week 2 of 5 week workshop on Tuesday from 7-9 pm at First Presbyterian Church of La Grange

Networking for Leaders
Thursday, April 21 from 7-9 pm at SJC Parish Center
Learn how to network successfully: what “paying it forward” is all about; the importance of being specific when asking for help; what your business card should/should not have on it; how to explain what you do so people will remember you; and how to turn networking into long term relationships.

Teen Parent Connection is looking for the following items for their Parent Pantry Program:
- Onesies
- Diapers Size Newborn 4, 5, 6
- Child & Adult Fever Reducer
- Safety Items (outlet covers, gated)
- Formula (Enfamil, Infant or Gentlease)
- Finger food
- Laundry Detergent
- Deodorant, Toothpaste
- Adult & Baby Shampoo, Body Wash, Lotion
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Books & Baby on Board Signs
- Donation boxes in Parish Center, School & Church

We’re Hiring!
We have a job opening for a full-time Youth Ministry Coordinator. See the website for details.

A Prayer for Our Earth
All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, learning no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the world of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey toward your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.
**Parish News**

All SJC Music Ministers and any child, second grade and older, are invited to sing with the Combined Choirs of St. John of the Cross Parish for our upcoming First Eucharist liturgies.

**Saturday, May 7**
11am & 2pm
Rehearsal at 10:30am & 1:30pm

**Saturday, May 14**
11am & 2pm
Rehearsal at 10:30am & 1:30pm

For more information, contact Ann Bourjaily-Maney at bourjman@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for sharing the gift of song with our little ones!

**Rediscover Jesus Book Series**

Join us on Thursdays at 2-3pm (facilitated by Steve Weigand) or 7-8pm (with Deacon John Schopp) for a discussion series on the book Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly. Books are available in the Parish Center or church.

**Substitute Ushers**

Consider being a substitute usher at Sunday Mass. Serve once a month as your schedule allows. Training provided. Call Steve Weigand to learn more.

**Minister of Care Renewal Training**

Every 3 yrs., Ministers of Care are required by the Archdiocese to attend a ‘Renewal’ Workshop in order to remain current with standards and practices for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. St. Louise de Marillac Parish in La Grange Park is hosting a Renewal Workshop on Saturday, May 14 from 9am to noon in the Marillac Center. Save the date now…registration information coming soon!

**Become a Minister of Care**

There is a great need for more Ministers of Care. Ministers of Care visit the homebound or hospitalized bringing Holy Communion, praying and visiting. Training for new ministers will be provided at the Carmelite Center in Darien and will be followed up by an information session at our parish. Fees will be covered by SJC. Sessions at the Carmelite Spiritual Center will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 3, 5, 10, 12 from 7-9:30pm Call or email our Pastoral Associate, Steve Weigand, at the Parish Center for more information.

**Become a Lector at Sunday Mass**

New lector training Sunday, May 15 from 2:30-4pm. Call the Parish Center to register.

**A Journey with Julian of Norwich**

The Spiritual Journeying group (formerly Spiritual Journaling) will begin study of the book Julian of Norwich: Showings (Classics of Western Spirituality) on Monday, May 2 from 9:30 to 11 am. We read together, spend some time in quiet reflection, and then have time for sharing and discussion on what we have read. New members are always welcome. We meet weekly, but it is OK if you can't come every week. For more information or if you would like us to order a book for you, contact Betsy at 2singers2@gmail.com or 708-246-8315.

**Petitions Brought to Lourdes**

Each spring members of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (a Catholic lay religious order who work with the sick and poor) from all over the U.S. travel to Lourdes, France with 40-45 ill people to pray for renewed health at the site where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to St. Bernadette. Several of our parishioners who will be traveling to France on their 10th pilgrimage invite you to submit petitions or intentions which will be blessed and presented at the Grotto altar during a special Mass.

- You are invited to bring your personal prayer petition to the Parish Center by next Sunday, April 24 in a sealed envelope marked Lourdes Petitions. These will be hand delivered by one of our parishioners.

To receive an acknowledgment of your petition include your name and address with your petition. This year, the Mass in the Grotto will be broadcast live via webcam at 2:45am CST Saturday, April 30 at en.lourdes-france.org/tv-lourdes.
The famed Jungian writer, Robert Johnson, makes this observation about falling in love: “To fall in love is to project the most noble and infinitely valuable part of one’s being onto another human being. ... We have to say that the divinity we see in others is truly there, but we don’t have a right to see it until we have taken away our own projections. ... Making this fine distinction is the most delicate and difficult task in life.”

And indeed it is. Sorting through what is genuine in love and what is projection is indeed one of the more delicate and difficult tasks of life. When can, and do, for instance, sometimes fall in love with persons who are utterly wrong for us and know from experience that once our initial infatuation is over our passion can very quickly turn into indifference or even hatred. For this reason we might ask: Whom or what are we really loving in those magical moments of infatuation when we see so much goodness and divinity inside of another person? Are we really in love with that person or, as Johnson suggests, are we simply projecting some of our own noble qualities onto that other so that, in effect, this is more self-love than real love?

The answer to that, as Johnson highlights, is complex. The goodness and nobility we see in the other person are in fact there, normally at least; however, until a certain projection, an idealization within which we envelope the other, is stripped away we not yet really loving and valuing that other.

As an example: Imagine a man falling in love with a woman. At that early stage of love, his feelings for her are very strong, obsessive even, and his eyes are open mostly only to her good qualities and blind to her faults. Indeed, at this stage, her faults can even appear attractive rather than problematic. Of course, as bitter experience teaches us, that won’t be the case once the infatuation wears off.

And so we are left with an important question: Are those wonderful qualities that we so naturally see in another person in the early stages of love really there? Yes. Absolutely. They are there; but they may not be what we are actually seeing. As Johnson highlights, and as spiritual writers everywhere attest to, at this stage of love, there is the ever-present possibility that the beautiful qualities we are seeing in someone are more of a projection of our own selves than actual gifts we see inside him or her. Though the other person actually possesses those gifts, what we are really seeing is a projection of ourselves, an idealization with which we have enveloped the other, so that in effect, at this stage, we is not so much in love with the other as we are in love with certain good qualities that are inside of ourselves. That’s why we can fall in love with people of very different temperaments and virtue and, at an early stage of our love, still always have the same feelings.

That’s also why falling love is such an ambiguous thing and needs the discernment offered by time and the counsel of wise friends and family. We can fall in love with many different kinds of people, including some who are very wrong for us. The heart, as Pascal asserts, has its reasons, some of which are not always favorable to our long-range health.

What’s the lesson here? Simply this: In all of our intimate relations we should be aware of our natural propensity to project our own more-noble qualities onto the other person and to be aware too that we do not truly love and appreciate that other person until we have withdrawn that projection so that we are actually seeing the other person’s goodness, not our own. The same holds true as regards hatred of someone else. Just as we tend to idealize others we also tend to demonize them, projecting our own dark side onto them and enrobing them with our own worse qualities. Thus, by Robert Johnson’s logic, we don’t have a right either to hate anyone, until we have withdrawn our own dark projection. We over-demonize just as we over-idealize.

In his classic novel, Stoner, John Williams describes for us how his main character understands love: “In his extreme youth Stoner had thought of love as an absolute state of being to which, if one were lucky, one might find access; in his maturity he had decided it was the heaven of a false religion, toward which one ought to gaze with an amused disbelief, a gently familiar contempt, and an embarrassed nostalgia. Now in his middle age he began to know that it was neither a state of grace nor an illusion; he saw it as a human act of becoming, a condition that was invented and modified moment by moment and day by day, by the will and the intelligence and the heart.”

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX.
Mass Intentions

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Monday, April 18  Easter Weekday
7:45am Mark Bestler; Frank Reilly

Tuesday, April 19  Easter Weekday
7:45am Virginia Jangodzinski; Ron Pacer

Wednesday, April 20  Easter Weekday
7:45am Rosina and Henry Weber; Franklin Smith

Thursday, April 21  St. Anselm
7:45am Selma Nort; Robert Huguelet

Friday, April 22  Easter Weekday
7:45am Gloria Turlek; Our Beloved Dead

Saturday, April 23  St. George; St. Adalbert
8:00am Robert Pasteris; Genevieve Masturano
5:00pm Gloria Turlek; Bernard Casella

Sunday, April 24  Fifth Sunday of Easter
7:30am  Shirley Kazragis; Gerg Perona
9:00am Deceased members of Klein & O’Sullivan families; Mike Marshall
10:45am Nick Marchese; Orlando Dziubla
5:00pm Mike Marshall; Bubbles Sabath

Pray for Our Sick
Jeanne Allen
Rita Barnes
Anna Marie Berland
Robert Bright
Judy Burke
Bradley John Burton III
Crystal Deters
Mildred Fitzgerald
Lynn Freking
Christopher Gallagher
Kathleen Gros
Robert Hartnett
Randall Hemauer
Alfred Hesse
Karen Hult
John Impens
Ann Kalaska
Curtis Kerzich
George Kojima
Pat Kot
Bobbie Misiora
Ann McGuire
Frank Mraz
Steve Pechous
Don Palaschak
Frank & Marge Pipal
Anthony Placek, Jr.
Kay Reidy
Kelly Seebruch
Monica Westell

Pray for Our Beloved Dead
Laura Montana, mother of Bill, grandmother of 1

Pray for Our Loved Ones Serving Our Country
Sgt. Steven Foody, son of Tom & Sandra Foody
Specialist Sebastian Grabacki, son of David & Jan Grabacki
A1C Joshua Tischler USAF Pararescue, grandson of Betty & Frank Madler & Mary Tischler
A Navy Seal, a relative of our parishioner
PFC Daniel Pett, nephew of Kathryn Stimetz
Capt. James Maicke, grandson of Phil & Mike Maicke
Sgt. Robert Marburger, son of David and Kathleen Marburger
Sgt. Larry Waszak, grandson of Bruno and Barbara Gacek

Christ our Shepherd, hear our prayers. Help us to hear your voice calling us to compassion and humility, enabling us to bring the life of the Easter promise into our homes and communities. Amen.
Planting season is right around the corner! Buy your flowers at our Women’s Club Annual Flower Sale Order by Thursday, April 30. Use this order form and return to the school or Parish Center office or order on our parish website. Pictures are on our website too! Flower Pick Up on Wednesday, May 4 from 1-5pm in the handicapped lot north of church.

Order by Saturday, April 23
Order Online QR return this order form to the school or parish office QR mail to: Heather McCarthy, 4127 Grove Ave., Western Springs, IL 60558

LIMITED QUANTITY of extras will be available for purchase the day of the sale. Come early for best selection!

Pick up flowers Wednesday, May 4th from 1:00 to 5:00pm.

Handicapped parking lot north of the church. Orders not picked up by 5:00pm will be donated. Please make other arrangements if you are unavailable.

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Documents:
- 21ST ANNUAL FLOWER SALE
- HERBS & VEGETABLES - 3" Pots
- 4 1/2" Pots
- 6" POTS
- HYRANGEAS 7" Pots
- BEDDING FLATS

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