filled with his love and mercy
Seasons of Hope
Parish 6 Week Grief Support Group Begins Monday, July 11 @7pm

Seasons of Hope is our parish grief support ministry grounded in the healing wisdom, tradition, and practice of the Catholic faith. It is for anyone mourning the loss of a loved one or struggling with the grieving process. With the support of our faith community, Seasons of Hope sessions help us explore our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth through scripture, prayer, reflection activities and faith sharing. Sessions are held at our parish three times per year; spring, summer and fall. The 6 week summer session will begin Monday, July 11 at 7pm. To register call Steve Weigand at 708-246-4404.

Help us Grow
St. John of the Cross Parish in Western Springs is expanding our Youth Ministry (called Crossroads). We are seeking a full-time Coordinator to work closely with our Director of Crossroads, Katie Hayes. The candidate needs to be a faith-filled individual who is passionate about his/her relationship with Christ and who loves teenagers and can connect with them as they grow in relationship with God and our faith community. A college degree in ministry, education, or a related field is required. A love of our Church and an openness to learning and growing through hands-on ministry with teens and their families are critical. Look for the full job description on our parish website. Send your cover letter and resume to Katie at khayes@stjohnofthecross.org.

Parking at the Parish during the week of the Family Fest (week of June 20)
Our parish Mass schedule will not change the week before or during the Fest.

- Parking for the weekday and Saturday morning Masses the week of the Fest will be as usual. Park in the handicap and main lots. Enter and exit through the north driveway on Wolf Road as usual.
- On the weekend of the Fest, June 25-26, all cars will enter through the north driveway on Wolf Road. Those with disabilities may park in the handicap lot as usual, entering and exiting from Wolf Road.
- Others will be directed to park in the temporary grass lot north of church. These cars will exit east onto Caroline Avenue. Volunteers will be on hand to help direct traffic.
- The handicap and temporary grass lots will only be for those attending Mass. Fest goers are asked to park on the street.
- Call the Parish Center office if you have any questions.
Mass in your home
Tickets for Your Favorite Teams
Golf Outings at Some of the Area’s Nicest Courses
TVs, I-Pads, and much, much more!!!!!
Tickets on Sale after Masses this Weekend and also on June 18-19.

MEGA PASSES
UNLIMED RIDES FOR ALL 4 DAYS
$50 PRE-SALE / $65 AT DOOR
FOR SALE AFTER MASSES THIS WEEKEND & June 18-19 OR online at www.sjcfest.com OR @ the Parish Center & Parish School
The special collection taken up at all parishes this weekend is solely for the care of the retired priests of the Archdiocese of Chicago. (The retired priests of the archdiocese receive no funds from the Religious Retirement Collection taken up each December; those funds go to religious nuns and brothers and religious order priests.) Our retired priests are cared for by the Priests’ Retirement and Mutual Aid Association (PRMAA) which covers their health care, prescription drugs and living costs.

Outlined below are some facts about the dedicated men who have collectively given over 11,000 years of service to our archdiocese.

- Normal retirement age for a priest in Chicago is 70. Currently about 207 archdiocesan priests are retired. 83 priests are over the age of eighty; 18 are over age ninety.

- 54 retired priests still live in a rectory and assist that parish on a regular basis.

- Close to 130 retired priests celebrate Sunday Mass weekly; perform marriages and baptisms; and visit the sick in hospitals. Without these dedicated men, many parishes would not be able to offer the full range of Masses and sacraments that are currently offered.

- 36 priests received or are currently receiving nursing home assistance or had or have full-time aides coming to their home or rectory in the last year. PRMAA will spend over $2,300,000 providing this care. Spending has increased in providing home care to keep retired priests in the surroundings where they are most comfortable.

- Last year roughly $1.2 million was paid for prescriptions and hospitalization for our retired priests.

- 28 retired priests live in two independent residences that allows them to continue to live with their brother priests in retirement. These residences are subsidized by the archdiocese at a cost of over $300,000.

- Expense payments for benefits for all priests now exceed all revenue received by the Priests’ Retirement and Mutual Aid Association by over $1 million per year. The Priests’ Pension Fund is losing principal and is in need of significant contributions to stabilize and secure this benefit for future generations of priests.

The Archdiocese of Chicago is committed to caring for our retired priests but needs our prayers and financial support. Thank you for your generosity to these faithful men.
Background on the Gospel

Before Lent began we were reading Luke's version of the Sermon on the Mount, which is known as the Sermon on the Plain. Today's Gospel passage is taken from the following chapter of Luke's Gospel. The concern of this chapter, as well as in Chapters 8 and 9, is Jesus' identity as the Messiah, one who is greater than a prophet. Throughout the chapter Jesus has been performing miracles similar to those done by Old Testament prophets. When John the Baptist sent some of his disciples to Jesus to ask who he was, Jesus listed the miracles they had seen him perform and then compared himself with John the Baptist to show that he was greater than John.

In today's Gospel Jesus sits down to eat a meal at the house of Simon, a Pharisee. A sinful woman approaches him, falls to her knees, wets his feet with her tears, dries them with her hair, and then anoints them with oil. A similar scene occurs in the other three Gospels, but in those versions the anointing takes place in Bethany, near Jerusalem, before Passover. In the other three Gospels, this anointing is related to his being proclaimed king by the crowds when he entered Jerusalem. It also related to his being anointed as a preparation for his burial. In Luke the anointing takes place north, in Galilee, early in his ministry.

Simon the Pharisee challenges Jesus, telling him that a prophet would surely know that a sinful person was touching him. Jesus responds by telling a story about the true nature of forgiveness. Two men owe money. One owes an amount that would equal 500 days' wages. The other owes 50 days' wages. Yet the moneylender forgives the debt of both when they ask him. Simon is forced to admit that the one who had the bigger debt canceled probably loves the moneylender more.

After telling the story, Jesus turns to the woman and tells her that her sins are forgiven. In this scene we see that Jesus does more than heal physical ailments, as prophets of the past had done. He also forgives sins. This leaves the crowd to ask, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” This question is answered in Chapter 9 by Peter when he professes that Jesus is the Messiah and at the Transfiguration when the voice from heaven declares, “This is my chosen Son.”

Today's reading ends with the first three verses of Chapter 8. At first they may seem unconnected to the scene that has come before. But they serve to show Jesus' ministry beginning to move from one town and village to another, proclaiming the Kingdom of God, until he eventually arrives in Jerusalem. He is accompanied not just by the Twelve but by a group of women, three of whom Luke names. It is significant that they are linked with the Twelve, and they seem to be equally important to Jesus' ministry. It is the women who provide for the needs of these travelers out of their own resources. Although in Palestinian society women had a much lesser role than men, in Luke's Gospel they are shown as equals.

Living the Gospel

How many tears would need to be shed in order to have enough to wash feet? A bucketful! What would precipitate such an overflowing amount of tears? Extraordinary loss, sadness, sorrow. In the case of the “sinful woman” in this Sunday's gospel, her tears were precipitated by her great sense of unworthiness and her profound repentance. All the woman's gestures toward Jesus were very personal—weeping, wiping his feet with her hair, kissing his feet. Her gestures of touching him were ones of connectedness, of closing the distance between alienation and communion, of desiring a new relationship with someone who heals. The Pharisee's response of indignation indicated how distant he really was from a life-changing relationship with Jesus. Contrary to what the Pharisee was thinking in response to the sinful woman's actions, Jesus was indeed a prophet, for he was able to see into the woman's heart and forgive her. He looked into the heart of the Pharisee, and saw there a lack of love. He saw distance. He saw one who did not wish to change.

Thus this gospel depicts two very different ways of relating to Jesus. Simon the Pharisee related to Jesus as a one-time visitor, maintaining only a surface relationship having no power to transform him; he kept Jesus at a safe distance. The “sinful woman,” on the other hand, related to Jesus as an intimate, avowing an underlying relationship that transformed her. Jesus revealed the depth of her transformation: “Your faith has saved you.” What is our relationship to Jesus? What does he say to us? Do we wish to be intimate and close to Jesus, or do we keep a protective distance?
Prayer

May we deepen our relationship with Jesus through honest confession of sinfulness. May we be transformed by our loving encounters with Jesus and each other. Amen.

If you want to love more fully, let Jesus forgive you.

May the God of Surprises delight you, inviting you to accept gifts not yet imagined.
May the God of Transformation call you, opening you to continual renewal.
May the God of Justice confront you, daring you to see the world through God's eyes.
May the God of Abundance affirm you, nudging you towards deeper trust.
May the God of Embrace hold you, encircling you in the hearth of God's home.
May the God of Hopefulness bless you, encouraging you with the fruits of faith.
May the God of Welcoming invite you, drawing you nearer to the fullness of God's expression in you.
May God Who is Present be with you, awakening you to God in all things, all people, and all moments.
May God be with you.

Amen.

Pope Francis on Prayer: Prayer for me is always a prayer full of memory, of recollection. I ask myself: ‘What have I done for Christ? What am I doing for Christ? What should I do for Christ?’ It is the memory of the gifts we have received. I also know that the Lord remembers me. I can forget about him, but I know that he never, ever forgets me. Excerpts from Pope Francis in America Magazine 9.30.13 Ignatian Spirituality.
Richard Rohr Meditation: Awakening to Mercy

Her sins, her many sins, must have been forgiven her, or she would not have shown such great love. —Jesus (see Luke 7:47)

Jesus also said, “Those who show mercy will have mercy shown to them” (Matthew 5:7). For the flow to happen, there must be a full opening on both ends, receiving and giving, giving and receiving, just like the Trinity. When you do not know you need mercy and forgiveness yourself, you invariably become stingy in sharing it with others. So make sure you are always waiting with hands widely cupped under the waterfall of mercy.

We now live under the weight of so many unhealed memories—including painful woundings of every stripe, political oppression, and genocides—that we have developed penal and judicial systems that think of mercy as an affront to justice. We seem to have a craven fear of—and even hatred for—anyone outside our own kind of people. After centuries of legalistic religion, sacraments administered in a juridical fashion, and biblical fundamentalism, the very word “mercy” seems newly introduced into our vocabulary—as if it were from a language other than our own, a truly foreign concept. Mercy refuses our capitalistic calculations. Most religion now offers no corrective to the culture, but largely reflects cultural self-interest.

Our lack of human compassion is rather starkly revealed in most of the candidates we consider worthy of public office in the United States. I am not sure if this is as much a judgment on the politicians’ delusions as it is on the spiritual and human maturity of the American electorate itself. That so many who call themselves evangelical (“Gospel”) cannot see through this charade, has become an embarrassment for American Christianity. Many now see our cultural Christianity really has very little to do with Jesus. Any candidate is praised and deemed worthy of high office because we think, “He speaks his mind” (when it is actually our prejudices that he is speaking aloud). Two thousand years of Jesus’ teaching on compassion, love, forgiveness, and mercy (not to mention basic kindness and respect) are all but forgotten in a narcissistic rage. Western culture has become all about the self, and that is just way too small an agenda. The very self that Jesus said “must die” is now just about all that we think about!

The rejection of refugee women and children on U.S. borders and of entire Syrian families fleeing for their very lives into the richest (per capita) continent of Europe, has suddenly brought our lack of basic compassion and mercy into sharp and urgent focus. The unloving, glaringly self-centered, and even cruel behavior of so many Christians, Muslims, and Jews has exposed religious hypocrisy for all the world to see.

We live in a cold time, and we must now pray for the warming of hearts and opening of minds. To use Thomas Merton’s lovely invitation:

Make ready for the Christ,
Whose smile, like lightning,
Sets free the song of everlasting glory
That now sleeps in your paper flesh.

May we grow tired of such sleeping and ask for flesh that feels, weeps, and even bleeds for the immense suffering of our world today. “If we remain silent, the very stones will cry out” (Luke 19:40). I thank you for letting me not be silent.

Gateway to Silence:
Open my eyes.

We need to discover the gifts of each person: may communities transmit their own values and be open to the experiences of others. Pope Francis @Pontifex
Three Ingredients in a Recipe for Gratitude

So many times a day we say “thank you” out of nothing more than common courtesy at best or, at worst, out of habit, with no realization that we even said it. Thus, saying “thank you” is actually the least impactful part of being grateful.

What does real gratitude feel like? Here are the ingredients I can almost taste when I take the time to feel truly grateful.

First we taste two cups of humility. True gratitude instantly puts me in a place of realizing I am dependent on another. Whatever I have just received—whether it was a cup of coffee, a borrowed pen, or the deepest desire of my heart—someone beyond myself has just positively impacted me and made my life better. A western cultural mentality promotes the thinking that we somehow deserve whatever we have received, especially if money was involved. There is even a prosperity theology out there that asserts wealth is a blessing God bestows on some and not others. Don’t fall for it. God’s blessing comes in the way of life and love and is freely given to all. If you think money can take the place of your dependence on others, you are cheating yourself out of recognizing our interdependence and experiencing the humility true gratitude brings.

The second cup of humility in my recipe for gratitude focuses on the knowledge that God is in all things. The enormity of God’s presence is easy to feel standing next to the vast ocean or staring up at a sky with a million stars, but even when I am heartbroken or scared, on the craziest of days or just standing in line at the department store, the moment that I reach for sincere gratitude I am bowled over by the enormity of God’s love and graciousness in my life. How is it that with all my faults and failings, one mere creature of the billions on this earth, the God of all, the Creator of all, longs for me? How is it I have come to have this moment? True gratitude affirms the paradox of our smallness and God’s grandeur.

Sitting in gratitude I can also taste a cup of relief. If you say “thank you,” but you don’t feel just a bit of weight lift off your shoulders or anxiety dissipate from your mind, chances are you aren’t really experiencing gratitude. Naming the concern or need that has just been alleviated instantly stirs the gratitude pot.

Finally, experiencing true gratitude always brings a taste of hope. Receiving is empowering. It allows you to take that next step down the road, to look to the future, and to keep going even when the road is hard. A barrier has been removed or a reinforcement has arrived, even if only in the form of a smile from another.

Sitting in gratitude to experience this humility, relief, and hope need not take an extended hour of meditation. In mere seconds of awareness I can feel these ingredients all wash over me. Lisa Kelly. Ignatian Spirituality
One hundred fifty years ago, President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation declaring that slaves held in Confederate territory were free men and women. One hundred fifty years later, children in every part of the country still face the degradation and hopelessness of the practice President Lincoln sought to end.....For the last 40 years and even earlier in some states, many of our judges and lawmakers have treated people like property. They’ve held babies in the womb to be like chattel, possessions to be discarded or destroyed, with their mothers cast as owners. These officials, along with the abortion industry itself, feign ignorance of the unborn child’s humanity....We can’t stop all evil in this fallen world, but we can fight it in our own neck of the woods with love. Love never ends. Love can save lives.

Love declares that there is no such thing as an unwanted child....With love, children are adopted, not aborted. With love, children are cherished, not abused. With love, there is less room for the oppressor because his hunting grounds are smaller....We simply need to see no child as unwanted.... And it can start with just one. One life loved can make all the difference.

After all, one life changed the entire world.

Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Holy month of Ramadan for the Muslims has begun praising God throughout the day. From dawn to dusk we fast and pray. We pay Zakat (charity) for those in need, trying our best to do good deeds when the sun has set, and day is done. I'll break this chain, but only one. By the end of Ramadan, this whole chain will be all gone. It's time to celebrate and share in the faith.

Taken from Advocate Health Care Grace Notes
**Summer Reading**

**Parish News**

**Group Discussion Begins This Week On:**

**Tuesday from 2:00-3:00pm**

**June 14-July 19**

**in the Parish Center**

**Books are available in the Parish Center for $10 for self study or group discussion**

Call Steve Weigand in the Parish Center with questions.

“The work of the Holy Spirit is expressed within our nature through the human process of self acceptance. Without self-acceptance, we cannot come to self-knowledge. Whatever part of ourselves we don’t accept, we repress. What is repressed is not available for the glorification of God. The glory of God is a man fully alive, fully self accepting. We don’t fulfill our destiny unless we do the hard work of accepting every bit of ourselves, even the bits that don’t seem to fit in.” (The Ego On Our Spiritual Journey II, Laurence Freeman OSB)

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**DVD on Martha & Mary**

All are invited to join the Spirituality of St John of the Cross Study Group for a DVD presentation of "Martha and Mary, a Meditation on the Biblical Song of Songs" on Wednesday, June 29 from 3:30-5:00pm in the Parish Center. No sign-up needed. Just come if you are able! For more information contact modunne@sbcglobal.net.

**Interfaithcareernetwork.org**

Thursday, June 16 from 7-9 pm at SJC Parish Center. Speaker, Jim Peterson, will discuss generational differences in the workplace and how all ages can work well together. Learn what could impact your job search strategy. Go to the ICN website to learn more. All ICN programs are free.

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**Parish Domestic Violence Awareness Committee**

**Does our faith community care enough?**

**Do we have the will to change the statistics?**

Help us to discern the formation of a parish-based domestic violence outreach ministry at St. John of the Cross Parish on:

**Wednesday, June 22 from 7:00 – 8:30pm**

**in the Parish Center.**

**How can St. John of the Cross Parish support domestic violence victims and educate our community to prevent domestic violence?**

The faith community at St. John of the Cross is beginning an important discussion to raise awareness about Domestic Violence issues and its prevalence in families throughout our society. St. John of the Cross wants to reach out to provide an opportunity for emotional, physical and spiritual healing. We hope you can join us. For more information contact parishioner, Mary Demars at 708-679-4130.

"Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Jesus wants us to have peace in our lives and our marriage. Do we have faith that He will grant us this peace? Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on August 12-14, 2016 or October 7-9, 2016 Page 2 of 2 or December 9-11, 2016, all at Elk Grove Village, IL. Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630-577-0778 or contact us through http://wwmecchicagoland.org.
Day of Service
Recent 8th grade grads got a taste of Crossroads last week when they joined us for a Day of Service. Pictured below are some of the teens as they prepared to depart. Watch for more pictures from their day in upcoming bulletins.

Volunteer for Youth Catechesis!!
Share your time, talents and Catholic faith with our parish children who attend YC. Read below what fellow parishioners have shared about their experiences in the classroom. Call Janet Caschetta for more information at 708-246-6760.

Being a Catechist enables us to spread the word of God to a generation of youth who will take these life lessons with them to adulthood and beyond. I often compare this to acting as a good shepherd attending the flock. In our world today, we desperately need to spread and share our love of the Lord to all! Become a much needed Catechist today and share this special journey. I guarantee your own life will benefit as well as those whose lives you touch! Susan

Become a Catechist, because you will surely encounter Him through your students. Jesus desires more from you on your journey, and He desires more FOR you! Mary

I am a Catechist because I wanted to do something for my church community. I so enjoy meeting with my class to share our faith, learn how to love the Lord more, and to share my experiences with them. Not only does my class learn the importance of having faith but I am reminded too! I feel holy and closer to my God each week. It’s my pleasure to volunteer this coming year! Mary Carol

College Orientation: Finding Catholic Faith and Thought on College Campus
Your first college orientation is this summer! Come learn about Catholic Faith and Thought on Campus. If you are in the 90% who will not be attending a Catholic college, this may be your only Catholic orientation. If you will be attending a Catholic University, come learn about course options and what it means to be at a Catholic institution. Make decisions for yourself about what a life of faith means for you at college.

Sessions are two hours, two nights in the Parish Center. Choose Either:
July 5th and 7th
OR
July 10th and 13th
Come for Chipotle at 6:30pm - Session starts at 7:00pm.
RSVP and questions / text to Mary Dorsey 312-203-9025

In this age lacking in social friendship, our first task is that of building community.
Pope Francis @Pontifex Jun 7
Congratulations Class of 2016
Outreach News

Sharing Parish Volunteers Needed
Our Lady of Charity School, one of our Sharing Parishes, is located about 15 minutes away in Cicero. OLC serves over 300 students. Approximately ninety percent of the families are Hispanic. Most qualify for free or reduced lunch. Like our school, OLC tries to keep tuition affordable while providing an outstanding, quality Catholic education. OLC’s mission is to provide an intellectual and moral foundation for children to become saints and scholars, disciples of Christ and leaders in our community.

OLC School is currently in need of volunteers for the next school year. Can you help? Consider the following needs:

Sacramental Preparation. To prepare students who have fallen behind their peers in reception of Confirmation and Holy Communion.

Classroom teacher assistants, at our lower levels. This includes working with students in small groups with math and literacy skills

Afterschool program aides. The program lasts until approximately 6:00pm. An important program for OLC families, where both parents often are working.

Substitute teachers. While we strive to have certified teachers, we will happily assist anyone with a Bachelor’s degree who loves children toward substitute certification. This is a paid position.

If you are able to help in any of these capacities or would like more information about OLC School, please contact Mrs. Lynn LeTourneau, Principal at 708-652-0262 or lletourneau@olc.school.org

SJC Food Pantry Collection
During the month of June our food donations will be delivered to St. Mark’s in Chicago. Help us feed the hungry by bringing nonperishable food to the church narthex when you come to Mass.

Thank you to those parishioners who give their time and talent to the parish through the Gardening Angels committee by planting, watering, weeding and pruning the gardens on our parish campus. The group is led by parishioner, Jan Grabacki. Call Jan if you would like to help weekly or just on special projects. 630-204-5264 or beaconjan@aol.com

Yvonne Evans
Olivia Evans
Joyce Ferrari
Mary Decker
Jeanne Fec
Nancy Furge
Marianne Johnson
Barbara Kelly
Ella Kelly
Karen Lipinski
Deb Pedersen
Katie Pruitt
Carrie Shurhay
Mary Symington
Diane Ziamo
Linda Dolezal
Ann Gornik
Margaret Hynes
Diane LaGorte
Alice Leuffgen
Catherine Pace
Nancy Polacek
Cecila Shiroma
Charlene Sprague
Sandra Waunn

School Supply Collection
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, St.Vincent DePaul Settlement House, St. Louis MO

Helpers of all ages are needed to sort and pack supplies on Monday, June 13 from 9am-noon at parishioners, 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.
Daniel Berrigan, in one of his famous quips, once wrote: *Before you get serious about Jesus, first consider carefully how good you are going to look on wood!*

In saying this, he was trying to highlight something that’s often radically misunderstood from almost every side, namely, how and why authentic religion brings suffering into our lives.

On the one hand, all too common is the idea that if you welcome God into your life you will have an easier walk through life; God will spare you from many of the illnesses and sufferings that afflict others. Conversely, many others nurse the feeling, if not explicit belief, that God means for us to suffer, that there’s an intrinsic connection between suffering and death, and that the more painful something is the better it is for you spiritually. There is, of course, some deep truth in this, spiritual depth is inextricably connected to suffering, as the Cross of Jesus reveals; and scripture does say that God chastises those who draw close to Him. But there are countless ways to misunderstand this.

Jesus did say that we must take up our cross daily and follow him and that following him means precisely accepting a special suffering. But we might ask: Why? Why should suffering enter into our lives more deeply because we take Jesus seriously? Shouldn’t the opposite be true? Does true religion somehow stand against our natural exuberance? Is suffering deep and joy superficial? And, what does this say about God? Is God masochistic? Does God want and demand our suffering? Why is a certain inflow of pain necessarily concomitant with taking God seriously?

Pain will flow into us more deeply when we take God seriously not because God wants it or because pain is somehow more blessed than joy. None of these. Suffering and pain are not what God wants; they’re negatives, to be eliminated in heaven. But, to the extent that we take God seriously, they will flow more deeply into our lives because a deeper opening to God we will stop falsely protecting ourselves against pain and become much more sensitive so that life can flow more freely and more deeply into us. In that sensitivity, we will stop unconsciously manipulating everything so as to keep ourselves secure and pain-free. Simply put, we will experience deeper pain in our lives because, being more sensitive, we will be experiencing everything more deeply.

The opposite is also true. If someone, as a crass expression might put it, is so insensitive so as to be thick as plank, his own insensitivity will surely immunize him against many sufferings and the pain of others will rarely disturb his peace of mind. Of course, he won’t experience meaning and joy very deeply either, that’s the price tag for insensitivity.

A number of years ago, Michael Buckley, the California Jesuit, preached at the first mass of a newly ordained priest. In his homily, he didn’t ask the newly ordained man if he was strong enough to be a priest, but rather if he was weak enough to be a priest. In teasing out what’s contained in that paradox, Buckley helps answer the question of why drawing nearer to God also means drawing nearer to suffering: “Is this man deficient enough so that he cannot ward off significant suffering from his life, so that he lives with a certain amount of failure, so that he feels what it is to be an average man? Is there any history of confusion, of self-doubt, of interior anguish? Has he had to deal with fear, come to terms with frustrations, or accepted deflated expectations?”

Buckley then goes on to make a comparison between Socrates and Jesus, as a study in human excellence, and highlights how Socrates appears, in many ways, to be the stronger person. Like Jesus, he too was unjustly condemned to death, but, unlike Jesus, he never went into fear and trembling or “sweated blood” over his impending death. He had drank the poison with calm and died. Jesus, as we know, didn’t undergo his death with nearly the same calm.

The superficial judgment, Buckley suggests, is to see their different reactions to death in the light of their different deaths, crucifixion so much more horrible than drinking poison. But that, Buckley submits, while containing some truth, is secondary, not the real reason. Why did Jesus struggle more deeply with his death than Socrates did with his? Because of his extraordinary sensitivity. Jesus simply was less able to protect himself against pain. He felt things more deeply and consequently was more liable to physical pain and weariness, more sensitive to human rejection and contempt, more affected by love and hate.

Socrates was a great, heroic man, no doubt; but, unlike Jesus who wept over Jerusalem, he never wept over Athens, never expressed sorrow and pain over the betrayal of friends. He was strong, possessed, calm, never overwhelmed. Jesus, for his part, was less able to protect himself against pain and betrayal and, consequently, was sometimes overwhelmed.

*Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser*
The Week Ahead
Monday, June 13
9:30am Spiritual Journeying
10:30am Step 11 Christian Meditation
2:30pm Adoration

Tuesday, June 14
2:00pm Summer Book Study Begins
7:00pm School Advisory Board Meeting
7:30pm Christian Meditation

Wednesday, June 15
2:30pm Christian Meditation

Thursday, June 16
7:00pm Career Networking
7:30pm Men’s Club

Friday, June 17
Saturday, June 18
7:00am Christian Meditation
9am-2pm Garage Sale !!

Sunday, June 19
12:00pm Baptisms

Monday, June 20
9am-1pm Half Price Garage Sale!!

Mass Intentions

Monday, June 13 St. Anthony of Padua
7:45am Victoria Voller; Bob Rooney

Tuesday, June 14 Weekday
7:45am Margo & John Hermes; Frank Reilly

Wednesday, June 15 Weekday
7:45am Irma Voller; Our Beloved Dead

Thursday, June 16 Weekday
7:45am John Broderick; Jerry Donohue

Friday, June 17 Weekday
7:45am John Rydzewski; Brian Donovan

Saturday, June 18 Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Christine O’Brien; Eileen & Don Dempsey
5:00pm Matthew Flood & Jorge Paez; Kevin Hansen

Sunday, June 19 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30am Brian Donovan; Ronald Zabel
9:00am Marie & Daniel O’Brien; John Spalo
10:45am William Scholle; Michael Powers
(No 12:15pm Mass for the summer months)
5:00pm Chester Cebula; Walter Cebula

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 Hauer
Alfred Hesse
Karen Hult
John Impens
Ann Kalaska
Curtis Kerzich
George Kojima
Athie Lanahan
Nancy Lohr
Fr. Joe McDonnell
Bobbie Misiora
Ann McGuire
John Morris
Frank Mraz
Steve Pechous
Frank & Marge Pipal
Anthony Placek, Jr.
David Saros
Kelly Seebruch
Deloris Simonek
Shirley Smith
Monica Westell

Pray for Our Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Sgt. Steven Foody, son of Tom & Sandra Foody
Sergeant Sebastian Grabacki, son of David & Jan Grabacki
Sr. A. 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
Petty Officer 3rd Class Mathew Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Lance Corporal David Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci

Pray for Our Beloved Dead

Virginia Rachford, wife of Bob, mother of Robert and Stephanie Stomberg, grandmother of 5
Bonnie Wingert, mother of Jeff, grandmother of 3, great grandmother of 1

Pray for Our Ourselves

What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God’s compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all.

Pope Francis @Pontifex May 11

Father of compassion and forgiveness hear our prayers we offer for ourselves and all the members of our family. May your Spirit inspire us to forgive others joyfully and to seek their forgiveness humbly. We make these prayers to you in Jesus’ name. Amen.
Donate Items
Bring your garage donations to the school for the garage sale this week:
Monday June 13—Thursday, June 16 10am—8pm
Friday June 17—10am-Noon

A listing of items not accepted can be found on our website. Remember, furniture will be accepted, but there is no large furniture pick-up this year.

Volunteer Your Time
Volunteers are needed anytime during drop off week, the day of the sale, the day of the half price sale and especially on cleanup day on Monday, June 20. Don’t miss out on all the fun! Volunteer at the Garage Sale is a great way to meet fellow parishioners. Help out on June 13-16 9:30am-8:30pm; June 17 10am-3pm, the days of the sale, and clean up day. Volunteers serving 6 or more hours qualify to shop at a special Pre-Sale Shopping Special on June 17 from 3-5:30pm.

Students in 7th grade and older who would like to earn service hours must sign up by calling Denise Schullo at 312-415-6456.

Bring Baked Goods
Bring baked cookies, coffee cakes and goodies for our volunteers. Items should be on disposal plates or plastic containers. Indicate if there are nuts or if it is a low gluten treat. Drop off at the Parish Center lobby all week June 13-17 from 9am-4pm. Baking can be counted as a service opportunity too! Call Jenny Mazur with questions at 708-960-0693.

Questions?
Direct any questions to Mary Beth White at 708-246-6339.

Thank you and we can’t wait to see you at the Garage Sale!!
**SJC Family Parishioners For Over 50 Yrs.**

- **Dan Madden**
  - Parishioner 246.8898
  - Email: dan@maloneycpa.com

- **Dan Maloney, Parishioner**
  - Email: dan@maloneycpa.com

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- **630.717.9118**
  - 822 Hillgrove Ave., Western Springs
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**ACUPUNCTURE**

- **Jonathan Walton, L.Ac.**
  - **630-581-5354**
  - www.luxxeorganix.com
  - **Or Book Online at**
  - www.luxxeorganix.com
  - **Call for Appointment**

- **Weight Loss  Quit Smoking**

**MASSAGE**

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  - **“Your Parish Photographer”**
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**PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING**

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