Open our eyes to the light of your love

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2018
Blessings
on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Throughout Respect Life Month we reflect on the national theme *Every Life: Cherished, Chosen, Sent*. On this final weekend of October, the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women asks us to draw our attention to the issue of domestic violence and the respect we show to the lives of those with whom we live. Resources and/or assistance are available through Pillars 24-hour hotline 708.485.9600 or the national hotline at 800.799.7233. Additional resources are available at the domestic-violence-initiative link on our parish website.

Because of the early November celebrations of All Saints and All Souls, Wednesday, the final day of October, is celebrated as Halloween or All Hallows Eve; be kind to trick-or-treaters.

Thursday November 1 is All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. Parish Masses will follow our Holy Day schedule: 6:30am, 7:45am, 9:15am (with school) and 6:30pm. Masses for All Souls Day, Friday November 2, (not a day of obligation) will be celebrated at 7:45am and 7:00pm. The evening liturgy on Friday will include particular recognition of those who were buried from our parish during the previous year and our loved ones.

While it is not the policy of our parish or of the Archdiocese of Chicago to endorse political parties or candidates, we do encourage eligible parishioners to vote in the upcoming election. In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops apply Catholic teaching to many important issues affecting human life and dignity. The complete document is available at: www.faithfulcitizenship.org

The bulletin next week will include the annual financial report. Thank you to all who generously support the work and mission of St. John of the Cross Parish.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Father Reszel

Reminder When Leaving Morning Mass: Please remember after morning Mass, drivers should exit the church parking lot by driving in the school drop off lane which runs in front of the Parish Center and follows east to the Caroline Avenue driveway. Do not attempt to exit against school traffic onto Wolf Road using the northernmost driveway. For everyone’s safety allow yourself enough time as our lot is a very busy place between 8:30-9am.

Evening School Maintenance Position Open: There is an immediate full-time with benefits position open for evening maintenance in the school building. Please contact Frank DiPompeo at 708-246-4404.
October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Stop in the church narthex after Mass this weekend to obtain resources from Pillars Community Health. If you or someone you know is afraid of someone they love or live with, help is available. You are not alone.

Call for HELP

National Domestic Violence Hotline 1.800.787.SAFE (7233) or Pillars Community Health 1.708.485.5254.

Counseling and support groups are also available at our parish, St. Francis Xavier Parish or St. Cletus.

If you would like to join our domestic violence committee please contact Steve Weigand in the Parish Center or Kristen Ras at kj735@hotmail.com. Our next meeting is November 14 at SFX.

Pray

Loving God, we pray for those who are affected by violence and abuse and for whom we are concerned. We come with our requests to you and ask that you hear our prayer. Alone we can do nothing. With your guidance and blessing we can move mountains. Open us to the problems in our homes, in our neighborhoods and in the neighborhoods of others. Ever -living and loving God, you provoke us to the challenge of our time. Keep us constantly aware of the concerns of violence. Inspire each of us to know the urgency of your call to address the many needs that surround us. Give us the fortitude to respond to the tasks before us according to your will. Be with us today, loving God, comfort us but not protect us from the work that needs to be done. We ask you for the strength to share our convictions, the compassion for the abused, the wisdom to plant seeds that encourage people to think and ponder these serious issues. Watch over with care, those who are violated and those who strive to do your work in your name. Amen. Adapted from Prayer by Terry Morneau Archdiocese of Detroit
November—Month of All Souls

Please join us Friday, November 2 at 7pm to celebrate the Feast of All Souls. Our Mass of Remembrance will commemorate parishioners and loved ones who have died during the past year. As the names of all deceased are read aloud, families will be invited to place a votive candle at the altar as we prayerfully remember them.

Month of All Souls
The origins of the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day, November 2) are connected. From the beginnings of the Church, Christians have cherished the memory of those martyred for the faith and those who lived a life of virtue as icons of Jesus Christ. The martyrs and saints became venerated as disciples and imitators of Christ. All the saints are celebrated each year on November 1; however, most Christian traditions of honoring the dead are linked with All Souls Day on November 2. On this day, we remember our own loved ones who have gone before us in faith. These tributes extend beyond the day itself and last through the month of November, the Month of All Souls.

The Books of Life
In keeping with the important observance of this month, our parish Books of Life will be placed along the north wall of our church. These books, one for each month, list the names of every person who has been buried from St. John of the Cross Parish and their date of death. As a parish that is rooted in faith in our Lord Jesus, let us prayerfully recall these deceased members of our community. Take time to look through the books. Find the names of those you know and offer a prayer for them.

The Book of Remembrance
During the month of November, the Month of All Souls, parishioners and visitors to St. John of the Cross Parish are invited to write the names of their beloved dead in The Book of Remembrance found by the baptismal font. The Book of Remembrance will remain there through the month of November. Unlike the Books of Life, which list only deceased parishioners of St. John of the Cross, our Book of Remembrance may include the names of all our deceased loved ones.

Our Beloved Dead
If you would like your loved ones remembered throughout the coming year, complete an All Souls envelope which can be found at the lectern near the baptismal font during the month of November. These envelopes will then be placed in a basket under our altar, and we will remember them at Mass each week as Our Beloved Dead. Remembering all of those who have gone before us, “marked with the sign of faith,” helps us better understand and appreciate our faith in the Christ, our risen Lord, who conquers sin and death and brings new life to all.

I am the way, the truth and the life.
Together we pray for our loved ones and friends who have died during the past year.

Florence Alberico  
John Andrews  
Martha Attaway  
Leonard Autajay  
Cindy Baise  
Roger Baldwin  
Edward Baniewicz  
H. Edward Barnicle Jr.  
Deacon Dick Baum  
John Benish  
Frank Berger  
Virginia Beutell  
Barbara Braunstein  
Marybeth Brawley  
Paulette Buckingham  
Lydia Burke  
James Burns  
Richard Butkevic  
Margaret Callaghan  
Carmella Capparelli  
Virginia Camody  
Paul Carrier  
Edward Chodl  
Carol Clark  
Janice Collins  
John Coyne  
Janice Craig  
Estella Cronk  
Mary Cunningham  
Stefan Czyz  
Ashley Davis Steele  
John Delia  
Vito Dentamaro  
David DiLoreto  
Dave Dolar  
Thomas Donnelly  
Charles Doonan  
Jeffrey Dopper  
JoAnne Duffy  
John Durkin  
Robertta Enyart  
Zoe Fiflis  
Josephine Fishella  
Patricia Fitzgerald  
Anthony Foderaro  
Andy Fofena  
Eileen Fox  
Guy Franzese  
Nancy Frolik  
John Gaehan  
Richard Gamache  
Marilyn Garbe  
Joyce Gier  
Alice Gill  
Joseph Glimco Jr.  
John Grant  
Kathleen Gros  
MaryAnn Hardek  
Lois Harris  
John Hartigan  
Ellen Mae Healy  
Michael Hermes  
Joseph Hlavin  
Alice Hogan  
Kristin Hughes-Marple  
Albert Januska  
Elaine Jodlowski  
Rita Kaiser  
Walter Kamholz  
Fred Kaminski  
Adrianne Kane  
Dolores Karpik  
Victoria Kassis  
Aldon Kelly  
Raymond Kenny  
Curtis Kerzich  
Janette Klimek  
Lawrence Korenchan  
John Kravcik  
Patricia Krone  
Dolores Lachowicz  
Cathy Laskey  
Edward Laude  
Janet Constance Leach  
Soula Lentini  
William Lenti  
Mary Leo  
Gerald Loftus  
Mary Jean Longueil  
Samuel Lopez  
William Lynch Sr.  
Cassius MacDiarmid  
Joe Majerick  
Michael Malecsek  
Peggy Manning  
Patricia Ann Manno  
Ralph Marcheschi  
Angeline Marcione  
Diana Marshall  
Edward McArdle  
Gloria McCabe  
Janet McGinn  
Michael McGivern  
Deacon Tom McGrey  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Lorraine McMahon  
Michael McNamara  
Debbie Medlin  
Hayden Miles  
Joseph Milligan  
Rosemary Morrissey  
Patricia Muldowney  
Susan Murphy  
Anne Murphy  
Alice Myers  
Rose Nickoloff  
Betty Noble  
Ron Nowicki  
Gerald O'Toole  
John Pacocha  
Lucielle Palatiak  
Lorenzo Pavoni  
Mary Pavoni  
Dwight Peebles  
Geno Pesce  
Ruth Peters  
Mary Ann Piwowar  
Richard Potokar  
Marge Pristo  
Rev. Tom Purcell  
Eleanor Pype  
Anne Reed  
Robert Rehak  
Grace Reynolds  
Margaret Roache Boyle  
Kathy Roche  
Michael Roche  
Patrick Roche  
Bob Rose  
Carlo Rotolo  
Edwin Rulak  
Patrick Russell  
Ray Samaha  
Ida Sanchez  
Maryann Scalise  
Dennis Schaefer  
Thomas Schneider  
Carmella Scognamiglio  
Fr. Val Sheedy  
William Sheridan  
Lucille Shukis  
Laura Jean Shutock  
John Sintich  
Carol Slawinski  
Charles Smith  
Karen Sokol  
Joseph Stachniak  
Refugia Stathos  
Mary Ann Stemack  
Takashi Sugawara  
Gail Swaback  
Floyd Szablewski  
Marcy Szpak  
John Tevenan  
Brooks Tonn  
Theresa Vana  
Catherine Wiest  
Joseph Wilson  
Edward Wojcik  
Eric Yates  
Debra Yell  
Mary Young  
Regina Zientek  
George Zurowski
Jesus restores sight to the blind man, Bartimaeus

Background on the Gospel

Today we continue to read from Mark’s Gospel. In this Gospel, we find evidence of Jesu’ fame in the sizable crowd that accompanies him as he journeys to Jerusalem. Jesus’ reputation as a healer has preceded him. When the blind man, Bartimaeus, hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, he calls out to him, asking for his pity.

When Bartimaeus calls out to Jesus, the crowd around him tries to silence him. Yet Bartimaeus persists, calling out more loudly and with greater urgency. He will not be silenced or deterred from getting Jesus’ attention. We notice how quickly the crowd’s reaction changes when Jesus calls for Bartimaeus. Those who sought to quiet him now encourage him.

When Jesus restores Bartimaeus’s sight, no elaborate action is required. (In other healing stories in Mark’s Gospel, actions accompany Jesus’ words). In this instance, Jesus simply says that Bartimaeus’s faith has saved him. Throughout Mark’s Gospel, the success of Jesus’ healing power has often been correlated with the faith of the person requesting Jesus’ help. For example, it is because of her faith that the woman with the hemorrhage is healed. When faith is absent, Jesus is unable to heal; we see this after his rejection in Nazareth.

Once his sight has been restored, Bartimaeus follows Jesus on his way to Jerusalem. In Mark’s Gospel, Bartimaeus is the last disciple called by Jesus before he enters Jerusalem. Bartimaeus hears that Jesus of Nazareth is passing by, but he calls out to Jesus using words of faith—”Son of David.” Many in Jesus’ time believed that the anticipated Jewish Messiah would be a descendent of King David. Bartimaeus’s words prepare us for the final episodes of Mark’s Gospel, which begin with Jesus’ preparation for the Passover and his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. As Mark has shown us in our readings over the past few Sundays, however, Jesus will be the Messiah in a way that will be difficult for many to accept. Jesus will show himself to be the Messiah through his suffering and death. 

Living the Gospel

The verbs describing Bartimaeus’s actions in this gospel say everything about faith, encountering Jesus, and choosing to follow him. He cried out, kept calling, threw aside his cloak, sprang up and came to Jesus, stated his request, received his sight, followed Jesus. Such need, such urgency, such conviction! These verbs describe Bartimaeus’s faith-in-action, his deepening relationship with Jesus. Faith is the insight and cause of action. So must it be for us. Faith urges us to encounter Jesus, receive what he offers so generously, and then live as he would wish us to live.

Yes, such need, such urgency, such conviction did Bartimaeus have! Without persistence in prayer and seeking encounters with Jesus, it will be impossible for us to follow him faithfully. It would be impossible for us to have the urgency and conviction that Bartimaeus had. Encounters with Jesus in prayer keep our relationship to him growing, keep our relationship with him healthy and strong. The paschal mystery rhythm of dying and rising plays itself out in many ways—this Sunday in a rhythm of faith and action. In practical, everyday terms this means that at times we are doing our faith—reaching out to those around us in need. At other times we are being our faith—taking time to savor our relationship with God. Gospel living is finding the right balance between doing our faith and living our faith. But always it must be with urgency and conviction.

Lord of light, restore us with your vision of selfless love so that we may make real in our lives the prayers and hopes that you alone see in the depths of our hearts. Hear the prayers which we ask of you in the name of Jesus, the healing Christ.

Monday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4
and 6
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday
Eph 5:21-33or 5:2a, 25-32
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday
Eph 6:1-9
Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14

Thursday
Rev 7:2-4, 9-14
Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6
1 John 3:1-3
Matt 5:1-12a

Friday
Wis 3:1-9
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Rom 5:5-11
John 6:37-40

Saturday
Phil 1:18b-26
Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef
Luk 14:1, 7-11
John 14:1-31

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Deut 6:2-6
Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Heb 7:23-28
Mark 12:28-34

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Prayers of Our Heart

Bless those who mourn, eternal God, with the comfort of your love that they may face each new day with hope and the certainty that nothing can destroy the good that has been given. May their memories become joyful, their days enriched with friendship, and their lives encircled by your love.

- Vienna Cobb Anderson

May the sweet light of change shine in the darkness, May the first breath of each morning begin life again, May the memories unfold as prayers for life, May the love continue to fill the silence.

- Zeno

O Lord, we call upon You in our time of sorrow, that You give us the strength and will to bear our heavy burdens, until we can again feel the warmth and love of Your divine compassion. Be mindful of us and have mercy on us while we struggle to comprehend life’s hardships. Keep us ever in Your watch, till we can walk again with light hearts and renewed spirits.

- Author Unknown

May the love of God and the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ bless and console us and gently wipe every tear from our eyes: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God give us peace in our sorrow, consolation in our grief, and strength to accept his will in all things. Amen.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Parish School: Congratulations to the 8th Grade Girls Basketball Team!

This weekend, our 8th grade girls basketball team captured their third consecutive Suburban Parochial League Title by defeating crosstown rival, St. Francis Xavier in overtime. This team finished their three-year conference play with a record of 31-1. While the eighth graders had a great weekend of play, our 6th grade girls volleyball team captured a second place trophy in the Suburban Parochial League Championship.

Learn more about St. John of the Cross Parish School:
www.stjohnofthecross.org/school

The 33 Catholic high schools of the Archdiocese of Chicago are busy recruiting for next year’s freshman class! Each of the schools is hosting Open Houses and Shadow Days this fall for families with children in eighth grade and younger. For a complete list of these days, as well as a pin map of all Catholic high schools, see schools.archchicago.org. The Eighth Grade Entrance Exam this year is Saturday, December 1. Families can register for the exam at individual schools. An excellent Catholic education begins in preschool and continues through high school and beyond!
One of the 7th grade YC home groups gathered for a fun service project: making dinner in the Parish Center for BEDS Plus.
On Tuesday, October 30 all parish 7th graders and their parents will attend the Confirmation Commitment Ceremony. At the ceremony, which is held in church, our youth come forward to present a signed agreement indicating that they are seeking Confirmation from SJC. In doing so, they formally commit to learning and growing in faith as their parents bless them and they receive a blessed cross to symbolize their intent.

Our Moms and Dads are the best! Parents and sometimes Grandparents come to our YC 3rd grade classes to be a Mystery Reader. The youth don’t know who it is until the Mystery Reader shows up! They read stories to the youth of God’s love and how we live each day working towards the kingdom. Pictured above is Mr. Leonard reading to 3rd graders!

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.
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In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the candidates perform many hours of service to help those in need. In doing so, they practice love and service in imitation of the saints whose names they often take at Confirmation. Sealed with the gift of the Spirit at Confirmation they are strengthened for ongoing service in the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world. Thus Confirmation is not only an anointing, but also a commissioning to live out our faith in the world. USCCB
2018 Harvest Saturday Food Collection

Volunteer

All parishioners are welcome to join us for our annual Crossroads tradition: Harvest Saturday! This is one of the biggest service projects at our parish and there are many ways for teens, families, and the whole parish community to be involved.

Flyer Day: Saturday, November 10 from 9-11am
- Be a Driver helping a Crew to distribute Flyers in Western Springs
- Be a Rider distributing flyers to homes in town

Harvest Saturday: Saturday, November 17 from 8am-4pm
- Join us at 8am Mass in Church to begin our service day
- Donate nonperishable food on your front porch
- If you live outside Western Springs, bring your nonperishable food donation to the Parish Center
- Be a Driver helping a Crew to pick up food from homes across town
- Be a Rider picking up food donations
- Help sort, box food and load cars in the Parish Center
- Be a Driver delivering food to area food pantries

Drivers should be adults and Virtus trained.
Sign up to be a Driver or a Crew Member on the home page of our parish website: www.stjohnofthecross.org.

Harvest Saturday
November 17
Children’s Book Drive
October 14-28
Two high school parish sophomores are holding a Book Drive to help low income children in Chicago who do not have books of their own. Please donate new and gently used children’s books for kids aged birth through 6th grade. (No workbooks, textbooks, or reference books.) Our donations will be brought to Bernie’s Book Bank who will distribute them to at-risk infants, toddlers and school age children throughout the city. Look for drop boxes in the Parish Center, church narthex and the school. The teens hope they will reach their goal of 500 books!

Food Pantry Collection in Church Narthex
During the month of October our donations will again be delivered to the St. Cletus Food Pantry. Listed below is basic information on the St. Cletus Food Pantry. They have asked especially for diapers and wipes and other baby items and $10 gift cards for Jewel that can be used for fresh produce and dairy. Gift cards should be brought to the Parish Center office.

- St. Cletus distributes non-perishable groceries from the vestibule of their church every Thursday evening from 6-8pm. Each month food is distributed to 250 families of the working poor, who live in our community (Lyons Township). Families may come once a month. On special occasions families also received fresh produce, school supplies, cleaning supplies, laundry supplies, bread, books, Easter baskets, and grocery store vouchers for perishable items.
- Please bring in-date, unopened, non-perishable items to our church narthex when you come to weekend Mass or during the week. Suggested staple items include: dry pinto beans, rice, peanut butter, jelly, pasta, pasta sauce, canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned soup, macaroni & cheese, tuna, cereal, crackers, paper goods, all sizes of diapers, cleaning products, feminine hygiene items, toilet paper, and toiletries.

Outreach Opportunities
Please visit our parish website at: www.stjohnofthecross.org/volunteer-opportunities/ for a list of ways you can serve others.

The Well Spirituality Center, 1515 Ogden Avenue, LaGrange Park, IL
To register online and see complete list of programs: www.csjthewell.org or call 708-482-5048
Finding Jesus Among Muslims: Thursdays, 7:00-8:30pm, November 1 & 15
Come join Dr. Mary Jo Curtisinger, CSJ, D.Min., for a presentation and group discussion about a great little book Finding Jesus Among Muslims: How Loving Islam Makes Me A Better Catholic (available from Sr. Mary Jo mjcurtisinger@csjoseph.org for $19, or from Amazon). Cost: Optional free will offering
Discovering the Potential Within Through Reflection and Art: Saturday, November 3 9:30am–2pm
Come with a heart of curiosity to discover what you are being called to be in this phase of your life. Facilitator Carol Cummins will lead us through a creative process to uncover your heart’s desire. Cost: $40 (includes soup lunch and all materials)
Trivia Night: Friday, November 9 Doors open at 6 PM- Games begin at 7pm
Start watching Jeopardy to prepare yourself for a night of laughter and recall as your team competes against others in a “battle of the brains.” Gather your own group or come on your own and we will find you a team. Cost: $20 through November 8; $30 on November 9
Navigating Senior Care
A Caregiver’s Journey

Jane Sanchez, a St. John of the Cross Parishioner, has experienced caring for family members. Please join us as she takes us on her journey, which included securing appropriate legal advice and arranging for additional care.

Presenters
- Eileen Fitzgerald - Elder Law Attorney
- Maureen Wood - Home Care Representative
- Theresa Kenaga - Memory Care Family Advisor
- Kerry Quirin - Senior Living Advisor

Join us for this inspirational and educational journey as our presenters will explore the continuum of care.

Friday, November 9, 2018
9-11am OR
Monday, November 12, 2018
7-9pm

St. John of the Cross Parish Center
5005 Wolf Road
Western Springs

Please RSVP to Elizabeth Russell-Jones
708.246.4404
Parish News

**Spirituality Among Men: Meet Our Pastor**
**Saturday, November 3**
**at 8:45am in the Parish Center**
All men of the parish are invited to join us on Saturday, November 3 at 8:45am in the Parish Center for a meet and greet with Fr. Marc Reszel. Fr. Reszel has settled in as SJC’s new pastor and will be joining our SAM gathering for Q&A. If you have any questions about the current state of SJC or plans for the future, or just want to meet Fr. Reszel, please join us on Saturday Nov 3. Fr. Reszel will also be able to discuss Renew My Church, the Archdiocese of Chicago’s response to Jesus' call and our invitation for renewal, including emerging images of parish in the Chicago Archdiocese.

**Crossroads Junior/Senior Gathering:**
Tonight: Sunday, October 28th at 6-7:30pm, juniors and seniors will be gathering together at SJC Parish Center. Join us for a visit from special guest Chief Pat Kenny of the Western Springs Fire Department, who will be sharing about teen suicide awareness and prevention.

**High School Boys Church League Basketball:**
This year’s Boys Church League Basketball registration is open until October 31 online at www.stjohnofthecross.org/crossroads. All high school boys, freshmen through seniors, are welcome to participate.

**Annual Parish Boy Scout Troop 117**

**Christmas Wreath Sale**
Order your Christmas wreath, centerpieces, garland from our parish scouts by November 4. Receive free home delivery. Go to our parish website home page.

**Men’s Club-Boy Scout**

**Annual Scout Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, November 18
8:30am-Noon Parish Center
Adults: $8 ~ Kids 5-10:$5 ~ Under 5 Free
Pre-Purchase Tickets $1 Discount. Drop off your check in an envelope with your contact information to the Parish Center.

**SJC Weekly Eblast & Bulletin**
Keep up to date with parish news and events. Receive our weekly newsletter and bulletin via email. Send your email to Mary Beth at mbdrafz@stjohnofthecross.org.

**Job Opportunity at SJC**
Our parish school has an immediate opening for a full-time evening adult maintenance worker. Please contact Plant Manager, Frank Dipompeo, in the Parish Center.

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**
Invites All Women to a
Women’s Career Re-Launched Program
**November 10 from 9:30-11:30am**
**Workshop with experts**
Learn from the experts: resume writing, LinkedIn, preparing for interviews and negotiating your offer. Register at http://bit.ly/sfxrelaunch. No cost to attend. Come to Unity Hall at neighbor parish, St. Francis Xavier. Contact Mary McGovern at 708-691-6764 or mary.mcgovern@morganstanley.com.

**THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO IS HIRING**
The archdiocese offers employment opportunities across our organization. We provide a competitive salary and benefit package, including medical, dental, vision, paid vacation, sick days, personal days, holidays, 403(b) and more.

**Chicago Catholic Scripture School Open House**
All are welcome to visit a session of CCSS in the Parish Center on Wednesday, November 7 at 10am or 7pm in the Parish Center. Learn more by contacting Dianna LaMantia at dlamantia@comcast.net or 708-288-2143.

**Upcoming Events for Your Calendar**

**All Saints Holy Day**
**Thursday, November 1**
Masses are at: 6:30am, 7:45am, 9:15am, & 6:30pm
**All Souls Mass of Remembrance**
Friday, November 2 at 7pm
**SAM: Spirituality Among Men**
**Saturday, November 3 at 8:45am Parish Center**
**Transitions in Parenthood**
Saturday, November 3 & 10 from 9-12:15pm
**Women’s Club Annual Coat Drive**
Weekend of November 3-4
**Navigating Senior Care**
November 9 from 9-11am or
November 12 from 7-9pm

**Harvest Saturday**
Saturday, November 17
**Scout Pancake Breakfast**
Sunday, November 18 8:30am-Noon
**Share Christmas Starts**
Sunday, November 18
Congratulations to the following families who had their infants baptized on October 14 by Fr. Marc Reszel assisted by Baptism Team Leaders, Betsy & Sean Sullivan. Pictured from the left with their godparents are: Chris and Kimberly Chindris with Caroline Jo, Robert and Elizabeth Scumaci with Gabriella Rose, Edward and Jami Napleton with Francis William, and James and Jenna Rogers with Eliza James.

Transitions in Parenthood Program
Based on Bringing Baby Home, this research-based retreat prepares couples for the transition to parenthood while helping them become the best parenting team possible. In a relaxed and supportive environment parents learn the vital skills necessary to create a positive and nurturing environment for the newborn while strengthening their love and friendship. Nurturing love and friendship became one of the most important factors in predicting whether children thrive or merely survive.

Skills Sets Couples Will Learn:
- Strategies to manage normal stressors associated with parenting
- Foster positive parent-baby interactions
- Prioritize your relationship and foster romance

Frequently Asked Questions:
Who: Couples expecting for the first time or those with a young child. (Babies 6 months and younger are welcome to attend with parents.)
When: Saturday, November 3rd and 10th (9am-12:15pm) in the Parish Center
Cost: $150 per couple. Register on our parish website.
Included: Instruction from Certified Gottman Educator, Bringing Baby Home workbook, one deck of Love Map cards, a light breakfast, snacks and beverages.

Congratulations to Madelyn Kumaari Hoden who as baptized by Fr. Marc Reszel on Friday, October 12. Pictured with Madelyn are her parents, Daniel and Daesman McGinn, and her sister Maeve.

New to SJC?
If you would like to learn all about our parish contact Elizabeth Russell-Jones in the Parish Center Welcome Office. Call or email erussell-jones@stjohnofthecross.org.

New Baby? Ready for Baptism?
Learn about infant baptism at our parish. Call the Parish Center office weekdays from 9am-4pm or go to our parish website under Sacraments.
Pray for Our Loved Ones Serving Our Country

Staff Sgt. Steven Foody, son of Sandra Foody
Sergeant Sebastian Grabacki, son of David & Jan Grabacki
Staff Sgt. Joshua Tischler USAF Pararescue, grandson of Betty & Frank Madler & Mary Tischler
Corporal Daniel Pett, nephew of Kathryn Stimetz
Capt. James Maicke, grandson of Phil & Mike Maicke
Sgt. Robert Marburger, son of David and Kathleen Marburger
Staff Sgt. Larry Waszak, grandson of Bruno and Barbara Gacek
Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Lance Corporal David Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Seaman Emily Strafaci, granddaughter of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Sgt. Michael Grabarek, relative of the LeFeuvre and Schillaci families
Spc. Douglas Junius, grandson of Ann Junius and son of Sue Junius
PFC Kevin Lawinger, grandson of Roe and Bob Lawinger
Lieutenant James Viano, grandson of Lorraine Wolfe

Pray for Our Sick
Karl Andrzejewski
Beth Beutell
Sally Bradley
Margaret Brooks
Cheryl Delaney
Donald Delaney
Fr. David Dowdle
Bill Harley
Jean Herman
Linda Hillsman
Carlotta Hoffman
Karen Hult
Peggy Kouicky
Lorraine Majerick
Christine Moran
Bobbie Misiora
Anthony Portillo
Suzanne Reecer
Rachael Schopp
David Sipec
Nancy Skow
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Mass & Reconciliation Schedule & Intentions

Monday, October 29 Weekday
7:45am Deceased members of Gora & Maier Families; Lawrence Korenchan

Tuesday, October 30 Weekday
7:45am Dorothy Rydlewski; Virginia Rachford

Wednesday, October 31 Weekday
7:45am Fr. Bill Martin; Our Beloved Dead

Thursday, November 1 All Saints
6:30am Catherine Boyle; Delores Lechowicz
7:45am Marie Capellani; Patrick Clarke
9:15am School Mass
6:30pm John & Joan Kravcik; Merle Duff

Friday, November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
7:45am John DenBesten; Deceased members of Lukowsky & DenBesten Families; Anthony Jacyno
7:00pm Mass of Remembrance

Saturday, November 3 Weekday; St. Martin de Porres; Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00am Anna & Charles Ward; Mr. & Mrs. Michael Mannino
~ Confessions after Morning Mass ~
5:00pm Dorothy Portner; John Libby; Bill Lenzi

Sunday, November 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Savings Time Ends
7:30am Ashley Davis Steele; Rosemary Morrissey
9:00am Jack, Virginia & Claudia Shellar; Elizabeth Pardilla
10:45am Helen Craig; Deceased members of Jakicic Family
12:15pm Denny Brennan; Bruno & Lucille Shukis
5:00pm Brooks Tonn; Ashley Davis Steele

Pray for Our Beloved Dead
Patricia Maley, wife of Jim, mother of Kelly, Katie, and Jimmy
Linda Dewinter, cousin of Bernadine Kubic
Agnes Grabacki, mother of David
Mary Pavoni, mother of Kathleen Bertrand, Arianne and Daniele
Domenico Antonino, father of Maria Baumel
Anna Pompei, cousin of Frank DiPompeo

Pray for Our Loved Ones Serving Our Country
Staff Sgt. Steven Foody, son of Sandra Foody
Sergeant Sebastian Grabacki, son of David & Jan Grabacki
Staff Sgt. Joshua Tischler USAF Pararescue, grandson of Betty & Frank Madler & Mary Tischler
Corporal Daniel Pett, nephew of Kathryn Stimetz
Capt. James Maicke, grandson of Phil & Mike Maicke
Sgt. Robert Marburger, son of David and Kathleen Marburger
Staff Sgt. Larry Waszak, grandson of Bruno and Barbara Gacek
Petty Officer 2nd Class Matthew Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Lance Corporal David Strafaci, grandson of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Seaman Emily Strafaci, granddaughter of Sandra & Jim Strafaci
Sgt. Michael Grabarek, relative of the LeFeuvre and Schillaci families
Spc. Douglas Junius, grandson of Ann Junius and son of Sue Junius
PFC Kevin Lawinger, grandson of Roe and Bob Lawinger
Lieutenant James Viano, grandson of Lorraine Wolfe

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