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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

I suppose you might be wondering about what is going on with the Legacy Campaign projects. As you might suspect, there is unevenness in getting things done because some projects are more difficult than others to bring to completion and many more decisions need to be made.

The biggest project, the new lighting system, should be underway by now. Materials needed to be manufactured, parts ordered, contracts reviewed and signed. It is the hope that this will be completed in its entirety before Christmas.

Since the lighting project affects other parts of the building, some of those projects are on hold until the lighting is completed. You can't work in the same space with two different projects going on at the same time. We are in the process of getting bids for the cabinetry in the Community Room and sacristy. The carpeting and furniture also have to be dealt with. The refurbishing of the Tabernacle Chapel is being timed with the installation of the original artwork for that space (the hanging glass over the tabernacle and the new sanctuary lamp). The new upholstery for the chairs and the new furnishings for the Mary Chapel should be completed around the same time, by mid-December. That also includes the quote being etched into the glass over the interior doors from the vestibule into the main body of the church by Fr. Bennett.

Plumbing for a new water fountain and tiling the floors and walls in the bathrooms also have to be completed. The air handling controls are a priority before the winter really sets in as it affects the heating system dramatically. The upgrades to the sound system are also underway.

So there are a lot of details to pay attention to for the many projects that are in various stages of being brought to completion. Like any other remodeling, it will take longer than anyone wants it to take. When everything is completed, which will be sometime after the first of the year, we'll find a way to celebrate the Legacy Campaign appropriately.

On a more personal note I want to thank everyone who expressed their prayerful support to me in dealing with Kelli O'Laughlin's murder and funeral. A priest and his people form a spiritual bond over time and I cannot tell you how much I trust and count on your affirmation of me in my role as priest and pastor. It truly is my privilege to serve in this community. Kelli's death was difficult on lots of people in lots of different ways. Thank you for sharing your prayers and support in my struggle to minister in a very difficult situation. It is more important than you may ever know. I was also very appreciative of the other ministers who were able to be present. Our whole community needs healing and everyone has a responsibility for that to happen.

Peace,  
Fr. David

### ***Book of Remembrance***

Beginning on Tuesday, November 1st we shall place our *Book of Remembrance* next to the baptismal font and Paschal candle. The symbols of the baptismal font and the Paschal Candle serve to remind us of our belief that those who have died with Christ in baptism will also rise with him and share in the Light that is his resurrected life. Before and after all the liturgies in November, all parishioners are invited to inscribe the names of newly deceased family and friends, or deceased loved ones whose names you have not yet inscribed in our book.

*Unlike the parish Books of Life which lists only the names of deceased St. John of the Cross parishioners, our parish Book of Remembrance may include the names of all our deceased loved ones.*

### ***Books of Life***

During the month of November, the Church remembers those who have died. In keeping with this important observance, beginning on Wednesday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, and lasting throughout the month, our parish *Books of Life* will be placed along the north wall of our church. These books, one for each month of the year, list the names of every person who has been buried from St. John of the Cross Parish. As a parish that is rooted in faith in our Lord Jesus, let us prayerfully recall these deceased members of our community.

Take time to look through the books. Find the names of those you know and offer a prayer for them.

*Throughout the year, the book for the appropriate month is kept in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.*

## Daily Meditation —Hope Within Darkness

Our age has been called with age of anxiety, and I think it's a good description for this time. We no longer know where our foundations are. When we're not sure what is certain, when the world and our worldview keep being redefined every few months, we're going to be anxious. We want to get rid of that anxiety as quickly as we can. Yet, to be a good leader of anything today—a good pastor, bishop, father or mother—you have to be able to contain, to hold patiently, a certain degree of anxiety. Leaders who cannot hold anxiety will never lead you to anyplace new.

Expelling what you can't embrace gives you an identity, but it's a negative identity. It's not life energy; it's death energy. Formulating what you are against gives you a very quick, clear, and clean sense of yourself. Thus, most people fall for it. People more easily define themselves by what they are against, by who they hate, by who else is wrong, instead of by *what they believe in* and *whom they love*.

Adapted from [Hope Against Darkness: The Transforming Vision of St. Francis in an Age of Anxiety, pp. 25-26](#)

Starter Prayer: **I am light and dark, evil and good. I am forgiveness.**

*Richard's Daily Meditation, Jesus the Liberator, is used with permission of the Center for Action and Contemplation.*

*Franciscan Father Richard Rohr, the founder of the Center for Action and Contemplation in Albuquerque, New Mexico, is an internationally recognized speaker and teacher. He is the author of numerous books and is a regular contributor to Radical Grace, the publication of the Center for Action and Contemplation. For more information on Fr. Richard and the CAC, please visit [www.cacradicalgrace.org](http://www.cacradicalgrace.org) of the Center for Action and Contemplation.*

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## Parish Advisory Council Fall Update

November, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

The Parish Advisory Council (PAC) met on October 11, 2011. At our first meeting since our summer break, we welcomed our new Council members: Fr. Fil, Jessica Koch, our Director of Music, Mike Herr, School Advisory Representative, Mike McGinn, YC Council Advisory Representative, Dan Cochran, Jerry Klafka and Jay Sabath, our three new at-large Parish Representatives.

As background, the PAC was established by our Pastor, Fr. David Dowdle, in 2010 to enable communication and collaboration among the Pastoral Staff, Consultative Bodies, and Ministry Advisory Groups in an effort to guide the Parish in living out its Vision & Mission Statement. Last year Council members discussed and prioritized the seven core values that emerged from the Parish Listening Sessions (Vision 2010) which were incorporated into our Mission Statement. This spring the Council created goals specific to each value area.

Over the summer, each Goal Committee worked on formulating action plans (specific steps needed to achieve each goal) and presented the plans with budget estimates and proposed timing at our recent fall meeting. All goals and action plans can be read in our meeting minutes on the parish website. As we move forward, the Council work continues as each committee determines how results will be evaluated and begins to implement their action plans. We invite parishioners to become involved as committee members by contacting the leader for each goal area listed below.

### Worship—Jim Clauer

[jclauer@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:jclauer@stjohnofthecross.org)

### Welcome—Fr. Darrio & Jerry Moran

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### Formation/Teachings of our Faith—

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### Communication—MJ Martin

[mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org)

We look forward to sharing our future progress with you in the coming months.

Karin Teglia  
PAC Chairperson

MJ Martin  
Dir of Parish Operations

# Livestock for Life

## *Give someone a Gift that keeps Giving!*

Help our brothers and sisters at our Sharing Parish, Holy Cross, in Jinja, Uganda. Your donation supplies a hen, goat or pig (and training) to a specially selected family. The animal provides income for the family and church.

You may use our new on-line giving option with your credit card or drop of a check to the Parish Center. We will mail you a Gift Card. Each gift is \$40. Go to [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org).



Joyce Ziraba Muzaau, Wanyange Centre widow, got 3 goats, produced 4 kids, exchanged 6 goats for a Friesian cow. Now she has a bull and one goat.



Mary Kadhuubo, Wanyange Centre widow, got 20 hens. She now has 60 hens and sells eggs.



Jane Kalebi, Kalungami Centre widow, got 4 pigs, produced 6 piglets (1 died). Now has a total of 9 pigs.



Caroline Kapere, Bugembe Centre disabled, got 3 goats, produced 3 kids and now has 6 goats.

## About Online Giving

St. John of the Cross Parish has some good news to share! Your offertory gifts made through our website E-Giving Program work harder than ever to support our parish. Your gifts allow SJC to reduce administrative costs, plan for future projects with great efficiency, and spend more time on ministry, less on fundraising. E-Giving is convenient and easy to use as well as safe, secure, and reliable! When you participate in E-Giving, your gift will be transferred conveniently from either your checking or credit card account (Visa, Mastercard or Discover) directly to our parish. A record of each gift will appear on your monthly statement. As a participant of the program, you are still free to make additional gifts by check or cash as the Lord provides! You may increase, decrease, or suspend your giving at any time by editing your online donation form or by contacting the parish office by phone or mail. Go to [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org) and click on the Giving tab. Your donations may be directed to any of the following areas: Sunday Offertory, Sharing Parish Gift, Parish Maintenance, Support-a-Student, Sr. Anastasia/Keeping Kids Catholic, Legacy, Mary Garden Pavers, Share Christmas, Livestock for Life, as well as any of the special archdiocesan collections.

We appreciate your generosity! If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.  
MJ Martin, Director of Operations [mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:mjmartin@stjohnofthecross.org)

## Your feedback is important to us!

Have some questions, ideas or suggestions for us?

Please take a moment to share them with the pastoral staff. Any topic is open for discussion — from the new website to the new Roman Missal to whatever you are thinking — the positive and the negative. We'd love to hear from you. Please email us today at:

[feedback@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:feedback@stjohnofthecross.org)

Or drop a note to the parish center to my attention or stop in to chat.

We appreciate your help. Thanks,  
MJ Martin, Director of Parish Operations



*Blessed are you who fear the Lord.*  
—*Psalm 128:1a*

### Deacons in the Catholic Church

Deacons are referred to as transitional or permanent. Transitional deacons are in the process of moving toward priesthood. *Permanent deacons* (who may be married and have families) are on a distinct path to remaining as a deacon—permanently. Their role and function is different from priests. Deacons assist at liturgies, proclaim the gospel, preach, evangelize in the workplace and help the poor and needy in direct ways.

***Do you believe Jesus may be inviting you to inquire about this ordained ministry?***

**“Exploring the Permanent Diaconate”**

*Mass (indicated Sundays) and dialogue about the path toward an ordained lifestyle as a permanent deacon at the Cardinal Stritch Retreat House in Mundelein, Illinois 1/2 mile west of Butterfield Road on Route 176 across from Carmel High School.*

**Sunday, November 20, 12:00 p.m. (Mass)**

**Sunday, February 19, 12 p.m. (Mass)**

If you are interested in attending please call 708-246-4404 or email Fr. David at [ddowdle@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:ddowdle@stjohnofthecross.org).

### Parish Transformation Fall Update

November, 2011

Dear Parishioners,

The extensive work on our Mission Statement completed by the Vision 2010 process and the goals/action plans developed by the new Parish Advisory Council were shared with Bishop Manz on October 17th. This is part of the archdiocesan Parish Transformation Project. Parish Transformation is intended to be an opportunity for a parish to be renewed spiritually as it rearticulates its mission and vision and strategizes for the future. The two primary components are:

- ... Parish Visioning, which helps a community identify its strengths and plan for greater pastoral effectiveness by creatively strategizing for the future.
- ... Financial Renewal, which provides the tools for analyzing the material and financial components of the parish with a view toward establishing a strong and viable financial picture.

Our Parish Transformation efforts are led by Fr. David, Harry Kannry from the PAC, Lisa DenBesten from the Finance Council, and me. As part of this initiative, our Finance Council has also identified and prioritized opportunity areas and formulated its goals/action plans. In December our final Transformation presentation will be shared with the Bishop and will be available to you on our parish website.

As you well know, St. John of the Cross is an extremely busy parish with many ministries, programs, a school, meetings, activities, committees, liturgies, fundraisers, etc. that try to meet the varied needs of our large community. In the midst of our busy-ness, it is important that we continually return to our roots detailed in our Vision and Mission Statement— the mission and ministry of Jesus. Through the ongoing efforts of parish leaders and staff within the Parish Advisory Council, the Ministry Advisory Groups and Consultative Bodies, and with your input and continued support, together we can affirm our many parish strengths and identify any weaknesses, and clear the way to implement action plans that point us toward our vocation of living out the mission of Jesus.

I look forward to keeping you apprised of the work of an extremely talented and committed Council.

Peace,  
MJ Martin  
Director of Parish Operations



OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

November 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For the past four decades, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has served as a way to bring the Gospel to light in the lives of the poor and to give Catholics in the Archdiocese of Chicago a way to participate in putting Catholic social teaching into action. Through your generous donations, this year CCHD is funding eighteen organizations in Cook and Lake Counties. These organizations provide programs that create jobs, provide training for adults and educational opportunities for children, and help to stabilize neighborhoods.

Inspired by Catholic social teachings, CCHD is committed to addressing the root causes of poverty. At the core of the CCHD mission is respect for human life from conception to natural death, acknowledging that all human beings are created in the image and likeness of God and are endowed with certain inalienable rights.

Please make a special effort during this season of thanksgiving to give generously to the CCHD collection on November 19–20, 2011. Remember that your contribution to CCHD is *not a hand-out, but a hand up*, offering hope and help to low-income families and communities. Through your generosity, you share in Jesus' mission—to bring good news to the poor... release to the captives...and to let the oppressed go free... □ (Luke 4:18).

One hundred percent of CCHD funding comes from individual donors just like you. Your contribution—no matter the amount—does make a powerful difference. May God bless you for your support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

You and those you love are in my prayers; please keep me in yours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago

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## Helpful Holiday Hints for Grieving Individuals

### 1. Recognize and acknowledge that you are grieving.

- ... Be gentle with yourself.
- ... Understand that your energies are naturally directed toward your loss and your healing. So you may not have the energy you're accustomed to having this year.
- ... Avoid caustic people; you don't need the aggravation.
- ... Let people know it's okay to talk about the deceased if it really is. Otherwise direct them away from the topic by telling them you want to catch up on what is going on in their lives.

### 2. Anticipate the day.

- ... If it's too soon or too painful, don't go or don't participate. Send your regrets; people who care about you will understand.
- ... Remember that sometimes the anticipation is far worse than the actual day.
- ... How have you observed this day in the past? Recall this day from the past when you shared it with your loved one and acknowledge the ways in which it will be different this year.
- ... Identify the people, traditions, and activities that are important to you regarding to this day.
- ... Consider creating some new traditions.

### 3. Make a plan you can be comfortable with.

- ... Eliminate the unnecessary and the too painful.
- ... Don't over commit or overextend; don't expect too much from yourself; be realistic and kind to yourself.
- ... Find a way to honor your relationship and your memories, a way to include your loved one in the spirit of this day. If doing this will involve others, it's best to talk it over with them beforehand so they are not taken by surprise; if necessary, compromise to come to a comfortable conclusion.

### 4. Provide a cushion or buffer for yourself on this day.

- ... Tell your best friend or confidante how you are feeling about this day, as well as how you are going to get through it. Ask him/her to stay close for support throughout the day.
- ... Build in some alone-time, quiet-time or time when the expectations you or others have for you can be suspended in order to give you time to tend solely to your emotional needs.

### 5. Keep your options open.

- ... Sit in the back or near a door.
- ... Have an escape route planned along with a get away car (ride home) and driver in case things get to be more than you can handle.
- ... Make it known that you will leave if you need to; give yourself permission to do this without recrimination if you find it necessary.

### 6. Remember that it. won't be this hard next year.

*Text sent from Richard Lamb Funeral Services for the benefit of St. John of the Cross parishioners.*

# The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

carries out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor, / . . . to proclaim liberty to captives / and recovery of sight to the blind, / to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).



## Origins

CCHD was founded in 1970 by the Catholic bishops of the United States as their domestic anti-poverty program. They realized that outreach through established charitable services was not creating the changes needed to keep people out of poverty. The bishops saw a need to address policies and systems that perpetuate poverty as a complement to their direct service programs.

## Impact

CCHD funds community and economic development programs across the United States that help poor and marginalized people join together to make decisions, seek solutions to local problems, and find ways to improve their lives and neighborhoods. Economic development initiatives help develop new businesses, create new jobs, and develop assets that are owned by families and communities. CCHD also provides educational opportunities for Catholics to learn about poverty, interact with those affected by it, and reflect on our faith response to it.

## Involvement

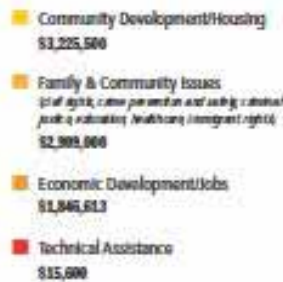
You can make a difference:

1. **Donate.** Your generous support of CCHD, in the parish collection and throughout the year, is vital to CCHD's anti-poverty mission and creates real change.
2. **Learn.** Take advantage of the awareness programs that CCHD offers to learn more about poverty, those affected by it, and our responsibilities as members of the Church. Visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).
3. **Pray** for those who receive CCHD support and for all caught in the cycle of poverty.

*"Socio-economic problems can be resolved only with the help of all the forms of solidarity: solidarity of the poor among themselves, between rich and poor, of workers among themselves, between employers and employees in a business, solidarity among nations and peoples."—Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1941*

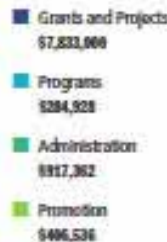
### 2009-2010 Grants

\$7,996,713



### 2008\* Operations

\$9,441,826



\* Most recent year for which audited financial data was available at time of production.

CCHD is committed to accountability and transparency. We allocate funds to community projects that promote the mission and vision of CCHD and the Catholic Church while adhering to the moral and social teachings of the Church. Please visit [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd) to view funding criteria and see a detailed list of our most recent grants. CCHD's primary source of support is an annual Collection held in parishes across the United States. The annual Collection is split, and 25% of the proceeds collected in a diocese remains to support anti-poverty projects in that diocese.



Office of National Collections

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Nov. 17-20 Crossroads sends teens and adults to National Catholic Youth Conference  
Nov. 20 Home Groups meet and FE in PC 6-7:30 p.m.  
Nov. 23 FMSC service meet 1:30 p.m.

## HARVEST SATURDAY was awesome!

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED...  
Kids sorted, teens loaded, adults drove, everyone donated...this really is one of the finest efforts of multi-generational service we have in our parish!

I give many thanks to our Harvest Saturday team for taking extra hours of work to ensure our day was so bountiful:  
Wendy Duquette, Meghan McAuliffe, Anna Rafanelli, Kim Sarros, Maggie Long, Katie McAuliffe, Katie & Tom Pruitt

*This is truly a commUNITY project!  
God bless everyone who helped,  
Katie Hayes*

*Blessed are those who are generous,  
because they feed the poor.  
- Proverbs 22:9*



Let the giving continue!  
Join Crossroads on Wednesday Nov. 23 for a trip to the Feed my Starving Children Facility in Aurora, IL  
Depart SJC at 1:30 p.m.—work in food prep and packaging—return 5:30 p.m.  
Email Katie at [kwojo1@gmail.com](mailto:kwojo1@gmail.com) to reserve your space!  
Limited spaces are available so let her know ASAP if you can join! Drivers needed too!

Last Sunday when our freshmen large group gathered, we discussed death & grief and how our faith speaks to both.

Here's what our adults had to say afterwards:  
"The teens' words were helpful to me."  
"Such honesty and maturity."  
"There are some who are still numb."  
"Their openness is amazing."

Going into one of the toughest gatherings I've faced in my 11 years of youth ministry, the adults who were here were able to be flexible and accept that they didn't have the answers.

This freshmen group needs to merge into small groups and we need adults... willing to see that we don't have all the answers, knowing that we are simply along for the journey with the teens, and sharing our faith.

Please consider joining this critical ministry for our young people:  
Call me to ask questions or get more info: [khayes@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:khayes@stjohnofthecross.org) or 708-246-4404 ext. 140

We are getting started on planning for our Frosh/Soph Retreat and are looking for a few good men and women...  
Adults are needed to assist in guiding our teen team (juniors & sophomores) who lead their peers on this weekend of outdoor fun & faith conversations.  
If you are interested contact Katie Hayes!

Please keep the Kairos 9 team and retreatants in your prayers as they enjoy their retreat weekend!  
Joining together teens from St. Francis, St. Cletus & St. John's allows our ministries to connect teens to other faith-filled classmates at LTHS. We are so grateful for the strong faith and efforts of our senior leaders & adult mentors!  
Our Kairos 10 team has 2 meetings under their belts & is getting forms ready for the retreat March 15-18, 2012!





### Teaching Students About Technology

Kathleen McGowan from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force visited our school recently. Ms. McGowan met with 5th through 8th grade students and discussed making responsible choices with technology and the internet.

### SJC 8th Grade Students Attend Day of the Spirit Retreat



All parish eighth grade students recently attended the Day of the Spirit Retreat. The students shared a day of prayer and faith centered activities and concluded by

celebrating Mass with the entire parish community. Confirmation candidates will receive the sacrament of Confirmation in February. Please join us in praying for all of the Confirmation candidates.



Some of our Special Needs students experienced their Confirmation Retreat ~ the Day of the Spirit this past weekend! They, with their parents, were led through a retreat of reflection on the gifts of the spirit, meditation and reconciliation. The Confirmation candidates shared their gifts and joy of the Lord with all. Please pray for them as they continue their journey to Confirmation this year.



## YC Schedule

Classes K-6	10:15-11:30 a.m.	Sunday, November 13
	6:15-7:30 p.m.	Monday, November 14

FFC & Preschool	Noon-1:30 p.m.	Sunday, December 4
Home Groups and Special Needs		Sunday, November 13

NO CLASSES November 20/21 and 27/28 ~ Families will participate in a Home lesson during this time.

Contact the YC office at 708-246-6760 or [yc@sjcross.org](mailto:yc@sjcross.org)  
NEW!! We have a drop box at the YC office door for your convenience!



**St. John of the Cross  
Parish School  
50th Anniversary All Class  
Alumni Reunion**  
Please join us for a  
Reunion Planning  
Committee Meeting  
November 16th, 7:00 p.m.  
in the Learning Resource  
Center at School.  
**All are welcome!**  
Questions? Email Mary Hogan at  
hogan@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us

**ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME**

**DANCING WITH THE STARS**  
SJC Second Annual  
**Father and Daughter Dance**

**SAVE THE DATE INVITATIONS  
COMING SOON!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 7- 9 P.M.**

**Dancing \* Desserts \*  
Picture  
\$50 per Family**

**Contacts:**

Michael McGinn at michaelbmginn@gmail.com  
Carolyn Ferguson at carolynf30@aol.com

**Hosted by SJC Youth Catechesis Council**



*Volunteering with Children is a blessing to the volunteer and child. Our responsibility to keep St. John of the Cross children safe includes background checks, workshop attendance and now the Diocese has added Mandated Reporter Training. As adults who work with children, when we become aware of situations that may be occurring, we need to know the proper steps to help that child. This training will give you the tools needed.*

All Volunteers working with children need to complete MANDATED REPORTER TRAINING to be prepared to keep our children safe.

For your convenience, St. John of the Cross will offer a workshop at the Parish Center.  
To register please email Regina Robinson at rrobinson@archchicago.org or call 312-534-5254.

**Wednesday, November 16, 2011 ~ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center**

You may also choose to complete the Mandated Reporter Training online at  
<https://www.dcfstraining.org/manrep/index.jsp> -

Anyone planning on taking the online training needs to be prepared for the following:  
*At least 60 minutes to complete (cannot exit and return)*  
*Be able to print out certificate when completed and submit to SJC*  
*Have computer with speakers to hear audio sections*

Sessions will begin on time, no late arrivals admitted. Due to the subject matter, no minors will be permitted to attend.

## Preparing for Christmas with The Little Blue Book

**The Little Blue Books for Advent this season are coming!**

The **Little Blue Book** can be your constant companion for Advent. The right-hand side of each page will cite a part of the Gospel for the Mass each day followed by a reflection. The left-hand side has timely thoughts, quotes and information. You might want to share some of it at dinner with your family. It should not take more than 6 minutes each day—an easy commitment. Let the **Little Blue Book** slow you down and let you be with Christ in a special way each day this Christmas season.

**Give them to your family members as a personal invitation to pray this Advent**

**The Little Blue Book will be available after Masses  
 next weekend and in the Parish Center  
 suggested donation, \$1.**

For information please call Marianne Firlit 708-246-4404 ex 155 or email  
[mgfirlit@stjohnofthecross.org](mailto:mgfirlit@stjohnofthecross.org)

## A Contemplative Experience for Men

**The Centering Prayer Experience - Connecting with the Divine through Silence  
 November 18 at 6:00 p.m. – November 20 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien IL**

**Cost: \$190**

*A program of Illinois Midwest Men as Learners and Elders*

**Join other men** for this meaningful weekend as they explore **Centering Prayer**. **Centering Prayer** is the **Divine Therapy** that fosters personal transformation. This journey will include opportunities to go into silence, experience deep silence for extended periods, time to connect with nature and small group sessions to share with other men.

**For registration and information 630-969-4141**



## Catholicism

**Over 400 Came. What did they say?**

“It was totally absorbing and magnificent.”

“It strengthened my knowledge and appreciation of my faith.”

“The series has inspired me to learn more about my faith and pray daily for an increase in faith.”

“It made me hungry for more information on the Catholic faith.”

“It opened my mind in a new way.”

“It helped me realize how beautiful our faith is.”

“It was a night out with my husband. I want him to come back to God.”

“I liked spending time with my wife.”

“It confirmed for me the importance of my spiritual life.”

**Mark Your Calendar and Join Us for Episodes 6-10**

**Tuesdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31, & Feb 7, 1-3 pm & 7-9 p.m.**

**Fridays: January 6, 13, 20, & Feb 10, 24, 7-9 p.m.**

## Save the Date—Fair Trade Market

St. Cletus Parish will be sponsoring their 2nd annual **Fair Trade Market** on November 19th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass, and on November 20th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featured will be vendors with an assortment of unique, reasonably priced, high quality, fairly traded handcrafts, plus coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate bars, natural beauty soaps and other gift items. **Mark your calendar now** for this great opportunity to do some holiday shopping and spread double the joy! Your loved ones receive an ethical, eco-friendly gift that is unique and made with the utmost attention to quality, and disadvantaged, small-scale artisans and farmers from around the world receive all the benefits of Fair Trade – a fair price, long term trading relationship, safe and healthy work places, and economic and social opportunities.

Entry to the sale will be through the flagpole entrance of Saint Cletus School. Spread the word...this is one event you don't want to miss!!!

## Monday, November 14

- 10:00 a.m. Step 2 Christian Meditation
- 1:00 p.m. Little Rock
- 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
- 7:00 p.m. Career Networking Planning Meeting

## Tuesday, November 15

- 9:00 a.m. Archdiocesan Council Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Rosary
- 3:30 p.m. Brownies
- 6:30 p.m. Friends of the Orphans
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. School Board

## Wednesday, November 16

- 9:00 a.m. Wrapping Paper Pick up
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study—Revelations
- 11:30 a.m. Ladies Bridge
- 1:00 p.m. Spiritual Advisory Committee, Letters
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 6:00 p.m. Mandated Reported Training
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

## Thursday, November 17

- 9:30 a.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study
- 2:15 p.m. Market Day
- 7:00 p.m. Career Networking Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

## Friday, November 18

- 10:00 a.m. Seasons of Hope
- 11:00 a.m. Speech Pizza Lunch
- 7:00 p.m. YC Father Daughter Dance

## Saturday, November 19

- 7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
- 9:00 a.m. First Reconciliation

## *Bake for LaGrange Community Nurses Association!*



The Community Nurse Health Association provides primary healthcare and supportive services to low income families in the western suburbs. More than 3,000 west suburban residents turn to Community Nurse every year. Our patients are our neighbors, local small business owners and families in temporary crisis. Our patients are employed but their employers do not offer medical insurance. Our patients have jobs, sometimes two, and still have to choose between rent, food and medical care. We are here to help keep our community healthy.

***Cookies are needed for the Nurses Association to distribute at LaGrange Christmas walk along with other charities. Deliver to the Parish Center between November 30<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> on the tables labeled Cookie Donations***



Thank you for hosting the Friends of the Orphans' 2011 Midwest Pequeno Tour last month! St. John of the Cross was able to connect 17 children with new Godparents! Your gifts to our mission show true signs of friendship that have touched us all. When we see the joy on the faces of the children as they graduate and achieve success, we know that their happiness is only made possible through the continued generosity and concern of caring people like you. We are grateful for your support. Keep us and the children in your hearts and prayers, as you are in ours and theirs. May God love and bless you all!

For additional information about supporting the children of NPH, please join Friends of the Orphans staff for a brief presentation on sponsorship and other ways to stay involved on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Center from 6:30 pm – 7:30 p.m. Or contact Friends at 312-386-7468 or [www.friendsoftheorphans.org](http://www.friendsoftheorphans.org)



# Share Christmas

*The Share Christmas experience  
is a strong and beautiful tradition that  
will fill your heart with joy  
as you make someone else's Christmas special!*

Our gifts are delivered to the following grateful recipients in the Chicago area: Blessed Sacrament Church, Little Brothers/Friends of the Elderly, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Santa Maria Addolorata, St. Thaddeus, St. Mark, as well as families in our own parish community.

Join in on the fun! **Sign up for Share Christmas** begins the weekend of November 19-20 after all Masses and continues on Thanksgiving, November 26-27 and December 3-4. For your convenience our parish Manna reps will be available in the church community room for you to purchase food and gift certificates.

### **What can I buy?**

- ... An unwrapped gift for a child (infant to 18 years old)
- ... A food gift card from Jewel, Dominick's, or Wal-Mart for a Christmas meal
- ... Gift cards for families from Sears, Wal-Mart, Kohl's, Target or JC Penny
- ... Food and gifts cards for a Christmas meal and presents for a family

Please note, providing gift cards for our recipient families allows them to select the sizes and colors that more closely meet their needs. Similarly, providing food cards let's them choose food based on their ethnicity, family preferences and health/allergy concerns. Whether you choose to provide a store bought individual gift, or a gift or food card, know that your generosity will make all the difference in Christmas for our grateful recipients.

**Donations can also be made on our parish website** at [www.stjohnofthecross.org](http://www.stjohnofthecross.org). Click on the Giving Tab and direct your donation to Share Christmas. Your gifts will be used to purchase food and gift certificates.

**Bring your gifts and gift and food cards to the Parish Center on Friday, December 9th** between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The gifts will then be delivered to the parishes on Saturday, December 10th.

**Volunteers are needed** to help with Share Christmas Sign-Up, Drop Off Day, and Delivery Day. If you can help at any of the times listed below, contact Lolly Maloney at 630-261-5675 or [lolly\\_maloney@comcast.net](mailto:lolly_maloney@comcast.net)

Sign up in the church narthex, Before and After all Masses on:  
Nov. 19 and 20  
Thanksgiving 9:30 a.m. Mass  
November 26 and 27  
December 3 and 4

Drop Off Day Help on Friday, Dec. 9th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Parish Center

Delivery Day Help Loading Trucks and Delivering to Parishes on morning of Saturday, Dec. 10th. If you have a van or small truck, let us know that too.



## Thank You SJC

The Women's Club would like to thank you for supporting our annual Coat Drive to benefit St. Vincent De Paul.

You donated 464 coats and warmed many hearts.

### Women's Club Calendar of Events

December 1st, 8th & 15th  
Advent Faith Sharing

January 25th  
Cooking Class

February 24th, 25th & 26th  
Retreat



**Men's Club  
Morning of Reflection**

**Our guest speaker is  
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Our Lady of the Woods in Orland Park**

**The Catholic *New World* has identified  
Father O'Connell  
As one of the TOP homilists in the  
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**Father O'Connell's topic will be "Prayer"  
Always apropos during Advent**

**Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
9:00–10:30 a.m. Sharp  
(we promise to get you out on time)  
Parish Center**

**Coffee & Bagels will be provided**

**Saintly Senior  
Christmas Luncheon  
Friday, December 16th  
(NOT Dec. 9th as  
previously published)**



# Lord Hear Our Prayer

## Pray for our Sick

Terry Aversa	DJ Madden	Fabian Saldana
Eileen Biros	Meredith Mangold	Nick Saldana
Mary Kathryn Biros	Lawrence Martin	Harvey Schaefer
Theresa Budzinski	Theresa Matusik	Roy Schroeder
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Vera Caschetta	Laura McDonnell	Bob Sturenfeldt
Bette Clark	Patrick McNamara	Norma Sumpay
Justin Donnelly	Linda Meyers	Patrick Synnott
Brandon Dreyer	Mary Kay Niesen	Joyce Szot
Scott Garrett	Russ Niesen	Reid Timmel
Jack Gibbons	Casey Nilles	Kathy Treanor
Kathy Gorski	Diana Nowrocki	Francesca
Susan Hilger	Gregory Palaschak	Principa-Wegner
Emily Johanns	Matthew Pecis	Patricia Wilson
Jacob M. Joyce	Gary Poore	Suzann Woodward
Mary Kachadurian	Joan Prescott	Joan Workman
Loucine Kassis	Kevin Quinlan	Amy Zavisin
Dave Keesling	James Ryan	
Jim Kenny	Tom Ryan	
Lillian Kopsa	Evan Saldana	

## Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

**Connie Ariola**, mother of Marcelo Ariola  
**Bahija Dandan**, daughter of Eileen Dandan  
**Patricia Ann Hamilton**, wife of Jack and mother of Kathryn, Jeffrey, Edward, Mary, Meghan & Daniel  
**A. J. Nilles**, father of Jeannie Long  
**Jack Polivka**, husband of Alice  
**Jerry Spahn**, husband of Irene

## Baptisms

**Evelyn Mary**,  
 daughter of Adam and Karen (Papalois) Dolan  
**Fisher William and Charlotte Sophia**,  
 children of John and Traci (Grieme) Sullivan

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 14

6:30 Purgatorial  
 7:45 Raymond Matusik; Ann Skertich; Phil Orawiec

### Tuesday, November 15, St. Albert the Great

6:30 Parishioners  
 7:45 Mel Carr; Robert French

### Wednesday, November 16, St. Gertrude

6:30 Patricia O'Toole; David Padden  
 7:45 Louise Mosquera; George Higgins

### Thursday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary

7:45 Gene Roeder; Leona Rompala

### Friday, November 18, Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

7:45 Richard Tantillo; William G. Scott

### Saturday, November 19

8:00 Rita & John Tiberi; Joseph Chan  
 5:00 Frances Albertson; Anthony & Bridget McVady

### Sunday, November 20, Christ the King

7:30 Joseph McDonnell, Sr.; Genrose Hlavin  
 9:00 Ann Joyce Dudek; Michael Colando  
 10:45 William Albertson; Marguerite Mueller;  
 Casimir Bonkowski  
 12:15 Charles Dybos  
 5:00 Russell Thomas; Ken Golonka, Jr.

*Italics*—Living

## Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63;  
 Lk 18:35-43  
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10  
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Lk 19:11-28  
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29; Lk 19:41-44  
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; Lk 19:45-48 or  
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40  
 Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23;  
 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

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## Mass Times

Sunday:  
 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m., 12:15 p.m.  
 and 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday:  
 8:00 a.m. and  
 5:00 p.m. (*Sun. Anticipatory*)  
 Monday – Wednesday:  
 6:30 and 7:45 a.m.  
 Thursday and Friday:  
 7:45 a.m.  
 Holy Days:  
 6:30 a.m., 7:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.  
 Reconciliation  
 Following the Saturday 8:00 a.m. Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word  
 Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.  
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# St. John of the Cross Women's Club Dinner & Fashion Show

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Thursday, November 17, 2011

Bella Banquets  
5412 S. LaGrange Road, Countryside

5:30 P.M.

Boutique Shopping & Cocktails

7:30 P.M.

Dinner & Fashion Show

\$60 per person / cash bar

We have 15 great vendors to help you start your Christmas shopping early!

Reservations are being accepted through  
Wednesday, November 16 and can be dropped off at the Parish Center.

This is a wonderful way to connect with other women of our parish.

For ticket information please call Maureen Chopp at 708-246-7280.

Extra invitations are also available in the Parish Center.

Your generous support of our fundraising activities helps the Women's Club achieve our mission. During our fiscal year July 2010 – June 2011, BECAUSE OF YOU, we were successful in our fundraising efforts and we were able to donate nearly \$69,000!

The funds raised at SJC Women's Club benefit nights, such as the 2011 Fashion Show, directly help charities that support women and children, assist with the financial needs of the Parish, and help local children attend private high school by awarding scholarships. This past year, we supported our Parish by sponsoring the SJC 50th Anniversary and donating to the SJC Legacy Campaign.

The local charities we support help women and children with family bereavement, mental health, youth outreach, healthcare/social services for low-income families, persons with developmental disabilities, women and children needing shelter, parenting skills, domestic violence, elder abuse, children with motor disabilities, meals and shelter for the homeless and literacy. Here are just a few of the organizations we gave to in 2011: BEDS Plus, Aspire, Deborah's Place, LaGrange Transitional Housing, House of the Good Shepherd and Companions Journeying Together. Thank you for your support. We could not do this without you!

