

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH OCTOBER 30, 2011 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SJC Saintly Seniors Enjoy Oktoberfest



From the Desk of the Pastor



Dear Parishioners,

Included in this bulletin is the Annual Report for FY '11. After communion at all the Masses today, the chair of the Parish Finance Committee, Jeff Toner, will give a brief comment on the overall report. Please do take the time to read it yourself.

The first word should always be one of gratitude. Thank you for supporting your parish. Thank you for your generosity beyond our boundaries. The stress of these economic times continues to take its toll on many seniors, individuals and families. I am very aware that discretionary dollars shrink as the costs of raising children do nothing but expand and increase. Belonging to a faith community becomes even more valuable and can play an even more vital role in not only dealing with those challenges but in overcoming them.

Behind the economic report are numerous stories of people growing in their faith, sharing their resources with others near and far, and living the Gospel as best as they are able. In this past year we have welcomed babies at baptism and commended loved ones to the Lord. The grace of the sacraments of reconciliation, first communion and confirmation has been conferred upon hundreds of children. We welcomed adults at the Easter Vigil and celebrated the ordinations of a native son and a new member of our parish community. In a sign of the times, we did not celebrate that many weddings. That trend is becoming an ever greater source of concern for the future of family life.

In the midst of all that, we gathered frequently to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a parish. Thousands volunteered at the different activities and events that brought old friends together and introduced new friends to each other. The goal of the Legacy Campaign was met and exceeded. The Parish Advisory Council began a process of goal setting and bringing our Mission Statement alive. The spirit of St. John of the Cross parish is strong.

Many have been as generous as their circumstances allowed; a few have been generous nearly beyond belief. One challenge for the future is the strength of our Sunday offertory. By itself, it is not sufficient to pay our bills. The Christmas and Easter collections enable us to keep our heads above water. While we have some resources with which to meet future expenses, the buildings and grounds will always demand attention and prudent maintenance.

If you could prayerfully consider a modest increase to your weekly offering, we could establish a firmer basis in budgeting.

On your behalf I want to thank all the members of the Finance Committee who meet with me on a regular basis. They communicate regularly with the School Advisory Committee and the Youth Catechesis Council. With our professional and wonderful parish staff, the consultative bodies work hard to maintain our well-deserved reputation of excellence. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Peace,
Fr. David

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 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

SJC ANNUAL REPORT '10-'11 TO THE PARISH

CHURCH REVENUE

Sunday & Holyday Collections 1	\$1,811,503
Christmas Collection 1	311,882
Easter Collection	121,238
YC Program Tuition, Fees & Other Revenue	213,385
Crossroads Tuition, Fees, & Other Revenue	40,283
Other Income 2	198,759
TOTAL CHURCH REVENUE	\$2,697,050

CHURCH EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$534,004
YC Program 3	228,100
Crossroads High School Ministry 3	79,819
Liturgy & Music 3	231,198
Other Ministries	41,719
Administrative	126,111
Assessments & PRMAA 4	326,976
Prop/Casualty/Auto Insurance	40,806
Utilities	136,162
Maintenance & Building Repairs 5	94,960
Miscellaneous Expenses	33,208
TOTAL CHURCH EXPENSES	\$1,873,063

NET CHURCH OPERATING

School Subsidy 6	756,273
CHURCH EXCESS	\$67,714

EXTRAORDINARY CHURCH ITEMS

Annual Appeal Rebate 7	\$111,894
Return on Sr. Anastasia and KKC Funds 8	214,449
Income (Arch Coll, Shar Par, Bequests, etc.)	293,788
NET EXTRAORDINARY INCOME	\$620,131

Expenses (Arch Coll, Sharing Parish, etc.)	249,936
Capital Improvement Expenses 9	60,671
NET EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES	\$310,607

TOTAL NET EXTRAORDINARY	\$309,524
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ASSETS

Sr. Anastasia & Keeping Kids Catholic Funds 8	\$1,650,125
Local Savings & Operating Checking Accounts	1,466,089
Cash on Deposit at Archdiocese 10	589,060

1 While the Sunday Offertory Collection still reflects the wonderful generosity of parishioners, alone it is not sufficient to meet our expenses. The operating revenue surplus shown can be attributed to gifts from very, very generous parishioners and foundations. Notably, our Christmas Collection was considerably over budget due in large part to a single donor.

2 This figure includes sacramental fees, mass intention stipends, small misc. donations, and auxiliary group balances.

3 Figures include staff salaries, benefits, professional growth, and other expenses.

4 Our annual Assessment to the Archdiocese (10% diocesan tax on ordinary income) was \$244,000 and PRMAA (Priest Retirement fund which pays salaries of retired priests and hospitalization of all priests) was \$ 83,000.

5 This figure represents the regular cost of maintaining our parish buildings and grounds for the year.

6 Amount parish contributed to school operating revenue. This figure represents 23% of the school's operating expenses, close to the archdiocesan guideline of 20%.

7 Last year your generous gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal over and above our goal resulted in a rebate to our parish. Thank you for your incredible generosity.

8 These funds were established in 1999 and 2006 to provide a third source of income (along with tuition and parish subsidy) to meet operating budgets of the parish school and YC program. The funds are in special investment accounts at the Archdiocese that performed well generating a combined market value increase of \$214,449 in the last fiscal year.

9 Includes church plumbing/flood prevention project, parish center, school and YC computers, refurbishing church, and school security camera system expenses.

10 Capital reserve for parish operations, Legacy and school capital projects. Also includes Vlazny Endowment Fund (see p. 13 of today's bulletin).

SJC ANNUAL REPORT '10-'11 TO THE PARISH

SCHOOL REVENUE 1

Tuition & Fees 2	\$2,386,229
Fundraising 3	132,955
Other	47,130
Church Subsidy	756,273
TOTAL SCHOOL REVENUE	\$3,322,587

SCHOOL EXPENSES

Salaries & Benefits	\$2,677,591
Books, Supplies, Furnishings, Equipment	151,062
Utilities	129,346
Maintenance	122,205
Insurance	87,876
Miscellaneous Expenses 4	154,507
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,322,587

EXTRAORDINARY SCHOOL ITEMS

Directed Donations 5	\$172,213
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1 Includes Early Childhood Preschool Center, Athletic Association, and K thru 8th grades.

2 Tuition rates reflect \$250 per student increase from prior year. Total enrollment last year was 657 students in Pre K through 8th.

3 Includes fundraising from School Annual Fund which generated \$95,000 in the last year.

4 Includes equipment leasing, postage, computer, office supplies, Office of Catholic Schools archdiocesan assessment of \$14,000 and Athletic Association.

5 Includes a generous directed donation from a single foundation which will cover the expenses of two capital projects in fiscal year '11-'12: replacement of the gym ceiling and lights and installation of fiber optic line and related technology upgrades.

Steward's Creed

I believe in the gifts of God.

I am grateful for all I have been given.

These gifts are not mine to have, but mine to share.

When they are shared, my gifts will make a difference for others.

I believe that the act of giving is more important than the gift itself.

I will make giving a priority.

I will give to others because so much of what I have comes from others.

I give of who I am, what I do, and what I have.

To my family, my faith, and my community, I will give of myself.

As Christ gave so much for so many, so I will give to you.

***And, I will be thankful
for the opportunity to give.***

**New this fall is our improved Parish website with secure online giving opportunities.
Go to www.stjohnofthecross.org to learn more!**

SJC ANNUAL REPORT '10-'11 TO THE PARISH

ARCHDIOCESAN REQUIRED SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Latin America	\$5,024
Seminaries	13,386
Holy Land-Good Friday	4,478
Church in Central/Eastern Europe	4,425
Catholic Charities	22,119
Peter' Pence	10,733
Propagation of the Faith	7,742
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev	18,194
Religious Retirement	25,196
Mission Appeal	13,795
Operation Rice Bowl	5,325
Retirement Fund for Priests	24,210
Catholic Relief Svcs. Japan	255
TOTAL	\$154,883

Because of your amazing generosity and great commitment, our Parish distributed \$214,998 in 2010-2011 to those in great need. In addition, Parishioners provided presents for over 313 families, 1200 individuals, 140 seniors, and numerous food and gift cards through the Share Christmas Program. Our Crossroads Teen Ministry fed the hungry though area churches and food pantries on Harvest Saturday.

SHARING PARISH COLLECTIONS

St. Thaddeus	\$7,200
St. Mark	12,000
Mary Queen of Heaven	7,200
Kolbe House	12,000
OLPH in Kentucky	7,200
Holy Cross in Uganda	14,515
TOTAL	\$60,115

PARISH STATISTICS

Registered Families 3,896
 Registered Persons 13,278
 Baptisms 100
 Reception into Full Communion 11
 First Communions 216
 Confirmations 243
 Marriages 12
 Funerals 71

Parish Finance Council

Lisa DenBesten

Don Dvorak

Chuck Hilbrich

Tom Mazur

Norb Misiara

Pam Rafferty

Jeff Toner, Chairman

Rev. David P. Dowdle

Notes to Financial Statements:

- ... These statements have been prepared under the accounting rules of the Archdiocese of Chicago and are prepared on a cash basis. The quarterly and annual reports issued by the Parish are prepared by Marguerite Chrusciel, Finance Manager, and MJ Martin, Director of Operations, and approved by the Parish Finance Council.
- ... Cash in banks and on deposit with the Archdiocese pays interest.
- ... The Parish has no liabilities; we have no loans, mortgages, or unpaid bills. The church and school real estate is on the books of the Archdiocese and is therefore excluded from these statements and no depreciation has been charged.
- ... Because both the Legacy Campaign and the Parish 50th Jubilee activities span two fiscal years, the full accounting of both will be included in FY '11-'12 reporting.

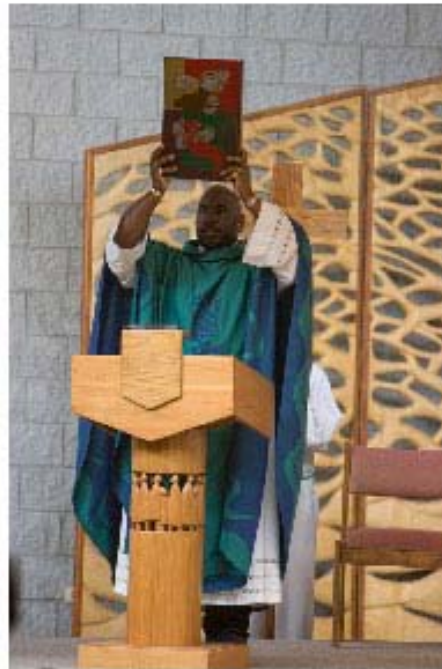
The Liturgy of the Word

Kristopher W. Seaman

I remember waking up, as the anesthesia wore off, after having gone through craniofacial surgery. For me, surgery is scary, but craniofacial surgery was terrifying. Above me was the surgeon who said with a big smile, "Everything went well. You'll be fine." What relief! What comfort! What good news! It made me think of many of the characters in the New Testament to whom Jesus spoke "Good News" and conveyed words of comfort. Jesus continues to speak to us, and not just through surgeons, family, friends, and even strangers, but also through his own words during the liturgy. In the Liturgy of the Word, as the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* states, "When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel" (GIRM, 29). Let us look at the structure of the Liturgy of the Word.

The Liturgy of the Word begins with the First Reading at the ambo. Typically, this reading is from the Old Testament; during Easter Time, the reading is from the Acts of the Apostles. A period of silence after the reading allows for people to reflect upon the word they just heard proclaimed. In many parishes in the United States of America, the Psalm is sung. Psalms reflect a vast array of emotions as we hear lament, thanksgiving, praise, and petition. These words help us to express our own varied expressions of faith.

The Second Reading is usually an epistle, that is, a letter from the New Testament. Again, a brief period of silence takes place after the Second Reading. During the Gospel procession, "Alleluia" is sung, or during Lent, an acclamation such as "Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!" In many parishes, the *Book of the Gospels* is accompanied with candles and, on solemn occasions, with incense. This leads to the climax of the Liturgy of the Word: the proclamation of the Gospel. Most



Sundays, these words are the words of Jesus as recorded in the accounts of the Gospel.

The homily should connect the readings to the lives of the assembly. In describing the homily, the GIRM states that it "is necessary for the nurturing of the Christian life. It should be an explanation of some aspect of the readings from Sacred Scripture or of another text from the Ordinary or from the Proper of the Mass of the day and should take into account both the mystery being celebrated and the particular needs of the listeners" (GIRM, 65). The homily juxtaposes the experiences of the people in the assembly with the texts of the liturgy. The texts may be a prayer that speaks to the needs of the assembly at that time, or it may be a part of the Eucharistic Prayer, or the psalm that speaks to people. God's words comfort and challenge us. Perhaps, with that in mind, the

prayer may challenge us to an aspect of God's compassion or mercy that will stir us to God's mission.

After the Creed, the priest celebrant invites prayers of petition. The intercessions of the Prayer of the Faithful flow from the homily and the Word of God. They juxtapose the needs of the Church, the world, the oppressed, and the local community with God's word proclaimed in the liturgy. These prayers are general, meaning they are not particular for any one person or for any one thing. For instance, instead of praying only for Aunt Joan who is struggling with illness, we pray for all the sick and ill, especially Joan, Jim, Agnes, and Lucy. The closing prayer of the Prayer of the Faithful concludes the Liturgy of the Word. The Liturgy of the Eucharist, then, begins.

Though we cannot see words, their power, especially if they are Christ's words proclaimed in liturgy, touch us with comfort or challenge us to live Christ's mission given to the Church.

All Souls Day

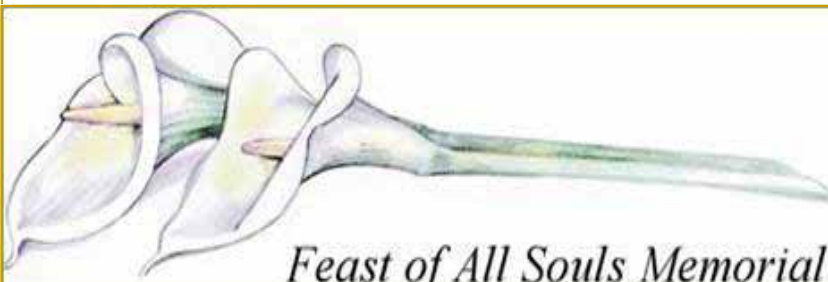
Because we know that death is not the end of life, it is not morbid for us Christians to visit the graves of our loved ones who have died. It is good to visit the cemetery, especially on November 2 and then throughout the month of November, when the church celebrates the communion of saints and souls and looks forward to that harvest at the end of time when all will be gathered into the new Jerusalem.

We decorate the graves of our loved ones because we believe that in baptism they have died with Christ and thus Christ will raise them up. So we place on the grave an evergreen wreath — the ancient crown of victory over death and a reminder of the eternal life promised to us in the first sacrament. Or we light vigil candles on the grave, keeping one lit throughout November — a reflection of the light of Christ given to each one of us on our baptism day, and a reminder of the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps lit while waiting for the groom to come so that the wedding could begin. Remember Mary Magdalene and the other two Marys going to visit Jesus' tomb. Confident that what they found you will one day find, make pilgrimages to the graves of your loved ones this month. Pray at each grave:

*Eternal rest grant unto N., O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her/him.
May she/he rest in peace.
May her/his soul, and the souls
of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen.*



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Feast of All Souls Memorial Liturgy

Traditionally, the month of November has been dedicated by the Church as a time to remember and pray for all her deceased members, asking that God forgives their sins and that they be welcomed into the company of all the saints in heaven.

At the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday, November 2nd our liturgy 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 light a votive candle as we prayerfully remember them. After Mass, our bereavement ministers and priests will gather in the community room of church to share hospitality.

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.

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.

**We Pray For Our Parishioners and Their Loved Ones
Who Have Entered Everlasting Life**

November 2010– November 2011



<i>Elsie Abello</i>	<i>Elinor Day</i>	<i>Gloria Gunty</i>
<i>Augustine Aello</i>	<i>Eileen Dempsey</i>	<i>Lillian Hanson</i>
<i>Muriel Albertson</i>	<i>Joan Deneen</i>	<i>Robert Hawkins</i>
<i>Joseph Baltikas</i>	<i>Thomas DeStefani, Sr.</i>	<i>Helen Hayes</i>
<i>Leo Baranowski</i>	<i>Lenny Di Pompeo</i>	<i>James Heffernan</i>
<i>Maria Barr</i>	<i>Frank Donatello</i>	<i>Michael Heinzl</i>
<i>Brenda Bedekerl</i>	<i>Brian Donovan</i>	<i>Donald J. Herbert</i>
<i>Michael Bedekerl</i>	<i>Catherine Doris</i>	<i>Hans Herchenroether</i>
<i>Mildred Benak</i>	<i>Marie Duffy</i>	<i>Emile Hesse</i>
<i>Betty Ann Bennett</i>	<i>Charles Dybas</i>	<i>Bernice Higgins</i>
<i>Julie Bergamin</i>	<i>Rose Economou</i>	<i>Genrose Hlavin</i>
<i>Michael Berger</i>	<i>Rev. John Enright</i>	<i>Ruth Hogan</i>
<i>Evelyn Binder</i>	<i>Jean Fanelli</i>	<i>Cecile Husfield</i>
<i>Carl Blatt</i>	<i>May Farley</i>	<i>Alice Jara</i>
<i>Shirley Bobber</i>	<i>Mario Fernandez</i>	<i>Virginia Jerry</i>
<i>Annabell Boehnke</i>	<i>Robert Fiala</i>	<i>Dean Johnson</i>
<i>Angelo Bonadonna, Jr.</i>	<i>Peter Fiflis</i>	<i>Margaret Jurkacek</i>
<i>Robert E. Brandt, Sr.</i>	<i>Barbara Fitzgerald</i>	<i>Dorothy Kamenjarin</i>
<i>Frances Brennan</i>	<i>James Fletcher, Sr.</i>	<i>Rev. John Kauzlarich</i>
<i>Robert Brinck</i>	<i>Donald J. Flexman</i>	<i>Michael Kennedy</i>
<i>Catherine Buckley</i>	<i>Myrna Floch</i>	<i>Jo Kerrigan</i>
<i>Dorothy Budziak</i>	<i>Jack Foley</i>	<i>Stanley Phillip Kimont</i>
<i>Lorraine Bzdyl</i>	<i>Rosemary Foreman</i>	<i>Edward Kirk</i>
<i>Dominic Cairo</i>	<i>Patricia Frett</i>	<i>Joseph Kmet</i>
<i>Mary Carroll</i>	<i>James Frintner</i>	<i>George Knell</i>
<i>Chester Cebula</i>	<i>Mary Lou Gardner</i>	<i>Rose Knepper</i>
<i>Allen Cederholm</i>	<i>Harry Gibbons</i>	<i>William Krawicz, Jr.</i>
<i>Ida Chalmers</i>	<i>Patricia Barnes Gibbs</i>	<i>Helene Kveton</i>
<i>Mary Grace Cibula</i>	<i>Dr. Charles Gilbert, Sr.</i>	<i>Frederick Landbeck</i>
<i>Frances Collier</i>	<i>Geraldine Gorman</i>	<i>Rita Lavalle</i>
<i>Joseph Connelly</i>	<i>Richard Goss</i>	<i>Evie Lawson</i>
<i>Ron Corns</i>	<i>Ann Grecco</i>	<i>Joseph Levato</i>

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<i>Ronald Licar</i>	<i>Emily Palladino</i>	<i>Ann Skertich</i>
<i>Albert Luke</i>	<i>Loretta Panich</i>	<i>Louis Skwarek</i>
<i>Edward Luke</i>	<i>Marie Pekar</i>	<i>Dolores Smuda</i>
<i>Joan Lukey</i>	<i>Ernest Pellegrino</i>	<i>George Spartz</i>
<i>Anthony Lullo</i>	<i>Gladys Petty</i>	<i>Don Spiering</i>
<i>Ronald Lycar</i>	<i>Mabel Petzold</i>	<i>Laura Stark</i>
<i>Lyn Lyke</i>	<i>George Polli</i>	<i>Bob Stransberry</i>
<i>James Lynch</i>	<i>Helen Ptak</i>	<i>Robert Strzyz</i>
<i>Gerard Machtemes</i>	<i>John Redling</i>	<i>Daniel Sugrue</i>
<i>Dede Campbell Maltas</i>	<i>Archie Reimann</i>	<i>John Sugrue</i>
<i>Gail Lynne Marvin</i>	<i>Dr. Steve Richard</i>	<i>Betty Sulak</i>
<i>Edward McCabe</i>	<i>Gene Roeder</i>	<i>Michael Sullivan</i>
<i>Mary Pat McGuire</i>	<i>Mary Rohen</i>	<i>Pat Swain</i>
<i>Patrick McNamara</i>	<i>Leona Rompala</i>	<i>Richard Tantillo</i>
<i>Laverna Mikrut</i>	<i>Beatrice Rosentrater</i>	<i>Russell Thomas</i>
<i>Donald J. Miller</i>	<i>Charles Rumpf</i>	<i>Ann Timothy</i>
<i>Robert E. Miller</i>	<i>Gerald Ryan</i>	<i>Joyce Tischler</i>
<i>Silvio Morales, Sr.</i>	<i>Fred Sandburg</i>	<i>Henry Tymick</i>
<i>Mary Kelley Murphy</i>	<i>Margaret Sanders</i>	<i>Janice Veome</i>
<i>Norman Murphy</i>	<i>John Santucci</i>	<i>Mathias Viebrock, Jr.</i>
<i>Thelma Murphy</i>	<i>Patrick (Joe) Scally</i>	<i>Mildred Vlazny</i>
<i>Bill Nelson</i>	<i>Raffala Rae Scavuzzo</i>	<i>Stephene Wall</i>
<i>Stephanie Nowotarski</i>	<i>Mary Schreiber</i>	<i>Walter Wallace</i>
<i>Mary Ann O'Connell</i>	<i>Peg Schreiber</i>	<i>Susanne Walsh</i>
<i>Sister Anastasia O'Connor</i>	<i>Kyle Shuster</i>	<i>Diane Wanat</i>
<i>Margaret O'Hagan</i>	<i>John Setlak</i>	<i>Lynn Waszak</i>
<i>Luke Olson</i>	<i>Fredrick Sheehan</i>	<i>Skip Whalen</i>
<i>John O'Malley</i>	<i>Krystyna Sikora</i>	<i>Casimir Wojcik</i>
<i>Steve O'Malley</i>	<i>Ione Silko</i>	<i>Stephen Zaher</i>
<i>Mary O'Shea</i>	<i>Thomas Siragusa</i>	
<i>Deanna Ourada</i>	<i>Bruno Sirus</i>	



Nov. 5 FLYER DAY meet in Parish Center 9 a.m.
Nov. 6 Home Groups & FE at PC
Nov. 12 HARVEST SATURDAY 9:45 a.m.-2 p.m. (6 p.m. if you venture downtown)

HARVEST SATURDAY is right around the corner!

Check out our website for all the details: click on the Harvest Saturday photo box.

ALL ADULTS WHO WANT TO DRIVE please contact your teen's home group leader directly!
Parents of freshmen please email khayes@stjohnofthecross.org to volunteer.

ALL ARE WELCOME: even if you aren't connected to a home group!
Contacts are listed below with details!

Flyer Day Sat., Nov. 5,
9 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Parish Center
Katie Pruitt ilboiler@sbcglobal.net

Boxes Night Fri., Nov. 11, 6-7:30 p.m.
(especially for confirmation teens)
Kim Sarros sarros@ameritech.net

Harvest Saturday, Nov. 12 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
(2-6 p.m. if you go downtown)
Wendy Duquette wsdukes@sbcglobal.net

THIS IS CROSSROADS' BEST SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MUCH HELP!

Many thanks to our Day of the Spirit Team who lead the retreat for our 8th graders Saturday afternoon.

They shared their gifts, cared for others and ignited the faith of our confirmation candidates!



Thanks go to Alex Griffin, Maggie Long, Margaret Swinehart, Tera Havey, Brian Klafta, Kayla Wingert, Meghan McAuliffe, Kevin Mulcrone, John Pollard, Maren Craig, John Hayes, Abby David, David DiLoretto and Matt Lindeen.



I thoroughly enjoyed planning and preparing for this day with Janet, Deb, Kathleen, Chris and Jim!!

We are getting closer...as we go to print I am connecting with two non-married adults who may join together to lead a group....

That means we need one more couple...maybe you can create your own "couple."

Please contact Katie for details: khayes@stjohnofthecross.org or 708-246-4404 ext. 140



Watch for Our Boys High School Church League Basketball registration on our website.

Please register online at www.stjohnofthecross.org crossroads.



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 finalize preparations for their retreat in 2 short weeks. Joining together teens from St. Francis, St. Cletus & St. John's allows our ministries to connect teens to other faithfilled classmates at LTHS. We are so grateful for the strong faith and efforts of our senior leaders & adult mentors!

Our Kairos 10 team will begin meeting this weekend to prep for the next retreat March 15-18.





Junior Achievement Visits SJC

SJC students were delighted to learn valuable economic lessons from Junior Achievement representatives from United Parcel Services.



Friends of the Orphans Visit SJC

Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (Our Little Brothers and Sisters), is a network of Catholic orphanages and outreach programs in nine countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Eighteen children from an NPH program in Mexico visited our school. SJC students welcomed the visitors at an all school assembly. The Friends of the Orphans shared their music, dance and culture and everyone enjoyed the performance.

Prior to the visit, Student Council organized several events to raise funds to support the NPH programs. Student Council sponsored an out of uniform day and a Pack the Place Basketball Game and raised \$1200 for this great organization.

This Week at SJC

- November 1 All School Mass
9:15 a.m., Church
- Endowment Meeting
7:00 p.m., Parish Center
- November 3 Dismissal 12:00, Grades 5-8
Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 4 No School
Parent Teacher Conferences
- Confirmation Sponsor Meeting
7:00 p.m., Church

YOUTH CATECHESIS

This month the children of St. John of the Cross Youth Catechesis searched for JC at YC through our action words "grace and pray." Our final October class



embodied both grace and prayer when our 7th and 8th grade home groups joined

their "buddies" in Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade to learn about the Rosary. All grades joined together as students from the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades led the group in a living rosary.

*Grace
Pray*



YC Schedule

NO CLASSES October 30th or 31st

Classes K-6	10:15-11:30 a.m. 6:15-7:30 p.m.	Sunday, November 6 & 13 Monday, November 7 & 14
FFC & Preschool Home Groups and Special Needs	Noon-1:30 p.m.	Sunday, November 6 Sunday, November 6 & 13

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

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

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

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.

*St. John of the Cross would be honored if you would consider remembering the parish in your estate planning.
Thank you.*



**Daylight Saving
Time ends
Sunday, November
6, 2011.**

Daily Meditation Contemplation

What happens in contemplation is that we move beyond doctrines and dogmas to calm inner experience of the same. When we move to the level of experience, we see that this self is only a “radio receiver” and is not to be taken too seriously, for it is always changing stations and is filled with static and interference.

Someone who is faithful to contemplation quickly overcomes the illusion that my correct thinking, or my thinking more about something, can ever get me there. If that were so, every good Ph.D. would be a saint. You see, information is not the same as transformation.

Even good and correct thinking is always trapped inside my little mind, my particular culture, my form of education, my parental conditioning—all of which is good and all of which is bad too. That places all of the Great Mysteries inside my little world. So we should rightfully be much more humble about our own opinions and thoughts. After all, how could the Infinite ever be fully or rightly received by the finite?

Adapted from *A Lever and A Place to Stand: The Contemplative Stance, The Active Prayer*, pp. 12-13

Starter Prayer:

Speak Lord, Your servant listens.

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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 of the Center for Action and Contemplation.

Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous;
Teach me to serve you as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will. Amen

St. Ignatius Loyola



ADMINISTRATIVE JOB - ADULT SERVICES

We need a few volunteers to help copy and collate training material for our Adult Services Program.

Location: Helping Hand Center, 9649 W. 55th Street

Staff Contact: Robyn Frendling, Adult Services

Description: Copy and collate training materials for the Adult Services Program. Ideally, **we need 1-2 volunteers for *two* 4 hour time slots.** It will take approximately 4 hours per 10 books and there are two sets of books that need to be copied and collated.

Timing: The project is available now and can be worked on any weekday, Monday - Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Please contact me to sign up to help with this project. Thank you for your consideration!

Carolyn

Carolyn Kline

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Dr. Adalbert L. and Mildred J. Vlazny Parish Scholarship Endowment Fund

Founding members of our parish, Dr. and Mrs. Vlazny were active volunteers, serving in the Lector ministry, Women's Club Garage Sale and Sunday collection counter committee.

Through the generosity of the Vlazny family in honor of their recently deceased parents, \$30,000 was donated to an Endowment Fund to be used for Parish School scholarships for families in financial need. Their hope was to let current and future generations of students benefit from their parents faith in God and their commitment to building a strong foundation through a Catholic education.

The Parish is most grateful to the Vlazny family for their gift which was placed in a special archdiocesan investment fund totaling \$31,392 at our fiscal year ending in June, 2011.

This Week @ SJC

Monday, October 31

1:00 p.m. Little Rock

10:30 p.m. Step 2 Christian Meditation

2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, November 1

1:00 p.m. Catholicism Series

1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine's Bible Study

3:30 p.m. 3rd Grade Brownies

7:00 p.m. Catholicism Series

7:00 p.m. YC Council Meeting

7:00 p.m. Endowment Meeting

Wednesday, November 2

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

1:00 p.m. Spiritual Advisory Committee

2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation

3:30 p.m. Daisies

7:00 p.m. Tag Night

7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, November 3

9:30 a.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

7:00 p.m. Baptism Preparation Meeting

7:30 p.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

Friday, November 4

10:00 a.m. Seasons of Hope

7:00 p.m. YC Sponsor Meeting

Saturday, November 5, Coat Drive

7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

3:00 p.m. Coat Drive

9:00 a.m. Harvest Saturday Flyer Day

Sunday, November 6, Coat Drive

9:00 a.m. Coat Drive

9:30 a.m. YC Formation

4:00 p.m. YC Formation

Fenwick High School hosts 60th Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance Saturday, November 5

Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers

For additional information contact Linda Manering,
Fenwick High School, 708-386-0127 x 143.

St. John Vianney Catholic School in Northlake is looking for all alumni, teachers, and parents from Class of 1955 to 2011. We are turning 60 years old in 2012 and the SJV Alumni Assoc. is planning a HUGE party on July 21, 2012. If you were a teacher, parent or graduate between 1955-2011 please contact Mary Rioix-Martorelli '70 at pandm214@aol.com or Jeanette Lentini -Foley '82 at jeanettefoley@comcast.net.



St. John of the Cross Women's Club
Dinner & Fashion Show

Couture & Cupcakes

A Sweet Look Into Today's Fashions

Thursday, November 17, 2011

Bella Banquets

5412 S. LaGrange Road, Countryside

5:30 PM

Boutique Shopping & Cocktails

7:30 PM

Dinner & Fashion Show

\$60 per person / cash bar

For ticket information or if you would like to help out at the Women's Club Fashion Show, please call Maureen Chopp at 708-246-7280.

Get Ready for Harvest Saturday on November 12th!

This annual program begins on Saturday, November 5th from 9-11:30 a.m. Volunteers from our Crossroads Youth Groups will leave flyers at homes and businesses in Western Springs with details of this important food collection. They will return the following Saturday, November 12th starting at 10:30 am to collect the goods from the front porches of those who wish to contribute. For those outside of Western Springs, please bring your donations to the Parish Center or school. We hope that in the future, we will have enough volunteers to expand our collection area!

This endeavor depends on hundreds of volunteers and the generosity of our parishioners and local residents to collect large quantities of non-perishable food and personal hygiene products, even cleaning products and pet food! These goods are immediately distributed to a variety of local and Chicago-based food pantries to help the needy. As we prepare for our own Thanksgiving dinners, please keep in mind those who depend on the Church for their own holiday dinners. Single servings are preferred to bulk size so we can help as many as possible. Whether it is a can or two of soup, or a whole bag of non-perishables, please consider making a donation.

Harvest Saturday Schedule:

10:00 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Food Collection, Sorting, and Boxing

1-2:00 p.m. Loading the Truck

2-6:00 p.m. Delivery and Unloading at St. Thomas of Canterbury Parish in Uptown

Please consider joining us for as much as you like! There's a job for everyone!

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Katie Hayes at 708-246-4404 ext. 140.

Brought to you by our Crossroads teens, parents, and leaders





Fashion Show Ad Book

Please help us support our organization and event by placing your ad in our fashion show program booklet. We expect over 400 women from neighboring communities to attend and we would greatly appreciate your support.

The costs of the ad are as follows:
Full page - \$200 (size 8 1/2 x 5 1/2)
Half page - \$100 (size 4 1/4 x 5 1/2)

To submit your advertisement, please include copier ready artwork or your business card along with your payment to:

Katie Finn, SJC Women's Club, 5005 S. Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL 60558.

Checks should be made payable to **St. John of the Cross Women's Club**. Deadline for submission is Friday, November 4, 2011. Thank you for your consideration and support!

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Finn at (708) 784-9219 or at mkfinn2036@sbcglobal.net

NEXT WEEKEND



St. John of the Cross Women's Club Coat Drive for St. Vincent DePaul

We are collecting **New or Gently Used coats.**

When: NOW thru November 5th/6th
****NEW FOR THIS YEAR****

Drop off bins are in Church vestibule, Parish Center and SJC School Lobby
Questions? Contact Deb Finn at jimanddeb26@sbcglobal.net

The Circle of Friends Moms' Club is excited to have Dr. Angela Sylvester of Salt Creek Family Practice speak and answer questions at our next meeting on:

Friday, Nov. 11 in the Parish Center

The meeting starts at 9:15 a.m., and Dr. Sylvester will present at 9:30 a.m. Please join us! Children are welcome to attend. Refreshments provided.



The SJC Moms' Club is a new group open for all mothers of young children in the Parish. Our goal is to promote friendship, fun, support, learning and ministry. Come join us!



Attention All Men of the Parish!

Mark Your Calendars to Ensure Your Presence at

The 4th Annual Chicago Bear Extravaganza

Sit Back and Enjoy Your Bears with other Parish Members
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Please note: Kolbe House Prison Ministries has requested our support - (Irish Spring soap, toothpaste, deodorant, etc. will be collected at the door)

Also, the Extravaganza will present the opportunity to submit your Annual Membership Fee of \$10.00

Monday, November 7th 6:45 P.M. Parish Center



Volunteers Needed!!!

The SJC Men's Club is seeking 6 to 12 adult male volunteers to assist our Crossroads youth in delivering Harvest Day goods on Saturday, November 12th.



Please contact Mr. Dick Halm
630-240-2955



Baptism Preparation Meeting Thursday, November 3rd

Baptism preparation meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. All couples are expected to attend the meeting. Godparents are encouraged and most welcome to attend. Please call the Parish Center if you are coming or if you have any questions.

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For information and registration contact:

Marianne Firlit mgfirlit@stjohnofthecross.org
708-246-4404 ex 155



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.

Lord Hear Our Prayer

Pray for our Sick

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

James Fletcher, husband of Margaret
Edward Frintner, husband of Alberta
John O'Malley, brother of Carol Johanns
Stephen Zaher, husband of Shirley

Baptisms

Lenna Ann,
 daughter of Christian and Christine (Swick) Giustini

Wedding Banns

David Mraz & Linda M. Pierorazio

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 31

6:30 James Tyson; Fr. John Kauzlarich
 7:45 Fr. Bill Martin; *Bob Arnstein*

Tuesday, November 1, All Saints

6:30 a.m. Parishioners
 7:45 Marie Capellani; Rita & John Tiberi
 6:30 p.m. Matthew & Stephanie Nowotarski

Wednesday, November 2, All Souls

6:30 a.m. Purgatorial
 7:45 Anthony Jacyno
 Deceased Members of Sakowitz & Swietek Families
 6:30 p.m. All Souls Mass

Thursday, November 3, St. Martin de Porres

7:45 Timothy J. Sweeney; Charles & Anna Ward

Friday, November 4, St. Charles Borromeo

7:45 John P. Ryan, Jr.; Dolores Kelly

Saturday, November 5

8:00 Gloria T. Oechsel; Robert Barus
 5:00 Jerry Albertson; Francis Napleton

Sunday, November 6, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 Rita LaValle; Anthony Shafranski
 9:00 Joseph Scelsi; Sheila Moran
 10:45 Rosie Wilson; Emilia Hlinka
 12:15 Margaret M. Sanders; Raffala Scavuzzo
 5:00 David V. Yu; John Redling

Italics—Living

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24, 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
 Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
 Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
 Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Lk 16:9-15
 Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

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