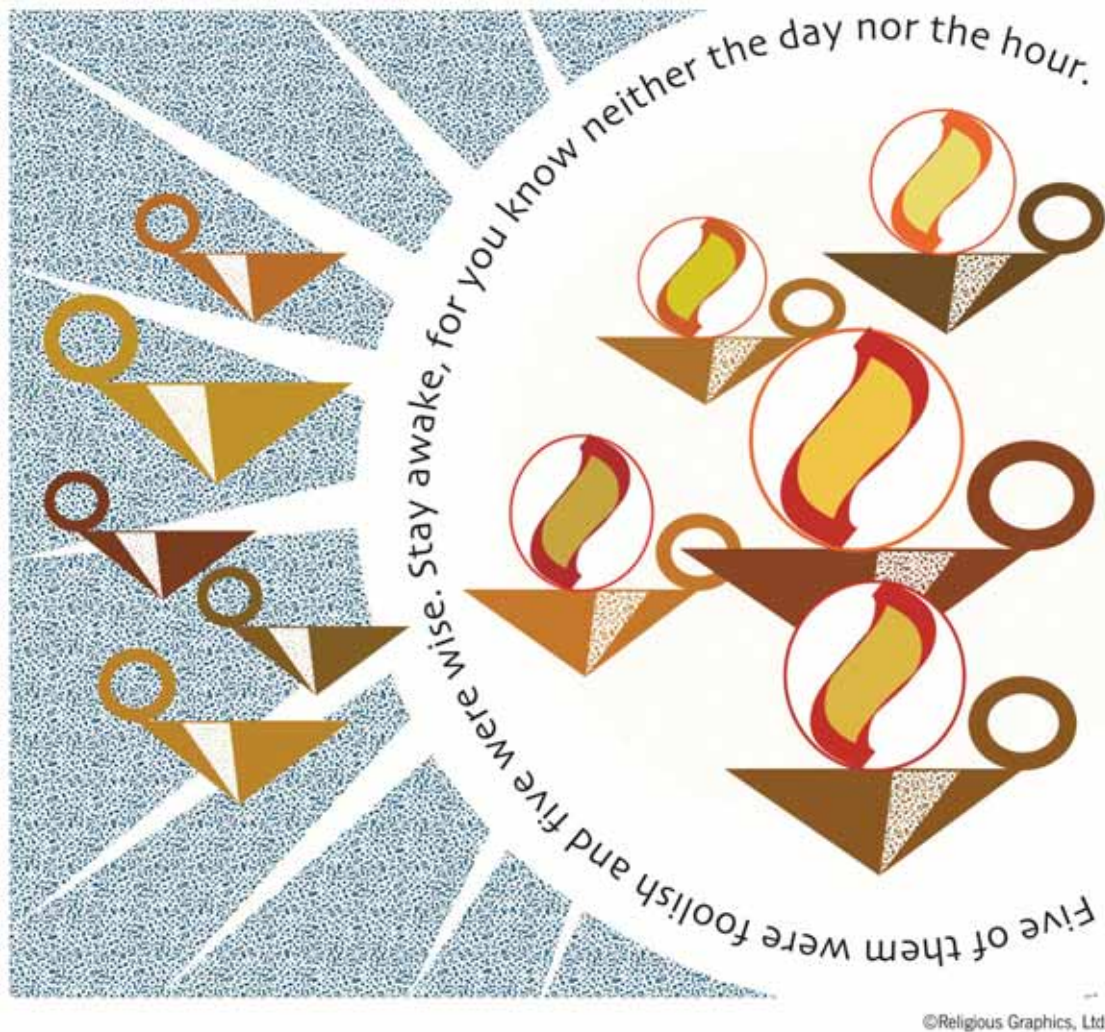


**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH  
NOVEMBER 6, 2011  
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



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## From the Desk of the Pastor

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Dear Parishioners,

The past week has been dominated by trying to deal with Kelli O'Laughlin's murder. The memorial near her house and in front of LT contained many messages of love for her by her friends, classmates and fellow students. Many messages praised her as an athlete and student who lived life with a passion. While just 14, she had touched many lives directly and perhaps even more indirectly.

The violence of her death has not only individuals and families reeling, but I do not think it is an overstatement to say our entire community has been badly shaken by this senseless tragedy. Most people accept the necessity of home alarms and locks to protect against theft. That's just common sense. But we do not want to believe that a killer can walk our streets. Or that a common house burglar would kill in order to escape not being identified.

The violation of Kelli's person and the O'Laughlin home has pierced whatever illusion there may have been that we are somehow protected from this kind of chaos and random violence in our community. Grade school children and high school students now plan escape routes in case an intruder comes to their house. Parents who may not have locked doors as a matter of routine are now overwhelmed by the reality of how little they can really protect their children's safety 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Daily routines that have been taken for granted for years are being scrutinized to see what can be changed so that a child of any age is never left alone. Parents question whether they can, in good conscience, let their high school kids come home to an empty house between school and dinner.

The first reaction to this horror is numbness or denial. "This cannot have happened." "This must be a very bad rumor gone terribly bad." Rage and revenge can follow quickly. "I know what I would do if I caught the guy." One mistake that can be made in reacting to this is to too quickly try and find religious meaning. The gamut of human emotions must first be dealt with. Time may very well be needed to give some distance from first hearing the news to feeling the feelings that this evokes.

In the early 1960's, Granger Westberg, a Lutheran pastor who was on the faculty of both the medical school and the divinity school of the University of Chicago, wrote a small book called *Good Grief*. A pioneer in studying the universal phenomenon of grieving, he identified ten stages of the grief process. It begins with an initial shock and moves through emotional release, depression or loneliness, physical distress, panic, guilt, anger and resentment, resisting resuming a normal routine, and a gradual return of meaning and hope before entering a new lived reality.

Profound loss always changes those who suffer it and who can never go back to who they were before the loss. A new way of being in the world must be discovered. Kelli's parents, her two brothers and sister, her aunts, uncles, cousins and her whole family will never be the same. As a faith community, we witness to the truth of the Gospel that through death comes new life. But first you must grieve, and grief is hard work, and there is no time table for it to end.

We join together in prayerful support for all who feel the loss of Kelli Joy O'Laughlin. With St. Paul, we believe that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Neither are we separated from Kelli's love. May we draw close together, not from fear but in faith. We are all a little more aware of how fragile this life is, how quickly things can change, how easily the illusion of safety is shattered.

May Christ be the source of comfort and consolation for the O'Laughlin's and for us. May eternal life be our hope.

Peace,  
Fr. David

## **For All Affected by Violence**

Lord, Jesus, because you  
suffered and died for us,  
you know most intimately  
how intense is the shock  
and how unique is the grief  
when one dies by violence.

In the face of so much tragedy  
in the world,  
may our hearing of it  
inspire us to pray regularly  
for all who experience this trauma  
and for those who are dear to them.

Like your own all-embracing love,  
may our charity extend  
to every person responsible  
for these affronts to human dignity  
and God's honor.

Let not the usual remoteness  
of these actions  
lead us to indifference  
or insensitivity  
to the need for this prayer,  
for we are all truly members  
of one another.

May our prayers reinforce our witness,  
so that the violence of our times  
may be overcome  
and its resultant bitterness  
be transcended by you  
who alone can abate the hatreds  
of the human heart. Amen

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Kristopher W. Seaman



*Eucharist*, as we know, means “thanksgiving.” To be thankful is to be grateful — to offer gratitude. “Thank you” is the response we make to someone who has either given something to us or has done something for us. God did not give us something, as much as he gave us someone: his very own Son. In the Eucharistic Prayer we pray to God the Father, through the Son, that the Holy Spirit will transform bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ so that we might enter deeper communion with God and one another. We also pray that we are transformed, so that we “may be filled with every grace and heavenly blessing.” This prayer, then, is our response to God’s immense gift of love given to us, especially in the Eucharist.

The Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification, is the “center and high point” of the Mass (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 78). Because this prayer is the summit, everything that happens in the liturgy is leading us to this high point. The altar is prepared, gifts of bread and wine are brought up in a procession, given to the priest celebrant (or deacon) so that these gifts might be prepared. Then, the Eucharistic Prayer begins with the priest presider proclaiming, “The Lord be with you.” The great prayer concludes with the liturgical assembly singing, “Amen.” Following the Eucharistic Prayer is the Communion Rite, which is a subsection of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This rite consists of the Lord’s Prayer (Our Father), the Sign of Peace, the fraction rite, the Communion

Procession, the period of silence and/or the Song of Thanksgiving and finally the Prayer after Communion. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (the document containing the majority of rubrics for the Mass) states, “In the Lord’s Prayer a petition is made for daily bread, which for Christians means principally the Eucharistic Bread, and entreating also purification from sin, so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy” (81). This is a beautiful statement: “. . . so that what is holy may in truth be given to the holy.” What makes us holy, the Body and Blood of Christ. After praying for our “daily bread” we are invited to offer a sign of peace. In scripture, Christ wished his disciples the greeting “Peace be with you!” on several occasions. As Christ offers us peace, we extend that peace to others. Christ’s peace calls us to holiness and prepares us for the reception of his body and blood. Then, the “Lamb of God” or *Agnus Dei* is sung while the priest celebrant or deacon breaks the host in preparation for the Communion procession. This is not a functional moment, but contains a beautiful theology: The one host is broken for the many so that the many may become one body (see GIRM, 83). This is a definition of Communion: Many become one in Christ Jesus.

In the Communion Procession, three actions occur. The first action is the processing forward itself; the second is singing the Communion Chant; and the third is the reception of the body and blood of Christ. The Communion song’s “purpose being to express the spiritual union of the communicants by means of the unity of their voices, to show gladness of heart, and to bring out more clearly the ‘communitarian’ character of the procession to receive the Eucharist” (GIRM, 86). The act of processing, the singing the song, and the receiving of Christ’s Body and Blood all manifest the liturgical assembly’s being brought closer into communion or unity with the Triune God.

Finally, the Liturgy of the Eucharist concludes with a period of silent prayer and the Prayer after Communion. This is the opportunity for the liturgical assembly to pray for Christ’s Body and Blood to bear fruit in their lives. Each part of the Liturgy of the Eucharist — as well as the Liturgy of the Word — is about the Triune God working in our midst and calling us to become holy as God is holy.

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### *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, as a Community, have been  
Gathered and Sent  
to Celebrate Family.*

**Old St. Patrick's Church  
Offers a Special Mass  
at 12:45 p.m. on November 13  
to Honor and Support Adoption**

Pot Luck Reception immediately following in School Cafeteria. Contributions of desserts, fruit, and light snacks will be appreciated. We welcome adoptees, all families created and those in the making, and birth parents who make this possible.

### **Adoption is forever.**

This event is open to all. Please forward to family and friends touched by adoption.

For additional information,  
contact Len Carnevale  
at [thecarnevales@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thecarnevales@sbcglobal.net)

*My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God*

### **Daily Meditation —Contemplation**

Jesus' entire journey revealed two major things: 1) *that life could have a very positive story line, and 2) that God was far different, and far, far better, than we ever thought—or could think!* Jesus did not just give us textbook answers from a distance, but personally walked through the process of being both rejected and forgiving, and then still said, "Follow me." This is something one can only know by being in that deadly position and coming out even more alive on the other side. This cannot be done theoretically, by a mere doctrinal assertion (no matter how orthodox), or by attending a church service.

In meditation and contemplation, we see such patterns, and weep or rejoice ahead of time, before we act on them—or let them act on us.

Adapted from [\*A Lever and A Place to Stand: The Contemplative Stance, The Active Prayer\*](#), p. 73

Starter Prayer: **Speak Lord, Your servant listens.**

*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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Nov. 6 Home Groups & FE at PC  
Nov. 12 HARVEST SATURDAY 9:45-2 p.m. (6 p.m. if you venture downtown)

## HARVEST SATURDAY is NEXT WEEK!

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!

Boxes Night Fri. Nov. 11 6-7:30 p.m.  
(especially for confirmation candidates)  
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!**

### Our Day of the Spirit Team in action:



Singing praise  
& worship  
songs  
and  
reading for  
reconciliation  
service

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.

**Our plan is to have freshmen  
merge into small groups in 2  
weeks...it's time for our last  
set of leaders to come forward!**

Please Contact Katie for details:  
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 finalize preparations for their retreat in 1 week.  
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 just started prep meetings for  
for the next retreat March 15-18!





**Halloween at SJC!**

SJC students enjoyed many Halloween festivities. First, all students in preschool through 8th grade donated candy to share with children from our sharing parishes. Students decorated goodie bags and student council members helped assemble the packages. On Halloween Day, students enjoyed Halloween classroom parties and the first and eighth graders enjoyed their annual parade. Even our teachers joined in on the fun dressing as children "out of uniform" and 60's hippies (in honor of the anniversary!)

**This Week at SJC**

November 7	No School Staff Development Day
November 9	Speech Competition School, 7:00 p.m.
November 10	Confirmation Sponsor Night Church, 7:00 p.m.

Did you see the Ignite t-shirts filling the church last Saturday? 200 teens experienced their Confirmation Retreat ~ the Day of the Spirit!! They were greeted with "high-fives" from Crossroad teens, who facilitated the day. The Confirmation



candidates shared their gifts through small group discussion, large group gatherings and



experienced reconciliation and Mass. It was an enormous amount of energy for the Lord, which closed with a rousing YES, LORD! from all those at Mass!!

The candidates were called to IGNITE the gifts inside! And they DID!! YES



**YC Schedule**

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

FFC & Preschool Noon-1:30 p.m. Sunday, November 6  
Home Groups and Special Needs Sunday, November 6 & 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](mailto:hogan@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us)**



*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](mailto: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.



# Share Christmas

The Share Christmas experience at St. John of the Cross Parish 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.

Drop off Day is Friday, December 9th between 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Parish Center. The gifts will then be delivered to the parishes on Saturday, December 10th. If you have a van or small truck or if you are free to help load and deliver, please call us.

Questions can be directed to Lolly Maloney at 630-261-5675 or [lolly\\_maloney@comcast.net](mailto:lolly_maloney@comcast.net) or the Parish Center.

**Find us ready Lord...not standing still.  
Find us working and loving and doing your will.  
Find us ready Lord...faithful in love and  
building the kingdom that's here and above!**

ALL PARISHIONERS WELCOME

# DANCING WITH THE STARS

SJC 2nd 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 michaelbmcginn@gmail.com

Carolyn Ferguson at carolynf30@aol.com

Hosted by SJC Youth Catechesis Council



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535 Donation per Person  
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For more information or to make a donation,  
please contact Pat Fitzgibbons at (773) 779-5820  
or Maureen Shure at (708) 923-0441

### November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Please join us for an informative talk on Alzheimer's disease, dementia, and cognitive impairment.

1:30—3:30 p.m.  
Sunday, November 20  
Loretto Convent  
1600 Somerset Lane  
Wheaton, Illinois

So we may extend our best *embrace*,  
RSVP by November 15 to  
development@ibvm.org or 630-682-9097

*So much we CAN do. So much JOY!*

In support of the Loretto IBVM Sisters, BETTY'S LOVE C.L.O. Maureen M. Gavan will speak about what families need to know - why, and "how to" CAN-JOY! - to boost brains of *all* ages and make *yours* a HAPPY and JOY-filled Holiday Season!



Institute of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Office of Development

### Kolbe House and Staying Connected

Imagine you want to communicate with family members from whom you are separated. Most likely you pick up your cell or a land-line phone. Perhaps you use e-mail, or Skype on your computer. Maybe you connect through Facebook, or send a "Tweet". That's how it is now-a-days. As the commercial says; "We're all connected", - that is unless you are awaiting trial in Cook County Jail.

The men and women incarcerated just 13 miles from St. John of the Cross can't simply pick up a phone or log on to a computer. They can't drop by the home of a loved one. They and their families rely on a letter or card, sent the good old fashioned way, with a lick and a stamp.

That makes a postage stamp worth much more than its face value of 44 cents. That colorful square allows a son to reconcile with his parents, or a mom to send Xs and Os to her child. A postage stamp means families stay in touch, open up to one another, write a poem or share an art sketch.

You can become part of a lifeline by helping Kolbe House Jail Ministry provide the means for the incarcerated to maintain contact with their families. Please consider donating postage stamps in the specially marked boxes located in the church narthex and the Parish Center. Your ongoing generosity is appreciated throughout the year - and particularly during the holiday season.

### Save the Date—Fair Trade Market

St. Cletus Parish will be sponsoring our 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!!!



Individuals can take advantage of free, confidential memory screenings as part of National Memory Screening Day, an annual initiative of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (AFA) to promote proper detection of memory problems. The Screening is Tuesday, November 15, at Aging Care Connections, 111 W. Harris Ave. in La Grange from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. or Adventist Education Center Room C, 5101 S. Willow Springs Road, La Grange, 10 a.m.—12 p.m.

For more information, contact Ruth Folkening, Caregiver Specialist, 708-354-1323, x 228.

### **Winning Over the Competition... Your Peak Interview**

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to join us on Thursday, November 17. Come hear Bill Burnett, author of *The Peak Interview*, provide new insights into winning the interview and getting the job. With more than thirty years of business experience, Burnett is a problem solver and proven leader. By the time you get to the job interview, the company has determined you are qualified for the job. So are all the other interviewees. *You need an edge!* Great musicians know that when they are playing a solo, they have to hit one or two peaks in the body of the solo and end with a flourish. That's because people evaluate an experience based on its peaks (good or bad) and how the experience ended. The rest of the experience is remembered, but the evaluation of the experience is based on its peaks, and how it ends. Learn how you can leverage this insight as you prepare for and produce an outstanding interview. This could really boost your chances of winning the interview and getting the job. We look forward to seeing you at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. Bring along a friend. This program is open to all and there is no charge to attend.

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) offers job support through various programs throughout the month. For information, visit our website at [www.interfaithcareernetwork.org](http://www.interfaithcareernetwork.org).

**Don't forget to join us for some coffee and great company. We meet from 8:15 to 10 a.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. All are welcome**



# 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



Prayer Shawl Ministry

### SJC Shawl Ministry

Shawls are still available. If you would like a shawl for a family member, a friend or neighbor, please call Alice Meyers, 708-246-0127 or Sheila Gallagher at 708-246-7836.

We will gather in the Parish Center on Wednesday, November 9, at 1 p.m. Please join us to knit or crochet, pick-up a shawl or contribute shawls.

### FAMILY: An Immigrant Story

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matthew 25:35)



"I am a US Citizen and have been married for ten years to my husband who is undocumented. We have three children together ages 8, 5 and 2. He is a hard worker and the best father and husband I could ever ask for. Not once have we ever received any type of public assistance. He pays his taxes and has never been in trouble by the law. We live in fear day to day that he will be sent back to Mexico. I filed an I-130 5 years ago, spent thousands \$ on lawyers, got all the way up to the interview and found out he would have to go to Juarez, Mexico for his interview but he would have to stay there at least 6 mos. I have a friend in the exact same situation but her husband went to his interview and got denied. He's been there over a year now stuck. His lawyer told them he would only be in Mexico a couple months but it has been much longer."

~ Nancy H., KS

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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](mailto:mkfinn2036@sbcglobal.net)

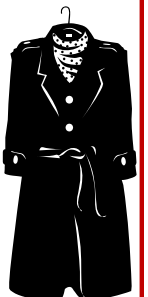
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Questions? Contact Deb Finn at  
[jimanddeb26@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jimanddeb26@sbcglobal.net)



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!



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

**Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
6:45 p.m. Parish Center**



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**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

**This Week @ SJC**

**Monday, November 7**

- 10:30 a.m. Christian Meditation Step 11
- 1:00 p.m. Little Rock
- 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
- 6:45 p.m. Men's Club Bears Game

**Tuesday, November 8**

- 1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine's Bible Study
- 3:30 p.m. Rosary, Community Room
- 6:30 p.m. PAC Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA

**Wednesday, November 9**

- 9:00 a.m. Wrapping Paper Pick up
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study—Revelations
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 1:00 p.m. Letters to Women
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

**Thursday, November 10**

- 9:00 a.m. Women's Club Meeting
- 9:30 a.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study
- 6:00 p.m. YC Sponsor Meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

**Friday, November 11**

- 10:00 a.m. Seasons of Hope
- 6:00 p.m. Crossroads, Box Night

**Saturday, November 12, Harvest Saturday**

- 7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
- 10:00 a.m. Harvest Saturday

**Sunday, November 12**

- 9:30 a.m. YC Formation
- 4:00 p.m. BEDS
- 4:00 p.m. YC Formation



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



## Lord Hear Our Prayer

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### Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

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the parish in your estate planning.  
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*God our Father,*

*Your power brings us to birth,  
Your providence guides our lives, and by Your command we return to dust.*

*Lord, those who die still live in Your presence, their lives change but do not end.  
I pray in hope for my family, relatives and friends, and for all the dead known to You alone.*

*In company with Christ*

*Who died and now lives, may they rejoice in Your kingdom, where all our tears are wiped away.  
Unite us together again in one family, to sing Your praise forever and ever. Amen*

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, November 7

6:30 Purgatorial  
7:45 Bill Broderick; Richard & Margaret Kirtley;  
Loretta Babka

### Tuesday, November 8

6:30 Thomas Albertson; Raymond & Margaret Cochran  
7:45 Betty Cook; John Jurkacek

### Wednesday, November 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

6:30 Parishioners  
7:45 Lorraine Bzdyl; Fred Sandburg

### Thursday, November 10, St. Leo the Great

7:45 Michael Hermann;  
Fr. Ed Flannery; Fr. William Bennett

### Friday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours

7:45 Sophie Skronski; Patricia Curtin;  
Rita and Joe Tiberi

### Saturday, November 12, St. Josaphat

8:00 Nicholas Granata; Mary Grace Cibula  
5:00 O'Malley-Madigan Families; Mary Schreiber

### Sunday, November 13, 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

7:30 Julia Esposito; Mary Ganey  
9:00 Stephanie Nowotarski; Mary Schreiber  
10:45 Dziubla Family; Emilia Hlinka  
12:15 Robert E. Miller; Freda & Margaret Jandris  
5:00 Bruno Sirius; Charles Kenneth Dybas

*Italics—Living*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Lk 17:1-6  
Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Lk 17:7-10  
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46;  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Lk 17:20-25  
Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Lk 17:26-37  
Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Lk 18:1-8  
Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128;  
1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS —

## 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 a.m. 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!  
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