

St. John of the Cross Parish



In celebration of the Ordination of our son

Elliott

to the Priesthood for the Archdiocese of Chicago

you are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving

to be celebrated by him

Sunday, May 22, 2011 at 10:45 a.m.

at his home parish

St. John of the Cross

A reception will immediately follow the Mass

at the Parish Center

Hosted by Elliott's family

All are welcome to attend

May 15, 2011, Fourth Sunday of Easter

5005 South Wolf Road Western Springs, Illinois 60558

Parish Center: 708-246-4404 School: 708-246-4454 Youth Catechesis: 708-246-6760

From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This is an important weekend at SJC for a couple of reasons. The first important reason is that we will be introduced to soon-to-be Fr. Filbert's parents, sister and uncle on Sunday morning. They will have just arrived on Saturday from Filbert's home of Tanzania. Filbert's sister, Herminia, is a school teacher, is recently married and speaks English. Neither of Filbert's parents, Fabian and Edith, speak English, but they certainly understand the universal signs of welcome by smiles and handshakes.

This is his family's first plane trip and first time traveling outside of Tanzania. Filbert's father is a farmer and like all farmers he is anxious about leaving his animals for two weeks. They will spend most of their first week here as guests of the seminary that has offered them lodging. Those of you at the 12:15 Mass last weekend met his pastor, Fr. Francis, from his home parish. (He is in Louisville the majority of this week.) Filbert also has a priest friend from Uganda who is coming for his ordination next Saturday.

Next Saturday is priesthood ordination day for Filbert and our own Elliott Dees. Along with the other eight men in their class they have spent a long time in preparation for parish ministry as a priest. The four years of post-graduate study of theology is one thing, but the interior work of discerning a vocation to priesthood is quite another level of energy and effort. The time each of them has spent in prayer, spiritual direction, and spiritual formation is almost immeasurable. The seminary is designed to address the human, intellectual, spiritual and psychological dimensions of every candidate. While rigorous, there is no system of education that can guarantee that every one of its graduates will function flawlessly in their profession once the course of studies has ended.

Elliott, Filbert and all the newly ordained now enter a phase

of their education with you as their professors. You will teach them how to be priests. You will affirm and challenge, stretch and stroke their identities in profound ways. If you invite them into the important moments of your lives, the birth of children, the ups and downs of daily life, when suffering the loss of a loved one, in your search for the living God in your daily life, they will give you everything they can. Only you can tell them whether it will be sufficient or lacking, whether it is of God or of humanity. You will have to be the ones who will give the feedback and support, the critique and the correction that each newly ordained needs and that no seminary can give. Only by your openness and invitation, your acceptance and affection will the 'head' knowledge of books and lectures become the 'heart' knowledge of a worthy priest. I trust you will teach very well.



Another important part of the weekend will be addressed at every Mass. Dave Bennett and I will speak about the Legacy Campaign that the 50th Jubilee Committee is including as part of our year-long celebration. The refurbishing of the church building, which Fr. Bennett and the parishioners built in time for Christmas Eve Mass in 1976, will both be homage to our founders and predecessors and also a gift to our children and future generations. You will also be receiving information in the mail. Please know ahead of time that with all your responsibilities and obligations, if you are able to support the pledge drive it will be deeply appreciated.

Peace,

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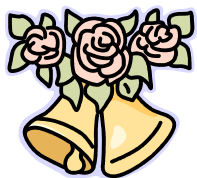
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Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday, August 28 at 3 p.m. at St. John Brebeuf, 8307 N.

Harlem Ave. in Niles.

Couples married in 1961 interested in attending this celebration should contact the Parish Center by May 30.

For further information call the Family Ministries Office at 312-534-8351 or visit www.familyministries.org.

Do you have a story to tell about the history of SJC?
 Email or call Mary Tymick
 246-2376 or tymickfamily@aim.com



St. John of the Cross

*Celebrating 50 Years
 As A Faith Community
 1960 - 2010*



**Join us July 8th, 7:10 p.m.,
 Chicago White Sox
 vs.
 Minnesota Twins.**

Reserve your spot today!

Your Costs includes:

Your Lower Reserved Ticket, Parking and Transportation and a Patio Party (All you can eat buffet with ribs, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, Pepsi products, Beer and Wine)

	Individual Pricing	SJC Outing
Prime Game Lower Reserved Ticket	43.00	Included
Convenience Charge	4.75	Included
Parking & Transportation	23.00	Included
Pre-Game Food & Drinks	9.50 (2 hotdogs @ 4.75 ea) \$20.25 (3 beers @ 6.75 ea)	Included
Total Cost	\$100.50	\$90, Adults \$77, Seniors & Children

For more information or reservations, please contact Paul or Diane Januska at (708) 784-3520 or pjanuska@sbcglobal.net

**Include the SJC Family Festival in your Summer!
 July 21st—July 24th**

Come for the Run

Saturday, July 23rd Fun Run—Adults & Kids

Come for the Fun & Food

- ... Kids Games
- ... Entertainment
- ... Rides & more
- ... Taste of SJC
- ... Bake Sale
- ... Beer Garden



Stay for the Music

Thursday, July 21st Battle of the Bands

First and Second Place opens for the following bands:

- Friday, July 22nd Infinity
- Saturday July 23rd American English

BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Applications will be available soon. Check online and on Facebook for when and how to apply.

More information will be available soon!!



Can you spend 2-4 hours volunteering at the festival between July 21st -July 24th. There are many events and we need everyone's help to make this festival happen!

Your guaranteed to have a fun time! Make this event one we remember in 50 years.

***Contact Elizabeth Russell-Jones at:
 elizabeth@russell-jones.us or (708) 246-6282.***



Calendar

May 15 End of the Year 5 p.m. Mass and Pizza and activities afterwards
May 22 Leader's End of the year dinner and meeting 6 p.m. Parish Center
Summer Activities to-be-announced —stay tuned!

Crossroads Leader's End of the Year Meeting and thank you dinner will happen Sunday, May 22nd, 6 p.m.

This is a great chance for us to review the year, acknowledge all that we have accomplished in sharing God with our teens and even start preparations for the fall!

ADULTS WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

We are specifically seeking adults who want to funnel the teens post-work tour energy and enthusiasm into positive growth for each teen.

Ideally 2-3 meetings with teens during the summer and fall will help this process happen. Contact Katie Hayes to see if you can help!
khayes@stjohnofthecross.org
708-246-4404 ext. 140

CELEBRATE OUR END OF THE YEAR MASS
with a special focus on our teens
Sunday, May 15th, 5 p.m.

All home groups teens and their families are encouraged to join us to see our teens in action and prayerfully celebrate the wonderful year we have had together.

After mass teens will gather for pizza and activities in the parish center. Graduating 8th graders are invited too!

Are you an adult who has considered joining the Crossroads Youth Ministry leader's team? Want to hear more about us from current leaders and teen leaders?

Consider joining us for our end of the year meeting and dinner next Sunday evening...you can meet current volunteers and teen leaders as well as hear about our plans for the future.

Contact Katie Hayes if you'd want to enjoy a meal as you hear more about Crossroads 708-246-4404 ext. 140 khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Do you have a son or daughter heading off to college in the fall for the first time? Or maybe a second or third? Crossroads has a long list of campus ministry programs and their contact information where many of our graduates have gone over the past few years. If you would like us to send the details to your child please email us at crossroads@stjohnofthecross.org with the name of the school, your child's name and email address. We want to support their connection to their faith through church and ministry programs on campus!

Summer plans are underway...if you are an adult who is willing to support one of these activities as an adult leader/chaperone please contact Katie Hayes 708-246-4404, khayes@stjohnofthecross.org

Day trip to Great America

Video Scripture Study



World Youth Day local pilgrimage and overnight





SJC second graders concluded their study of the continent of Australia with a visit from some very exciting guests — Australian animals! A kangaroo, bearded dragon, saltwater crocodile and sugar glider all visited our school! It was an exciting day and a great way to learn about animals and our environment!



SJC students and staff gathered in prayer on Holy Thursday.

This Week at SJC

- May 16 May Crowning Church, 11:00 a.m.
- May 17 School Advisory Board Meeting Parish Center, 7:00 p.m.
- May 18 Band and Choir Concert School, 9:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- May 20 Memorial Games School

YC celebrates!

Saturday, May 7th, 132 children were welcomed to the Table of the Lord to receive First Holy Communion. It was a joyous celebration at three Masses. Congratulations to all!



In Recognition of...

Diane Campion and Catie Lee, who have worked with our Special Needs students for many years, were honored by Cardinal George this past week at the Archdiocese of Chicago Catechetical Awards Banquet. This year Diane and Catie energetically began preparing students to receive Confirmation. Diane and Catie provide catechesis, service opportunities and retreat settings for 8 children that are developmentally challenged but are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. Their enthusiasm and passion for their students is surpassed only by their love of Christ. We honor their many gifts and talents!



Congratulations!

Thank you from Holy Cross Mission Center

Dear Friends,
“Thank you for your generous support of Holy Cross Mission Center. Your gift of \$800 is helping spread the Good News that Christ has risen and all should not fear but have peace.” Holy Cross Mission efforts across the globe to educate, promote religious formation and parish work, and provide healthcare for the sick depends on the Holy Spirit and your assistance. Thank you for supporting our work at the Holy Cross Parish in Jinja, Uganda.

May the Joy of Easter fill your heart this day and every day. Alleluia! Alleluia!

God Bless,
Fr. Leonard Olobo C.S.C.
Director Holy Cross Mission Center

Outreach efforts in April:

\$2,475 for students in Kibwika
\$3,898 2010 Advent Livestock for Life Campaign



Register
for
2011-12
YC
at the
YC Office
708-246-6760



www.vacationbibleschool.com/sjc

This Week @ SJC

Monday, May 16

11:00 a.m. School May Crowning
2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling

Tuesday, May 17

9:00 a.m. Parent Assoc. Committee Meeting
1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine's Bible Study
3:10 p.m. Rosary
3:30 p.m. 1st Grade Brownies
6:45 p.m. Garage Sale Meeting
7:00 p.m. School Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. RCIA

Wednesday, May 18

9:30 a.m. Bible Study—Revelations
1:00 p.m. Spiritual Advisory Committee Meeting
2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
7:00 p.m. Parish Fest Meeting
7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, May 19

9:00 a.m. Women's Club Meeting
9:30 a.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study
3:30 p.m. 2nd Grade Brownies
7:00 p.m. Career Networking Meeting
7:30 p.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

Friday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Divorce & Beyond

Saturday, May 21

7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation

Sunday, May 22

4:30 p.m. End of the Year Crossroads Leader's Meeting



NO 12:15 p.m. Mass During Summer Months

From Memorial Day through Labor Day inclusive, which is Sunday, May 29th through Sunday, September 4 this year, there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass. The 12:15 p.m. Mass will return to the schedule on Sunday, September 11, the weekend following Labor Day.

Summer Parish Center Office Hours
begin Monday, June 6:
Parish Center Office Hours
Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.;
Friday 9am - 6 p.m.;
Weekends: Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.;
Sunday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



A Premiere Showing

Saturday, May 21

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



Mary Evelyn Tucker, **Historian of Religions, Yale University** will introduce this revolutionary and exciting HD Film, Companion Book and Educational Series co-created with Evolutionary Philosopher Brian Swimme.

Brian Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker weave a tapestry that draws together scientific discoveries in astronomy, geology, biology, ecology, and biodiversity with humanistic insights concerning the nature of the universe. Masterful storyteller Swimme connects the birth of the cosmos 14 billion years ago – to the invisible frontiers of the human genome – as well as to our current impact on Earth’s evolutionary dynamics. Through his engaging and thoughtful observations audiences everywhere will discover the profound role we play in this intricate web of life. From the Big Bang–to the epic impact humans have on the planet today–this film is designed to inspire a new and closer relationship with Earth and our role in conscious evolution in a period of growing environmental and social crisis.

Big science, big history, big story, this one-of-a-kind **JOURNEY OF THE UNIVERSE** film project has been created by an acclaimed team of internationally-recognized scientists, scholars, and award-winning filmmakers. Come and get a taste of this exciting educational material and enjoy this unique opportunity to dialogue with Mary Evelyn Tucker. www.journeyoftheuniverse.org

Program will be held at Nazareth Academy Auditorium next door.

1515 W. Ogden Ave

LaGrange Park, IL 60526

Register: Email thewell@csjoseph.org OR Call **708-482-5039**

OR on-line www.csjthewell.org (registration tab)

TICKETS \$10. ALL ARE WELCOME

(Tickets will also be sold at the door)

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion

SJC School and Youth Catechesis Students



*Christopher Aldridge
Ava Alessi
Holden Aque
Aidan Athy
Christina Bianco
Nicholas Bidstrup
Drew Blouin
Maddy Blum
Claire Bosch
Jack Breen
Brandon Buday
Joshua Budziak
Peter Buinauskas
Margaret Callaghan
Joel Camba
Benjamin Campbell
George Caplice
Donata Carinato
Kyle Carlson
Keegan Casella
Claire Casper
Scott Casper
Paul Castro
Ellen Chambers
Daniel Ciecko
Evan Clark
Grace Clopton
Katherine Coffman
Alison Conniff
Nicole Conniff
Kaitlin Cunningham*

*Tierney Cunningham
Ava Dallavo
Peter Derrah
John Dold
Jake Doohan
Collette Doyle
Faith Drescher
William Duff
Emma Eikum
Adaora Ezike
Anna Falls
Jane Ferguson
Maura Ferguson
Mary Katherine Ferrell
William Fink
Caroline Finn
Joseph Fornaro
Spencer Frech
Kevin Fritzsche
Samuel Ganzel
Delaney Garrett
Katrina Geiersbach
Zaria Giannotti Frye
Peter Gibbons
Ella Gleason
Madeline Goldman
Madeline Gruca
Kylie Grunsten
William Hadraba
Avy Hanson
Ella Hawblitzel
Owen Hays
Matthew Hiatt
Alec Hill
Clare Hill
Kevin Hogan*

*Luke Hogan
Haley Hume
Isabel Hynes
Aaron John
Miles Kaminski
Morgan Kearney
Peter Keese
Daniel Kiely
James King
Patrick Kinsella
Jordan Klimes
Tyler Klimes
Cole Kosanovich
Elliana Kosanovich
Emil Kosic
Kristian Kosic
Allie Krieger
Ronan Kristufek
Mark Krygier
Nathan Lack
Heidi Leonard
Erin LeTourneau
Alyssa Lim
Timothy Longoria
Liliana Lopez
Johnny Luna
Connor Madigan
Genesis Magpayo
Clara Maney
Hannah Marino
Olivia Martinez
William Matschke
Gillian McCauley
Grace McCormack
Jenna McDonnell
Aidan McDougal*

Congratulations on your First Holy Communion

SJC School and Youth Catechesis Students

Grace McGann
Lucas McGarel
Caitlin McGarry
Julia McGinn
Hannah McGovern
Colin McHugh
Martin McNamara
Sarah Meece
Frank Metcalf
Joseph MetzgerVeome
Luke Meyer
Grace Miller
Joelle Mologousis
Ella Montesano
Charles Morrissey
Colin Morrissey
Martin Mullarkey, III
Kendall Murphy
Jacob Muth
Grace Newman
Andrew Niemeyer
Brendan Nolan
Chase Norbut
Samuel Nowak
Shae O'Connor
Elizabeth O'Donnell
Grace O'Donnell
Margaret O'Malley
Quinn O'Malley
Abigail Orndorff
Mia Parente
Benjamin Penachio
Matthew Peso
Nicholas Pethokoukis
Sydney Pierce
James Pittacora

Kelli Powers
Lauren Prestopino
Anna Pritz
Caleb Quick
Maria Quinn
Norah Reedy
Emma Richards
Ryan Rodriguez
Daniel Roemer
Dylan Rudich
Madeleine Ryan
Patrick Ryan
Giana Salerno
Victoria Salvato
Jake Santaniello
John Santaniello
Katelyn Schick
Olivia Schilling
Taylor Schullo
Nathan Scriba
Liam Shannon
Caitlin Sheehan
Kennedy Sheppard
Olivia Sikes
Margaret Sizemore
Lily Skwarek
Ava Smith
Noah Soenen
Gioia Solano
Anthony Sorrentino
John Spitkovsky
Ryan Srejma
Ryan Stark
S. Aidan Stillo
Max Stomberg
Angelina Stryszak

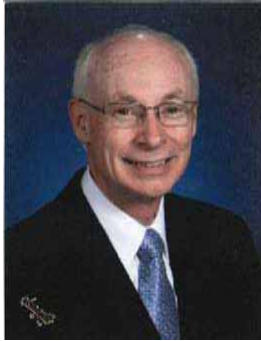


Brigid Sullivan
Fiona Sullivan
Robert Sullivan
James Sykora
John Taylor
Ryan Tiernan
Isabelle Tobin
Cayden Torsberg
Sarah Turcich
Joshua Vavra
Olivia Vie
Luis Villasenor
Nancy ViK
Ryan Vyverberg
John Wall
Patrick Walsh
Mary Ward
Anne Warren
Lucas Waunn
Kathryn Weber
Noah Wehner
Madelyn Weiland
Jack Whelton
London White
Noah Witowski
Lauren Witt
Jackson Yates
Logan Younker

2011 Parish Advisory Council At-Large Parishioner Candidates

Elections for the St. John of the Cross Parish Advisory Council, School Board and Youth Catechesis Council will be held the weekend of May 14-15 before and after all Masses. Ballots will be available at the entrances to church.

There are three positions open on the Parish Advisory Council. Due to a position vacated mid-term, one opening is for a one year term. The remaining two positions are for two year terms.



Dan Cochran

I have been a member of St. John of the Cross Parish for eight years. I am single and a retired 30 year BP executive and management consultant. My business strengths which include major enterprise-wide program management, strategic planning, organization effectiveness and financial management will enable me to be a strong contributor to the Parish Advisory Council. I am a solid team player with an enthusiastic commitment to excellence and integrity.

Over the years I have been deeply committed to community outreach. Currently I am involved with our Parish 50th Anniversary Committee (co-chair of both the Opening Events Committee and the Legacy Campaign), the Big Shoulders Fund of the Archdiocese of Chicago, the Lincoln Foundation for Performance Excellence, United Way, DePaul University Alumni Association, and the governing council of Advocate Hospital. I am also an active Communion Minister at SJC.

I look forward to guiding our parish to live out its new Vision and Mission through my involvement in the new Parish Advisory Council.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Commerce, DePaul University, Chicago



Jerry Klafra

I have been a member of St. John of the Cross Parish for 14 years. My wife Laurie and I have two children, Brian, age 15 and John, age 13.

In the spirit of "giving back," I would like to leverage some of my skills as an academic physician to serve our parish community through this council. My experience as a faculty member and educator at the University of Chicago has taught me that effective leadership requires promoting a shared vision, creating good systems, and investing in developing individuals. I hope to provide thoughtful, objective commentary on issues relevant to our parish and to work collaboratively with the council to achieve its goals.

My wife and I are concluding our 4-year commitment as home group leaders for Crossroads high school students. Prior to this, I was a Children's Liturgy of the Word leader for several years. I have participated (though not in leadership roles) in the Christ Renews His Parish retreat, Disciples in Mission series, and Living in Christ retreats.

Professionally, I am the Vice-Chair for Education and Academic Affairs in the Department of Anesthesia and Critical Care at the University of Chicago. Outside my department, I am an elected representative to the Faculty Advisory Committee for the University's Biological Sciences Division and a member of the Pritzker School of Medicine's Academy of Distinguished Medical Educators. I serve on several interdisciplinary committees within the medical center. Beyond my educational and administrative roles, half of my professional time is devoted to clinical practice where I provide patient care in the operating rooms, intensive care units, and labor and delivery suites.

Education: BS (physics), Loyola University; MD, University of Chicago; Internship (internal medicine), McGaw Medical Center (Northwestern); Residency (anesthesiology), Brigham & Women's Hospital (Harvard)



Jay R. Sabath, Sr.

My wife, Bubbles and I have been parishioners for 33 years. We have three children, Michelle, Jay, II and David.

I have always been interested in the Parish and its activities. Having been a member of the Parish Council when Fr. Joe McDonnell was pastor, I have familiarity with the way that an organization of this type operates.

My Experiences:

I was a former Parish Council Member in the 1990's; former Scoutmaster, Troop 117; Eucharistic Minister for 25+ years And an usher for 30+ years.

35 years as a member and leader, Boy Scouts of America; Currently I am on the Board of Tr. 216
25+ years as a member and officer of La Grange Highlands Lions Club; Currently, I'm Club Treasurer.

35+ years as a member and officer of the International Society for Automation (ISA)

Adjunct Professor at College of DuPage

First Aid, CPR and AED Instructor, American Red Cross

U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary member and officer

Education: BSBA-Ad-Loyola University-Chicago

School Board Candidates

There are three positions open on the School Board. Please affirm these three candidates willing to serve for a three year term.



Sandra M. Gentile, RP

My family joined St. John of the Cross Parish in 2009. Our children, Sofia Vincenza, 1st grade and Antonino Giovanni, PK3 attend the parish school.

I am interested in becoming a member of the St. John of the Cross School Advisory Board so that I may work together with the pastor, principal, and other Advisory Board members in representing the Board's constituents. It will also allow me to utilize my experience and skills for the betterment of the school and the parish community.

My experience as an Advisory Board Member at Wright College, an instructor at Loyola University, and my many years as a Senior Paralegal have afforded me many opportunities to hone my skills in the areas of board duties and responsibilities, ethics, confidentiality, education, fundraising, marketing, team building, budgeting and managing both people and processes. Most importantly my experience as a parent of two St. John of the Cross Parish School students, having been a room and current grade parent, and a parishioner of St. John of the Cross, demonstrates my commitment to the school, my understanding of the importance of a catholic education, and my desire for an education that builds a foundation for each child to reach his or her goals and potential, while creating opportunities and an environment for them to succeed, have together, prepared me to be a member of the St. John of the Cross School Advisory Board.

Education: I attended Northern Illinois University—B.A. Sociology/Criminology/Psychology; Roosevelt University, Certificated Paralegal; P.A.C.E. Registered Paralegal; State of Illinois Court Appointed Special Advocate; Member of the Illinois Paralegal Association; Member of the National Federation of Paralegal Associations; Wright College—Paralegal Studies Advisory Board Member; Loyola University Chicago—Institute for Paralegal Studies—Former Faculty Member



Phillip M. May

My family joined St. John of the Cross Parish in 2002. Our children are Payton 7th grade, Max 5th grade, Enzo 3rd grade, Mario 1st grade and Mateo Kg.

I have had children at SJC for eight years and have a great amount of time invested in the school. All five of my children attend SJC and I want to take an active role in the future of our parish school. The school constantly faces challenges and changes which I would enjoy helping the board facilitate.

My experiences are : I am the father of five children; A product of Catholic education—Grammar School, High School and College; Volunteer classroom experience at SJC; Career in Finance; Many years of coaching children sports; Volunteer Volleyball Coach at SJC

Education: Valparaiso University B.S., B.A. and Loyola University, MBA



Jeffrey L. Williams

My family joined St. John of the Cross Parish in 2002. Our children are Adam 7th grade and Kate 3 yr. old pre-school.

We have been a St. John of the Cross Parish School family since my son, Adam Williams, started kindergarten. As Adam starts eighth grade and focuses on the critical year before high school where grades and test scores are especially important, and as Kate gets ready to start her 10 year run at St. John's, I would like to continue being involved in their education by giving back to the school.

I am looking forward to executing the Action Plan that was the key output this year's School Improvement Process (SIP). Doing so will help position St. John for further success as it embarks on its 50th Anniversary year as a school.

My experiences are: The last two years on the School Advisory Board as the Legislative Liaison, Strategic Planning chair, technology committee member, and being involved in the SIP process has been very rewarding. I am confident that my more than 20 years of experience as a management consultant specializing in Finance and Performance Management will continue to add considerable value to St. John of the Cross.

I will also continue to draw on previous experience as a leader on three other not-for-profit boards as a School Advisory Board member:

- ... 1313 Ritchie Court Condominium Board of Directors Treasurer
- ... Chicago Jaycees Board of Directors
- ... Rebuilding Together "Metro Chicago formerly Christmas in April" Metro Chicago

Education: University of Illinois, B.S.

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Youth Catechesis Council Candidates

There are four positions open on the Youth Catechesis Council. Please affirm these three candidates willing to serve for a three year term.



Sharon Gardner

My name is Sharon Gardner. My husband Jerry, and two sons Mitchell, 11 and Evan 9, and I have been members of St. John of the Cross since moving to Western Springs four years ago. Although St. John of the Cross was much larger than our previous parish, we immediately found it to be warm and welcoming. Be it small prayer group, Lenten fish fry, or YC to name a few, we feel the parishioners of St. John of the Cross are our faith family. We have been beneficiaries of the YC program over the years both in classes for our boys, as well as guidance with our FFC participation. I feel honored to give back what I can to such a worthwhile program.



Katie Larmon

Regards fellow Saint John of the Cross Parishioners. My name is Katie Larmon. I appreciate being considered for an upcoming vacancy on our Youth Catechesis Council. My husband Kevin and I consider ourselves fortunate to be part of such a strong, welcoming, faith filled parish. We have been parishioners of St. John of the Cross for 10 years. Our two oldest children (5th grade and 3rd grade) have participated in the Youth Catechesis program since they turned six years old. Our youngest child (age 5) is looking forward to attending YC in the fall. I had the pleasure of teaching both 3rd and 4th grade Youth Catechesis classes for three years. Assisting as a Catechist at St. John of the Cross on a personal note has been incredibly spiritually rewarding and uplifting. As a family, it has boosted our faith and brought us closer to our SJC community.

Over the past four years, I have had the benefit of participating at Field Park School as Co-Chairman of the Education Enhancement Committee and other various PTO committees, aiding monthly with food distribution to a local food pantry, coaching and managing for Western Springs Little League and volunteering for local community events.

I look forward to bringing dedication, ideas, and classroom experience in faith education to Saint John of the Cross Youth Catechesis Council.



Nancy Montana

Hi I'm Nancy Montana! My husband and I have been members of St. John of the Cross parish for the last 12 years. In the past I have been a member of St. John's Hospitality Committee. Our six-year-old daughter is just completing her Kindergarten year in St. John's Youth Catechesis program with me as her teacher. I have thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being a Youth Catechist this past year and would like to continue to contribute to the program as a member of the Youth Catechesis Council. My husband and I are members of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago Maternity and Adoption Guild and I assist my husband with the First Look for Charity committee responsibilities and also volunteer with them whenever I can. I am a room mom and am on the current board of the Springdale Civic Association. I am also a sales associate for the locally-based BargainsForMom.com website.

I look forward to continue serving St. John of the Cross parish on the YC Council. Thank you for your consideration.



Michelle Snorewicz

My name is Michelle Snorewicz. I would like to take part as a member of the YC Council here at SJC. Our family has been active members here over the past seven years. We are residents of Western Springs. My husband Ed and I have one daughter Emily who has been enrolled in the YC program for the past 6yrs. Over the last three years, I have enjoyed teaching YC in the 3, 4, and 5th grade class rooms here at SJC. We feel very privileged to be a part of such a successful, well rounded, and dedicated YC program and community.

I have been a nurse at Children's Memorial Hospital for over 20yrs.and enjoy each day I'm there. I am dedicated to not only our daughter's faith formation, but the continuation of mine in our YC program here at SJC.

Please consider me for the Council. Thank you.



38TH ANNUAL SJC GARAGE SALE



SATURDAY, JUNE 18TH - 9am to 2 p.m.

HALF PRICE/BAG SALE, MONDAY, JUNE 20 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The SJC 38th Annual Garage Sale will soon be here. Our past successes have been because of You! It is your generous donations of items, and your volunteer support with the sale, that keeps us going year after year. Check your closets, toy boxes, cupboards, attic, basement and garage for items to donate. Please separate and label your bags i.e. adult clothing, boys' clothes, houseware items, etc. Given the multitude of items received, this really saves us time! Give generously, give what you think others may want or need and please give items that are in usable condition.

The "mission" of the Garage Sale means giving to those in need, it means respecting others less fortunate, it means bringing together volunteers in a "Christian" spirit, it means raising funds to support local charities within our community, it means supporting the parish as a whole, it means ... making a difference in the lives of others!

DONATION DROP OFF HOURS AT THE SCHOOL

DATES

Saturday, June 11th

Monday thru Wednesday, June 13th - 15th

Thursday, June 16th

Friday, June 17th

TIMES

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and

5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ONLY

NO DROP OFFS PLEASE!

Large Item Pick-ups will be made by "volunteer" crews. Volunteers/vehicles are needed. Call Connie Madden 708-246-4363 to offer your services. To schedule a pick-up Monday 6/13th - Wednesday 6/15th call Marian Orth 708-246-2160 or Connie Madden 708-246-4363 The last day to request pick up is Saturday, June 11th. Donation receipts available.

ITEMS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ACCEPT:

- Stained/torn/damaged items i.e. clothing/linens
- Stained/torn/damaged undergarments and stuffed toys
- Console stereos, console TVs, electric organs, typewriters
- Humidifiers, shutters, mattresses
- Large appliances (stoves, microwave ovens, washers/dryers, etc.)
- Artificial Christmas trees/stands, skis/ski boots, trophies
- Computers (not more than 7 years old), CRT monitors
- Construction materials, metal shelving/cabinets/desks
- Large metal filing cabinets
- Torn/stained upholstered furniture or rugs
- Non-motorized treadmills, exercise bikes
- Bikes not in working condition
- Textbooks, magazines, encyclopedias
- Tires, fireplace equipment
- Items with missing pieces/parts
- Perishable/non-perishable food items
- Traverse drapery rods, kitchen cupboards
- Food/perishables

Questions, please call Garage Sale Co-Chairs Mary Beth White, 708-246-6339, Gia Schurla, 708-351-1891 or Laurie Klawfta, 708-784-0667.

Thank you for your support — SJC Women's Club!

Volunteers Needed for the 38th Annual SJC Garage Sale

We need your help! Believe it or not ... it's fun, it's crazy, it's truly an amazing event you won't want to miss out on. You'll meet and make new friends. But more importantly, you'll help by giving back to the community and the Parish!

Here are the volunteer hours for the 38th Annual SJC Garage Sale. No need to sign up in advance. Come when you can. An hour ... or two ... or more - on any or all days. Any time you can give is greatly appreciated. Free babysitting available. Contact Rita Forster, 708-246-4519 if interested.

Pre-Sale Shopping Night -- If you work six or more hours, you may purchase items before the main sale on Friday, June 17th from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Volunteer Meeting - May 17 at 6:45 p.m. for Room Chairs ... 7:30 p.m. for General Volunteers in Parish Center. Please come if you can!

Student Volunteers -- Call for Service hours. You will use a separate sign up sheet.

7th graders or older wanting to volunteer or to baby-sit, call Ms. Maureen Chopp (708) 246-7280.

General Garage Sale/Volunteer Questions -- Please call

Mary Beth White 708-246-6339, Gia Schurla 708-351-1891 or Laurie Klawfta 708-784-0667.

Organization/Room Set-Up Days

Fri., June 10 th	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Wed., June 15 th	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Sat., June 11 th	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Thurs., June 16 th	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Mon., June 13 th	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	Fri., June 17 th	Anytime between 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Tues., June 14 th	9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.		

Day of the Sale —June 18th, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Half Price/Bag Sale

June 20st 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Clean Up

June 20st 1:00 p.m. to 5:00/6:00 p.m.

(Note: For the days of the sale, please let a Garage Sale Co-Chair or Room Chair know of your availability i.e. hours you can work)

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The Gift that was Henri Nouwen

Henri Nouwen was perhaps the most popular spiritual writer of the late 20th century and his popularity endures today. More than seven million of his books have been sold world-wide and they have been translated into 30 languages. Fifteen years after his death, all but one of his books remain in print.

Many things account for his popularity, beyond the depth and learning he brought to his writings. He was very instrumental in helping dispel the suspicion that had long existed in Protestant and Evangelical circles towards spirituality, which was identified in the popular mind as something more exclusively Roman Catholic and as something on the fringes of ordinary life. Both his teaching and his writing, helped make spirituality something mainstream within Roman Catholicism, within Christianity in general, and within secular society itself. For example, USA Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, has stated that his book, *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, is the book that has had the largest impact on her life.

He wrote as a psychologist and a priest, but his writings also flowed from who he was as a man. And he was a complex man, torn always between the saint inside of him who had given his life to God and the man inside of him who, chronically obsessed with human love and its earthy yearnings, wanted to take his life back. He was fond of quoting Soren Kierkegaard who said that a saint is someone who can “will the one thing”, even as he admitted how much he struggled to do that. He did will to be a saint, but he willed other things as well: “I want to be a saint,” he once wrote, “but I also want to experience all the sensations that sinners experience.” He confessed in his writings how much restlessness this brought into his life and how sometimes he was incapable of being fully in control of his own life.

In the end, he was a saint, but always one-in-progress. He never fit the pious profile of a saint, even as he was always recognized as a man from God bringing us more than ordinary grace and insight. And the fact that he never hid his weaknesses from his readers helped account for his stunning popularity. His readers identified with him because he shared so honestly his struggles. He related his weaknesses to his struggles in prayer and, in that, many readers found themselves looking into a mirror. Like many others, when I first read Henri Nouwen, I had a sense of being introduced to myself.

And he worked at his craft, with diligence and deliberation. Nouwen would write and rewrite his

books, sometimes five times over, in an effort to make them simpler. What he sought was a language of the heart. Originally trained as a psychologist, his early writings exhibit some of the language of the classroom. However, as he developed as a writer and a mentor of the soul, he began more and more to purge his writings of technical and academic terms and strove to become radically simple, without being sentimental; to be self-revealing, without being exhibitionist; to be deeply personal, yet profoundly universal; and to be sensitive to human weakness, even as he strove to challenge to what's more sublime.

Few writers, religious or secular, have influenced me as deeply as Henri Nouwen. I know better than to try to imitate him, recognizing that what is imitative is never creative and what is creative is never imitative. Where I do try to emulate him is in his simplicity, in his rewriting things over and over in order to try to make them simpler, without being simplistic. Like him, I believe that there's a language of the heart (that each generation has to create anew) that bypasses the divide between academics and the street and which has the power to speak directly to everyone, regardless of background and training. Jesus managed it. Nouwen sought to speak and write with that kind of directness. He didn't do it perfectly, nobody does, but he did do it more effectively than most. He recognized too that this is a craft that must be worked at, akin to learning language.

I dedicated my book, *The Holy Longing*, to him, with this tribute: He was our generation's Kierkegaard. He helped us to pray while not knowing how to pray, to rest while feeling restless, to be at peace while tempted, to feel sated while still anxious, to be surrounded by light while still in darkness, and to love while still in doubt.

If you are occasionally tortured by your own complexity, even as your deepest desire is to “will the one thing”, perhaps you can find a mentor and a patron saint in Henri Nouwen. He calls us beyond ourselves, even as he respects how complex and difficult that journey is. He shows us how to move towards God, even as we are still torn by our own earthly attachments.

Rev. Ron Rolheiser, OMI

Oblate Father Ron Rolheiser, theologian, teacher, and award-winning author, is President of the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, TX. He can be contacted through his website www.romrolheiser.com.



Annual SJC Garage Sale

Saturday, June 18th, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Monday, June 20th, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Please join us for this parish-wide event and keep this annual tradition a great success!

Currently we are looking for Room Chairs and/or Co Chairs for **Boutique, Jewelry, and Toys**. Grab a friend or two to work with you. Believe it or not, you'll have fun and find the experience very rewarding. We are also looking for as many volunteers as possible for a couple of hours to help after the event preparing items for the charities. Anyone interested in volunteering may call Mary Beth White at 708-246-6339. High school and college students are welcome!

Save the Date! Garage Sale Meeting for all Room Chairs, Co-Chairs, Specialty Coordinators is May 17th at 6:45 p.m. — General Volunteers meeting following at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone. Refreshments will be served.

Not sure what the Garage Sale is about? Join us at 7:30 p.m. for the General Volunteers meeting.

Start saving brown paper bags, plastic bags and nice shopping bags of all sizes.



Next Circle of Friends Meeting

Thursday, May 26

Parish Center, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

Sue Bidstrup from the SJC Youth Catechesis Program will lead a discussion on ways to create a positive, faithful home for our children.

The Circle of Friends Mom's Club is a new group that is sponsored by the Women's Club of SJC. It is open to any mom in the parish with young children at home, with at least one child ages kindergarten and under. Kids are welcome to attend. If you are not currently on our email list, please contact susan.sherlock@gmail.com or jkravcik@gmail.com to be added to the list.

We hope to see you soon.

St. John of the Cross

708-246-4404 www.stjohnofthecross.org

Mass Schedule

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m., 12:15, 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. and 5:00pm (*Sun. Anticipatory*)
(*Children's Liturgy of the Word at Saturday, 5pm, Sunday, 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses. Babysitting at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. in the Rectory Garden Room.*)

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.

Gluten free hosts are available. Inquire in the sacristy before Mass.

Prayer Opportunities

Adoration: Every Monday 2:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(*Divine Mercy Chaplet at 2:30 and Rosary, 8:45 p.m.*)

Christian Meditation: Wednesday, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.;
Saturday, 7:00 a.m.

Rosary: Daily before & after the 7:45 a.m. Mass.

Saturday before and after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Parish Center Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Weekends: Saturday 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Sunday 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Mass Intentions and Sacramental Inquiries:

Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Weekends

Sacraments

Reconciliation: Saturday: after the 8:00 a.m. liturgy

Anointing of the Sick: Call the Parish Center. A Minister of Care is also available to bring Communion to our parish sick and homebound.

Marriage: Contact the Parish Center one year in advance and prior to making any other arrangements.

Baptism: Call the Parish Center to schedule preparation sessions and baptism date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Adults inquiring about becoming Roman Catholic may call the Parish Center.

All Are Welcome!

Handicapped parking is located along the north wall of the church. A push-bar automatic entrance is located at the northeast corner of church. Personal hearing devices are available from the ushers.

Lord Hear Our Prayer

Pray for our Sick

Dennis Augustine	R. W. McClellan
Terry Aversa	John Munch
Eileen Biros	Diana Nawrocki
Mary Kathryn Biros	Russ Niesen
Annabelle Boehnke	Teresa Peterson
Ed Carpenter	Marge Pipal
Vera Caschetta	Gary Poore
Judy Cranston	Peter Quinn
Ryder Federico	Rick Reimer
Jacob DiFranco	Leona Rompala
Justin Donnelly	Fabian Saldana
Jack Gibbons	Fred Sheehan
Patricia Barnes Gibbs	Bruce Siefert
Kathy Gorski	Norma Sumpay
Dean Grilli	Betty Sulak
Bruce Harken	Pat Surdyk
Owen Hollinger	Patrick Synnott
Jacob M. Joyce	Joyce Szot
Loucine Kassis	Joyce Tischler
Phyllis Kelley	Stephanie Wall
Kathryn Mahoney	Francesca Principe-Wegner
John Makar	Patricia Wilson
Meredith Mangold	Joan Workman
Matt Marshall	Amy Zavisin

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Betty Ann Bennett, mother of Joan Sewall
Dixie Haddad, mother of Michele Slattery
Marian Haddad, grandmother of Michele Slattery
Gail-Lynne Marvin, wife of William
John Redling, father of Barb Campbell
Estelle Thomas, grandmother of Michele Slattery

Baptisms

Vaughan Stephen, son of David & Nikki (DiBartelo) Alessi
Gavin Robert, son of Ryan & Kari (Rozak) Gough
Dermot James, son of Mark & Tricia (Foster) Monahan
James John, son of Brian & Kristen (Best) Threlkeld

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 16

6:30 Purgatorial
7:45 Kevin McGuire

Tuesday, May 17

6:30 Parishioners
7:45 Barb Dubec

Wednesday, May 18, St. John, I

6:30 Florence Devine
7:45 Alice Sobey

Thursday, May 19

7:45 Helen Hayes; Jacobo Perez

Friday, May 20. St. Bernardine of Siena

7:45 Gloria T. Oshell; Vicki Lange

Saturday, May 21, St. Christopher Magallanes

8:00 Chuck McGregor; Frederick & Loretta Englehart
5:00 John Fash; David Snyder

Sunday, May 22, Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Linda Lyke; Lynn Waszak
9:00 Dorothy Budziak; Pat Mahoney
10:45 Alfred Shafranski; Roy & Betty Cook; Joanne Dees
12:15 Peter Fiflis
5:00 Joseph Levato; Silvio Morales, Sr.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33; 1 Pt 2:4-9;
Jn 14:1-12

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Our Legacy

A TRIBUTE TO YESTERDAY, A COMMITMENT TO TOMORROW

We have been blessed to receive this sacred space that enables us to fulfill our parish mission. It is our turn to show gratitude to those who came before us and to provide for the generations to come by renewing and strengthening our spiritual home. This will be *Our Legacy*.

PLEASE JOIN US

In this 50th Anniversary Year, we invite everyone to be a part of this parish gift that will serve as a lasting tribute to our years as a Parish. We need your support at whatever level you are comfortable giving.



Our Legacy PROJECTS WILL INCLUDE:

- Etching a quote of Fr. Bennett's into the glass panel above the Narthex doors. *Already donated.*
- Refurbishing the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Cost: \$20,000
- Renewing the Mary Chapel. Cost: \$9,000
- Illuminating the Church by dramatically improving the lighting throughout our church building. Cost: \$290,000
- Reshaping the Community Room. Cost: \$72,000
- Refinishing our wooden entrance doors. Cost: \$11,000
- Updating our Sacristy. Cost: \$32,000
- Improving ladies' and men's rooms. Cost: \$10,000
- Installing new pneumatic controls for the heating and air system. Cost: \$21,000
- Upgrading the sound system. Cost: \$24,000
- Enhancing the exterior. Cost: \$27,000



Campaign Goal: \$525,000

HOW CAN YOU BE A PART OF *Our Legacy*?

You will receive a letter along with a brochure that has more details about the Campaign. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this parish gift, and complete and return a commitment card. We have more information on our website at www.stjohnofthecross.org or you can contact one of our Campaign contacts: Dave Bennett or Dan Cochran, at 708-292-1100 or at legacycampaign@stjohnofthecross.org.