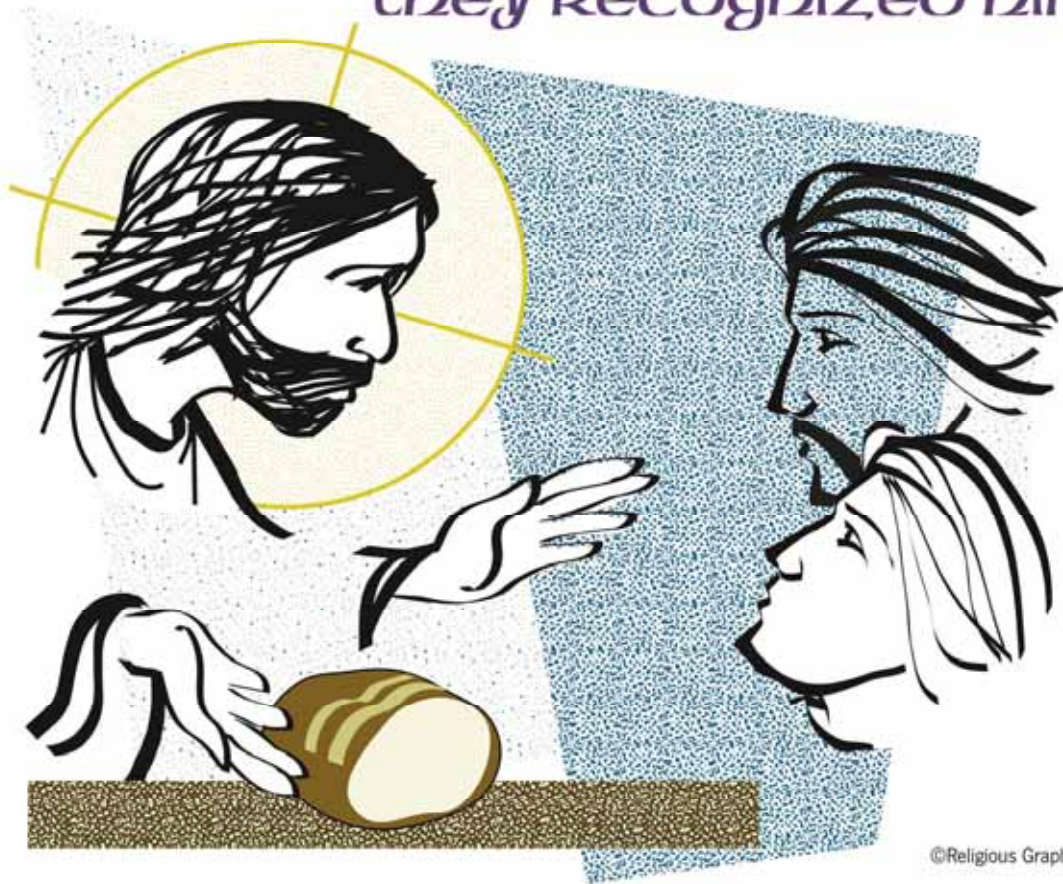


St. John of the Cross Parish

May 8, 2011
Third Sunday of Easter

*when he BROKE the BREAD
and said the BLESSING,
their eyes were opened and
they recognized him.*



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From the Desk of the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

'The merry month of May': well, if 'merry' means busy it is a very merry month. This is the first of two weekends with over 220 second graders celebrating their First Holy Communions. In order to accommodate each family with its own pew so that the first communicant can receive communion with two adults from their families (mostly mom and dad but not always) we will have a total of five celebrations. This is now the third year that we have done it this way and parents and grandparents love it almost as much as the second graders do.

The teachers and catechists do a tremendous job in getting the children prepared. Last weekend the Men's Club hosted an appreciation luncheon for all the catechists as the Youth Catechesis program finishes the year. (The day school has about five more weeks before the 'Alleluia Chorus' of the beginning of summer break.) Thank you to the administrators in each program, their staffs, faculties and catechists for the loving preparation you gave to these children for two sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist) this year.

Today, the second Sunday in May, is traditionally the celebration of Mother's Day. The history of Mother's Day in our country, with origins that stretch to antiquity, goes back nearly a century and a half. Rooted in the post-Civil war, which suffered the greatest loss of human life in the history of our country's wars, here is a portion of how Julia Ward Howe tried to rally women's support for establishing Mother's Day in 1870:

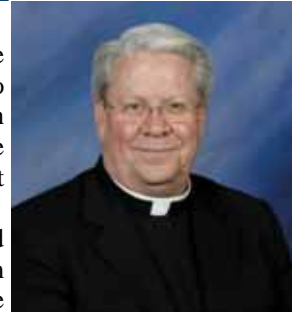
*"We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands shall not come to us reeking of carnage,
For caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of
charity, mercy and patience.
"We women of one country
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."*

We celebrate all women who transmit life, living and deceased. We desperately need them to teach all of us 'of charity, mercy and patience.'

The month of May is also traditionally the time of ordinations to the diaconate and priesthood. Fr. Joe celebrated the 56th anniversary of priesthood ordination last week. Amazing. This year we have two ordinations to celebrate in the next few weeks. Both Elliott Dees and Filbert Ngwila will be ordained priests at Holy Name Cathedral on Saturday, May 21st. You are all invited to celebrate Elliott's Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday May 22. Filbert's Mass of Thanksgiving will be at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 28th. You will certainly hear more about those events as the month unfolds.

May Crowning, graduation celebrations, family weddings and showers (maybe even accompanied by warm weather) will keep this a busy month. Congratulations to all who are marking mile stones, sacramental, familial, personal. Happy, merry month of May.

Peace,
Fr. David



*I thank you, Lord Jesus, for becoming a human being
so I do not have to pretend or try to be God.
I thank you, Lord Jesus, for becoming finite and limited
so I do not have to pretend that I am infinite and limitless.
I thank you, crucified God, for becoming mortal
so I do not have to try to make myself immortal.
I thank you, Lord Jesus, for becoming inferior
so I do not have to pretend that I am superior to anyone.
I thank you for being crucified outside the walls,
for being expelled and excluded like the sinners and outcasts,
so you can meet me where I feel that I am,
always outside the walls of worthiness.*

First Mass of Thanksgiving

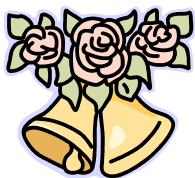
Friends in Christ,

It is with joy and gratitude in my heart that I am writing to personally invite all of you to a Mass of Thanksgiving, to be celebrated by our son, Elliott Richard Dees. The Mass is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd at 10:45 a.m. at St. John of the Cross Parish. Elliott will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago on Saturday, May 21st at Holy Name Cathedral.

We hope that you will join our family as we celebrate this very special weekend in the life of our son, Elliott. Many of you remember him as an infant when he would sit on my lap during the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Who could have guessed that boy would then become an altar server, sacristan, YC classroom assistant, Parish Center receptionist and now, finally, a priest. You have watched him grow spiritually as his catechists, friends and fellow parishioners. You have journeyed and prayed with/for him these past four years as he has prepared for the priesthood. Someone once said that "It takes a village to raise a child," and in my experience, I have found this sentiment to be nothing less than true. With both the help and guidance of his Church family throughout the years, and knowing that God has always watched over him, Elliott is well prepared to serve God's people through his ministry as a priest.

In appreciation of your help in Elliott's spiritual journey, there will be a reception immediately following the Mass in the Parish Center. We hope that you will join us and accept this gesture as a huge "Thank You" from Elliott's family for all that you have done. Your thoughts and prayers are much needed as he begins his first assignment as an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Glenview on July 1st.

Fondly,
Christina (Dees) Turlek



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.

Loving God,

we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us, whose love is so precious that it can never be measured, whose patience seems to have no end. May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them. We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love or time, or patience. We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.



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

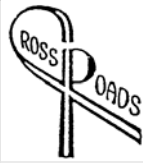
From Memorial Day through Labor Day inclusive, which is Sunday, May 29th through Sunday, September 4 this year, there will be no 12:15 p.m. Mass. The 12:15 p.m. Mass will return to the schedule on Sunday, September 11, the weekend following Labor Day.

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.

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May 15 End of the Year 5pm Mass and Pizza and activities afterwards

May 22 Leader's End of the year dinner and meeting 6pm Parish Center

Summer Activities to-be-announced —stay tuned!

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

All home group 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!

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our Easter Basket Service project such a success!



Our team of leaders:
Dan Duquette,
Laurie Klufta,
Molly McDonnell

**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

& Melissa Schwartz did a fabulous job putting the afternoon together!

Everyone enjoyed the smiles & sentiment of bringing joy to kids!



Are you an adult who has read about our work tours and been curious about joining one?

There could be an opportunity for you to join a local trip to our Sharing Parish Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero, IL June 12-17

We will hold an informational meeting Thursday May 12, 7p.m. in the Parish Center Basement.

Dear Mom,
I know I just slammed the door, rolled my eyes, and didn't listen to you.
I know you dislike it, but it's my unique way of saying even though I'm growing up I still love you. Love,
your teenager





SJC fifth graders completed their study of colonial and frontier life and created models of life during this period in American history.



SJC 5th –8th graders presented a concert and talent show, culminating their year in music classes. Everyone enjoyed the performances!

This Week at SJC

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| May 9 | First Communion Day of Preparation
Parish Center, 9-12:00 noon

Athletic Board Meeting
School, 7:00 p.m. |
| May 11 | Baton Show
School, 11:40 a.m. |
| May 12 | Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
School, 9:00 a.m.

First Holy Communion Practice
Church, 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. |
| May 14 | First Holy Communion
Church, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. |

Our Good Friend Fr. John McGivern Seeks our Help

My dear friends at St. John of the Cross Parish,

Happy Easter! I hope that this Easter Season will be filled with resurrection joy for you.

I am writing, as in past years, to seek your help. My current parish of St. Edmund's in Oak Park, continues to face many challenges. One of the ways that we address our financial needs is through an annual fundraiser held, this year, on May 14th. The fundraiser income is not *extra* income for us, but goes directly into our operation budget. One day, I hope that it will help us with extra, but right now, it simply keeps us meeting our basic needs.

Might you be willing to help me and St. Edmund's? If you wouldn't mind helping and you are able to do so, there are many ways to make it happen. You can:

- ... purchase a raffle ticket for \$50 (for the possibility of winning, \$5,000, \$3,000 or \$2,000).
- ... make an outright donation to the event.
- ... attend the event. I would love to see you!

There are several ways to offer your contribution:

- ... E-mail me at jwmcgivern@stedmund.org
- ... Mail your gift to my attention at St. Edmund Parish:
188 S. Oak Park Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302
- ... Log on to www.events.org/stedmundEE

Whether you are able to help or not, I'd appreciate your prayers for the success of the event.

Though time continues to pass, and it is now almost 7 years since I ministered among you as your Associate Pastor, my deep affection for you remains so strong. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you, and I hope you'll remember me in prayer on occasion too.

In Christ,

Fr. John McGivern

Manna Tuesday on May 3, 17 and 31

Pick up on the following Thursday. Save on tuition while you shop! Now you will have more time to plan your shopping.

You may purchase shopping certificates from restaurants, entertainment and travel to retail, grocery stores and automotive from over 100 vendors.

All Manna forms area available on the SJC Website.

You're Invited

All YC families
are encouraged to join us
as we

Celebrate
our
Closing Mass
on
Monday, May 9th
6:30 p.m.
in the church

Come to join in fellowship, say farewell to
your catechists and friends and to
celebrate our love for Our Lord Jesus!



Another Great
YC Year

YC appreciates our Catechists!!

Sunday, May 1st was a day of joy! The Catechist Appreciation luncheon was hosted by the YC Council members as a heartfelt thank you to all those incredible people who give their time for our children at YC. The Parish Center was filled with volunteers and families of catechists from YC this past year. Volunteers from Sunday AM, Monday PM, Family Faith connections, Preschool and Home groups filled the room. St. John of the Cross is blessed with the talents of over 200 parishioners that give their time to the YC children.

They had a celebration to end the year!
Grateful appreciation to our YC Council members and especially to Jeremie Sands and Colleen Fritzsche for creating such a beautiful, welcoming atmosphere. Thank you to the Men's Club for grilling hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers once again this year! Thank you to all the Junior High helpers and YC families that donated, served, cleaned and were willing to do anything to help for the luncheon. May you have a peaceful summer!

Thank You!!





The Well is a regional Center for the telling of the Universe Story, where people of all faiths and cultures are invited to recognize and affirm our communion with God and all creation; to experience an atmosphere for spiritual, physical, and emotional wholeness and to participate in the Sacred processes of healing and caring for earth and her people.



What is the
Universe Story?
Come and Learn.



Sacred Universe Intensive I

Tues., May 10: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Wed., May 11: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

This introductory intensive class, facilitated by Bridget Sperduto, will provide an insight into the God of the Universe, the God “within,” the God who is closer to us than we might dare to imagine. The story of creation will come alive and bring new theological understanding and meaning into your life.

Cost: \$75

Sacred Universe Intensive II

Thurs., May 12: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Mon., May 16; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

This class with Bridget Sperduto builds on the insights from Part I, and will explore the role of the human in the Universe Story, introduce some aspects of the Earth Charter, and embody the wisdom needed to address the present ecological crisis.

Cost: \$75

The Well

1515 W. Ogden Avenue
LaGrange IL

To register for either or both programs - call 708-482-5048
or the website at <http://www.csjthewell.org>

Thank you from the Congregation of Holy Cross Church and Mission Center

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous support of Holy Cross Mission Center and the aids ministry at Holy Cross Church. Your gift of \$1,000 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.

Today's world is filled with turmoil and fear. Our concern for the dignity of every human being as God's cherished child directs our care to victims of every injury: prejudice, warfare, ignorance, infidelity, abuse, natural calamity....

Christ was anointed to bring good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, restoration for every broken victim. Our efforts, which are His, reach out to the afflicted and in a preferential way to the poor and the oppressed. We come not just as servants but as their neighbors, to be with them and of them... The Constitutions of the Congregation of Holy Cross 2:13-15

Whether it is building a school in Uganda, caring for the poor in Bangladesh, serving as Director of Professed Formation in Kenya, or parish work in Chile, Holy Cross is spreading the Good News, the cross is "Our Only Hope."

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

God Bless,
Fr. Leonard Oloboi C.S.C.

Are you an adult who has read about our work tours and been curious about joining one?

There could be an opportunity for you to join a local trip to our Sharing Parish Mary Queen of Heaven in Cicero, June 12-17

We will hold an informational meeting Thursday, May 12, 7 p.m. in the Parish Center Basement.

Off the Street Club" needs our help again....

"Off the Street Club" is:

The oldest boys and girls club in the Chicagoland area. Servicing over 3,000 youth a year, the club was founded 1900 on one basic principle: to get inner-city children "off the streets" and away from the constant dangers of gangs, drugs, high crime and violence.

The club needs a number of items for the summer camp it has for the children:



TOP OF THE WISH LIST

GENTLY USED or NEW TWIN SHEETS, PILLOW CASES, PILLOWS

Swim suits (new or gently used – toddler through young adult)

Swim goggles
Mosquito repellent

They can be dropped off at the Parish Center in the back of the Church or at the YC office in designated boxes beginning May 1st through May 13th

Questions, Contact: Debbie Pusinelli (708) 246-6760 or pusinelli@sjc.pvt.k12.il.us

Leverage the Power of LinkedIn to Accelerate Your Job Search

Interfaith Career Network (ICN) invites you to learn about LinkedIn on Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. LinkedIn is a valuable business networking tool that enables job seekers and business professionals to expand their business and professional contacts. This informative program will provide both new and experienced users valuable insights on how LinkedIn can open new business opportunities:

- Learn what LinkedIn is and why you need to use it
- Understand making connections and invitations
- Learn how to "ask" your network for introductions
- Get a grip on groups – what they are, how to use
- Learn the difference between invitations and introductions

Learn the answer to "How can I find...?"

This program is open to all and there is no fee for attending. Please join us at St. John of the Cross Parish Center, 5005 South Wolf Road in Western Springs. For further information on ICN job support programs, please visit our website at www.interfaithcareernetwork.org

Women's Club



Annual SJC Garage Sale

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

16th Annual Flower Sale

All flower orders will be available for pick-up on **Thursday, May 12th from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the handicapped parking lot north of the church.**

There will also be a limited quantity of hanging baskets, annuals and potted plants available for purchase the day of the sale. Make sure you come early for the best selection. Any plants not picked up that day will be donated so please make arrangements if you are unable to be there that day. Thank you for your support!

Happy planting!

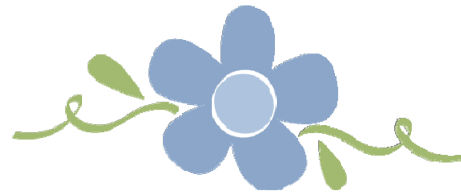


**Next Circle of Friends Meeting
Thursday, May 26**
Parish Center, 9:15-10:30 a.m.

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.



Catholic Campaign for Immigration Reform

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



"Families can be separated for up to 22 years because of visa backlogs. Some of the longest wait times for family members are for family members from China, India and the Philippines."

U.S. Department of State-July 2009

http://travel.state.gov/visa/bulletin/bulletin_4512.html



Office for Immigrant Affairs and Immigration Education

3525 S. Lake Park Ave, Chicago, IL 60653
Elena Segura (312) 534-5333, esegura@archchicago.org



Parish Elections 2011

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 Klawta

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-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.

Parish Elections 2011

Youth Catechesis Council Candidates

There are four positions open on the School Board. 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 20 yrs. 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 Klafra, 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 18 th , 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.			
Half Price/Bag Sale		Clean Up	
June 20 st	9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	June 20 st	1:00 p.m. to 5:00/6:00 p.m.
<i>(Note: For the <u>days</u> of the sale, please let a Garage Sale Co-Chair or Room Chair know of your availability i.e. hours you can work)</i>			

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



Thank you for participating in Adult Service Day. With more than 28 energetic and willing volunteers, we were able to:

- ... Clear the school basement of discarded items.
- ... Paint 2 stairwells and a kitchen at Helping Hand
- ... Wash windows at homes of local senior citizens
- ... Unclogged sinks and fixed toilets

Those we helped were delighted and grateful for your time and effort. Both Lisa and I appreciate your time. Even though we had to cancel the outdoor projects due to the weather, we made a difference in the lives of many in our community.

Our Adult Service Day was part of the 50th Anniversary year of events for our parish and we really made a difference. From your enthusiasm and the enthusiasm of those we helped, I will follow up after our anniversary ends to see if this should become an annual event!

Lisa Den Besten Andrea Gagliani
Coordinators

**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

- ... Taste of SJC
- ... Kids Games
- ... Entertainment
- ... Rides & more



Stay for the Music

- Thursday, July 21st Battle of the Bands
 - Friday, July 22nd Infinity
 - Saturday July 23rd American English
- Can you volunteer?***



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

This Week @ SJC

Monday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Day of Preparation
- 2:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Journaling
- 3:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday, May 10

- 1:30 p.m. Sr. Josephine's Bible Study
- 3:00 p.m. Rosary
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:30 p.m. Parish Council

Wednesday, May 11

- 8:00 a.m. Community Memorial Leadership Training
- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study—Revelations
- 1:00 p.m. School Project
- 1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 2:00 p.m. Christian Meditation
- 7:30 p.m. Christian Meditation

Thursday, May 12

- 9:30 a.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study
- 3:30 p.m. Girl Scouts
- 7:30 p.m. Fr Kieran Sunday Scripture Study

Saturday, May 14

- 7:00 a.m. Christian Meditation
- 11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion
- 2:00 p.m. First Holy Communion
- 6:00 p.m. Hospitality after Mass

Sunday, May 15

- Hospitality for Legacy Campaign after all Masses
- 4:00 p.m. End of the Year Mass & Dinner

Eucharist with Fr. Barron on EWTN
Three part series airs May 17, 18 and 19, 5:30 p.m.

Mass for Mentally Ill Persons To Honor Patron St. Dymphna

A Mass will be celebrated in honor of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of persons with mental illnesses, on Monday, May 16, 8:45 a.m., at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N. Sauganash Ave., Chicago. A relic of St. Dymphna will also be displayed for veneration. The St. Dymphna Society and the Chicago Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness invite all mentally ill persons and their families and friends to attend. For more information, call Jim and Shirley Weber at: (773) 777-6022.

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

Eternal Rest Grant unto These, O Lord

Betty Ann Bennett, mother of Joan Sewall
Ione Silko, former parishioner

Mary Pat McGuire, sister-in-law of Sheila & Tom Hansen
Marie Pekar

Anthony Lullo, father of Rosemarie Hauston, Cathy
 Ratcliffe, Anthony Lullo, Jr.

Baptisms

Caroline Elizabeth,

daughter of Patrick & Anne (Garagiola) Grady

Benjamin Vatter, son of Daniel & Margo (McNulty) Heyden

Harper Olivia, daughter of Jason & Misty (Meyers) Lee

Thomas Reynolds, son of Andrew & Lauren (Reynolds) Hunt

Mass Intentions

Monday, May 9,

6:30 Bill Fehrman

7:45 Harry Jamrozik

Tuesday, May 10, St. Damien

6:30 Purgatorial

7:45 Gloria T. Oshell ; Steven Welsh

Wednesday, May 11

6:30 Parishioners

7:45 Mabel Petzold

Thursday, May 12, Ss. Nereus & Achilleus

7:45 Fred Baer; Anne Carl

Friday, May 13, Our Lady of Fatima

7:45 Dolores Rotolo

Saturday, May 14, St. Matthias

8:00 Deceased Parish School Families

5:00 Jim Tischler, Jr.

Sunday, May 15 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 Mary Jo Bowman; Fred Sandburg

9:00 Jack Scriba; Louis Scaramella

10:45 Steven Welsh; John Roche

12:15 John Orr; Susan Walsh

5:00 John Cunningham; Peter Fiflis

Italics—Living

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15:9-17

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23; 1 Pt 2:20b-25;
 Jn 10:1-10

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Our Legacy

A TRIBUTE TO YESTERDAY, A COMMITMENT TO TOMORROW

FOR FIFTY YEARS, ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PARISH HAS PROVIDED A SPIRITUAL HOME FOR THOUSANDS OF FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS. THIS 50TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR IS OUR OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW GRATITUDE TO THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE US AND TO PROVIDE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS BY RENEWING OUR CHURCH BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS.



HOW CAN YOU
BE A PART OF
Our Legacy?

TO LEARN MORE...

JOIN US THE WEEKEND OF MAY 14 AND 15 FOR MASS,
FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN THE PARISH CENTER.