

Pastor's Letter ... *On the Best Gift of All*

January 2016

Dear Parish Family,

Happy New Year! Our readings on this Feast of the Epiphany open the year on a radiant note. There is Isaiah's rich vision of the Lord's coming, and Matthew's familiar story of the overjoyed Magi journeying to Bethlehem to honor the baby Jesus with gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Today, believe it or not, you can still order gold, frankincense and myrrh gift-boxed from Amazon (\$59.95 plus shipping!). But you already have a gift for Jesus that is more precious than gold: the gift of yourself.

Our vibrant parish life encompasses dozens of ministries. Our Worship & Music lectors, musicians, ushers, servers, decorators and Eucharistic ministers give life to our liturgies. Our Parish Service ministers knit together the many members of our parish family – newcomers, homebound, disabled, bereaved, old and young – with warmth and welcome. Our Faith Formation ministries seek knowledge and understanding, striving to discern how to live a life of faith in today's world. Our Community Service ministries roll up their sleeves in a hundred ways in service, fun and fellowship.



Somewhere, in this mix, is a place for you and your gifts. Following is a list all of our parish ministries, and full descriptions of each are available at www.sjcparish.org. I invite you to explore these as your time permits and see what opportunity might be calling you.

Please know that any contribution you make has value. All answer Pope Francis's call to serve the Lord concretely.

And the shipping is always free.

Gratefully,
Fr. Ed

St. John Chrysostom Parish Ministries

Ministry	Leader	Email	Phone (610 unless noted)
Community Service			
Adopt a Family	Ann & Chuck Zech	zechann@aol.com	874-8693
Aid for Friends	Beth Brady	bbrady06@gmail.com	368-4669
CYO	Kate Raup	kateraup@yahoo.com	892-1129
Habitat for Humanity	Skip Corey	frank.corey@qmls.com	212-2999
Justice & Peace	Tony Medwid	tonymedwid@gmail.com	876-5892
Prayer Shawl	Paula Berger	paulaberger@comcast.net	872-4407
St. John's Hospice	Ellie & Bill Murray	emurr29@gmail.com	566-7626
St. Nicholas Project	Mary Chollet	mchollet@sjcparish.org	874-3418 x 106
St. Vincent dePaul	Joe & Mary Moody	joemoody203@yahoo.com	874-6643
Scouting	Steve Balmer (Cubs/Boys)	sbalmer123@gmail.com	565-4175
	Ann Marie Bodi (Girls)	riabodi@gmail.com	499-6717
Faith Formation			
Adult Enrichment	Mary Chollet	mchollet@sjcparish.org	874-3418 x 106
Drop-In Faith Sharing	Terrie Maisano	tvmm3@comcast.net	996-3049
Men's Bible Study	Dan Embon	dembon@verizon.net	872-6594
Pre-Cana	Joan O'Brien	obrien138@comcast.net	876-5727
PREP	Theresa Hedlund	thedlund@sjcparish.org	872-4673 x 131
RCIA	Elaine Mott	emott@sjcparish.org	874-3418 x 107
Respect Life	Pat Lockwood	patsy709@comcast.net	872-0322
Parish Service			
Bereavement	Theresa White	thw831@yahoo.com	874-6320
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	Cathy St. Clair (Monthly eNews)	papergardener@gmail.com	565-5279
	Glenn Ward (Providence Road e-sign)	ggward@comcast.net	215-399-6531
Healing Ministry	Rita Frey	rfrey@sjcparish.org	874-3418 x 110
Homebound Ministry	Theresa White	thw831@yahoo.com	874-6320
Hospitality	Toni Vitello	toniv@jamcater.com	764-5615
Knights of Columbus	Steve Spaulding	sspaulding001@gmail.com	742-6335
Married Couples	Jim & Bette Ortoleva	jimbeto@verizon.net	565-5328
Parish House Ministers	Pat Scotto	lpscotto@comcast.net	874-4174
Persons with Disabilities	Kristina Vacha	sjministry.kristina@aol.com	484-274-8957
Welcoming	Joan O'Brien	obrien138@comcast.net	876-5727
Widow Support Group	Vacant - Contact the Parish House.		874-3418
Youth Group	Renée Dennis	rdennis@sjcparish.org	874-3418
Worship + Music			
Adult Acolytes	Jean Mulcahy	rmulcahy@sjcparish.org	874-3418 x 105
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Church Environment	Jerriann DeCaro	jdecaro@comcast.net	565-6628
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Joyful Heart Band	Ken Margolis	ken362@comcast.net	891-0799
Lectors - Adult	Paul Fraatz	fraatzpt@comcast.net	302-383-2871
Lectors - Junior	Joan O'Brien	obrien138@comcast.net	876-5727
TV Ministry	Ken Margolis	ken362@comcast.net	891-0799
Ushers	Dave Hackett	david.hackett@bipc.com	565-6107
Worship	Fr. Ed Hallinan	ehallinan@sjcparish.org	874-3418
Youth Band	Donna Ward	wardonna@gmail.com	566-7020
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