



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
May 23, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
Pentecost Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

In Fall 2020, parishioners at St. John of the Cross were invited to pledge their support of the **Heart of a Shepherd** campaign. This \$30 Million campaign is an extraordinary effort to better meet and serve the needs of the St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries, current seminarians, and our newly-ordained and retired clergy via a renovation to the seminaries, support to clergy pensions, and relief for clergy tuition debt. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this campaign also seeks to support our parishes and raise funds for local needs for our own parish. As a result of our parish's outstanding generosity, we raised over **\$237,453 from 98 households and to date, we have received pledge fulfillments totaling \$89,108. Thank you!**



We are pleased to announce that as of April 2021, the campaign has secured **\$20 Million in commitments**, and we are confident we will achieve our vision for the Church in Cleveland and support our parishes that make up our Diocese across Northeast Ohio.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Thank you so much to parishioners who participated in the campaign and thank you to all who continue to pray for the success of this historic effort. We are humbled and inspired by your generosity and your love of our seminarians and priests. **Your timely pledge payments remain critically important.** The Catholic Community Foundation will work with you if you need assistance. Please know that you have plenty of options to fulfill your pledge, including via check, credit card, electronic fund transfer, IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution or through planned gifts from your estate or beneficiary designation of an IRA or life insurance policy.

If you have any questions about the **Heart of a Shepherd** campaign, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or HeartofaShepherd@catholiccommunity.org.

On the local parish level we have one of our Heart of the Shepherd projects complete, one in the works and one we are finalizing as you read. In December we completed installation of our LIVESTREAM equipment and software. Since then we have been livestreaming all of our Masses, funerals, and concerts. We were also able to Livestream the Advent Mission that have over 400 viewers each night! The ADA ramp and new entrance are currently being worked on. They hope to have it complete by Memorial Day, however as you may have seen in the news there are lots of delays in the construction industry because of material shortages. So we will have to be patient. Finally, Francesco and the music ministry continue to work with the company to design our new sound system. We hope to begin the install soon. One part of this new system is done and that is the tv monitors hanging from the ceilings. These are there to allow for visual participation in the words of the music, the readings and the parts of the Mass. In addition, they have provided some beautiful photography and imagery that help us to engage more in the season and themes of the Mass. Thank you very much for your immense generosity! These enhancements to our campus are extraordinary! And will help us as we seek to reinvigorate and refocus on Christ in our lives.

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, fan into flame the gifts I received in my Baptism and Confirmation.

I want to receive the fire of Your love as Your disciples did at Pentecost.

Come with wonder and awe, with wisdom, understanding, and counsel, with courage and faith in You.

Holy Spirit, may my actions witness to Your presence in my life.

Help me to see the ways my strengths can serve others in their weakness.

In all my interactions, I want to radiate love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Breathe new life into the world through me.

Amen.



CALL OF LOVE MINISTRY

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

Call of Love is a phone outreach ministry. It is a loving process to reach out to see how people are doing, and offer to pray for them.

How does it work?

Call of Love phone helpers will reach out to the entire parish community on a regular basis, asking this question: "We are calling to see how you are and if there is anything you want us to pray for."

As a Call of Love Minister, you would be calling parishioners and basically saying we love you and want to support you in prayer. Once up and running, this phone ministry becomes a true expression of stewardship. It is building relationships of love and belonging which is the heart of a vibrant parish.

There will be teams of 4 callers who will rotate making the calls on a monthly basis. There will be an initial training session.

Call of Love is both an outreach and prayer ministry. Each team will start with prayer and end the evening in prayer, as the team will pray for all those who were contacted.

Please consider this necessary ministry. We are not asking for a lifetime commitment. The estimated start up day is June of 2021.

Thank you,
Deacon Tom

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

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CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

The Bishops of Ohio Announce the Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation

May 13, 2021

As we move beyond the worst of the coronavirus pandemic and access to the COVID-19 vaccine has become more widespread, the time has arrived for the good of all the faithful when the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is no longer necessary.

Together, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated (CIC, can. 1247). This will take effect in each of the Dioceses of Ohio the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181). This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day (CIC, can. 1247) and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, home-bound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person. Kindly consult your pastor with any specific questions regarding the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

The book of Exodus reminds us to keep holy the Sabbath day (Exodus 20: 8-10). As Catholics, we are invited by God to gather together in community, and participate fully in the Sunday Eucharist, which is the "source and summit of the Christian life." "Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity. Together they testify to God's holiness and their hope of salvation. They strengthen one another under the guidance of the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2182).

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity to be worshipped, but rather a gift to the faithful for their spiritual well-being, eternal salvation and formation in our relationship with God and one another. To that end, Saint John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church—the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.

We are profoundly grateful to our pastors and all of the faithful for their flexibility, fidelity and great generosity in support of the mission of the Church throughout this unprecedented time. As we prepare for the reinstatement of the obligation to attend Mass, we are excited once again to gather together in person without restrictions in our parish churches, most fittingly on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. As we reflect on our Lord's goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

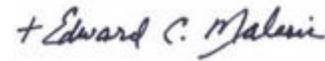
We welcome you back with great joy and eagerness!



The Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archdiocese of Cincinnati



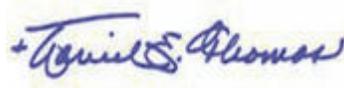
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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass Schedule

Mondays & Wednesdays: 8:30 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays:.....6:30 pm

Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with Eucharistic Adoration
8:45 am to 2:00 pm

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays:.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

Confessions

Saturdays:.....3:00 - 3:30 pm

MASS Intentions

Monday, May 24

8:30 AM (JB/TS)† For the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 25

6:30 PM (JB) † Joe Matejka

Wednesday, May 26

8:30 AM (JL) † Intentions of our Blessed Mother

Thursday, May 27

6:30 (JL/TS-P) † Tom O'Toole

Friday, May 28

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 8:45am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, May 29

4 PM (JL/TS) † Frank Parsons

Sunday, May 30

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Kate & Ken Buda

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † Vi Franko

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving.....\$2,067.00

Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$ 889.00

Faith Direct*-Giving.....\$

Faith Direct*-Maintenance.....\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted
twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

**Thanks for your generous support toward our
mission to serve God!**

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Parish Office Phone Number: 216-289-0770

Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm
Closed Wednesday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

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John Ballard
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John Hocevar
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Anna Jalovec
Nick Kaluza
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