



# Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143  
June 20, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish  
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Father's Day! I hope all the fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, godfathers, uncles and men who play that fatherly role in our lives have a great day! May they know our love and appreciation always. I am very blessed with a great Dad! I know that his example helps me to be the best priest that I can be.

The first of the *Chats with FJB, aka Fr. John*, start this week. St. John of the Cross' will be this Tuesday, June 22 at 7 pm and Ss. Robert & William will be this Wednesday, June 23 at 7 pm. **I hope to use these as casual, relaxed (hopefully outside) times to reconnect with you all.** I hope that we can just chat about what is on your mind, what are your concerns, what questions might you have for me, what ideas you have (as we seek to reinvigorate the parish and get back to evangelization and outreach), and anything else that is on your mind. There is no agenda per se. Just a time to chat and catch up with me and your fellow parishioners. So, mark you calendars, bring an chair (if it is going to be outside) and see you there!

**I am starting a Book Study this Monday, June 21 at 7 pm.** It is a short but profound book about the reality of the times we are living in. We are no longer in a pro-Christian world. While many wonderful Christian truths still are held, they have been secularized and used to promote certain agendas and ideologies. The challenge for us as Christian/Catholics is to continue to put Jesus' WAY-TRUTH-LIFE front and center. There is only one way, and it is Jesus Christ. The book compares the times we are in today to the times of the early apostles and disciples. They were bringing Jesus and his teachings to an anti-Christian world. A world that it was illegal to profess Jesus Christ. The book helps us to strategize as a parish community and in our own personal lives of how to bring the message of Christ to a world that may not want to hear it. It explores how we can stay true to Jesus Christ. The study and the book will help us to contextualize and inspire us in our daily lives and ministry. If you would like to attend, please call Anita or Karen in the parish office to get registered.

Don't forget to sell your raffle tickets for our Freedom Raffle. It is a 50/50 raffle called the SJC 50/50 Freedom Raffle. This is how it works: Tickets are \$10 each. The winner wins 50% of the ticket sales plus the \$5,000. So, you are guaranteed at least \$5,000! And the parish keeps 50% of the ticket sales. We will pull the winning ticket on July 4 at Noon. Tickets are available in the Gathering Space and/or the parish office. I am asking each registered family to considering purchasing or selling 10 tickets. Please return tickets to the parish office or put in the collection basket.

We will have a Freedom Party on July 4 to celebrate the USA, the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and the end of the pandemic. It will start with 10:15 am Mass at our outdoor shrine, followed by coffee, donuts, and fellowship. The 50/50 Freedom Raffle will be at Noon. Start your 4<sup>th</sup> of July with your parish family. Mark your calendar now!

Make it a great day! Hope to see you soon.

Peace,

Fr. John



## COVID 19 MASK UPDATE

As we emerge from the COVID 19 Pandemic, SJC no longer requires masks/facial coverings on its campus. However, we ask that you follow the guidance of your healthcare provider, local health department, and CDC to determine if it is advisable that you do still wear a mask or facial covering. SJC does not require employees and volunteers to receive the COVID 19 vaccination, nor do we track who has received it. We ask staff and volunteers to follow local health orders and the advice of their healthcare provider.



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS  
50/50 FREEDOM RAFFLE**

Here's your chance to win 50% of Total Ticket Sales, PLUS \$5,000!!  
Drawing will be held on July 4, 2021, at Noon at St. John of the Cross Parish  
140 Richmond Road Euclid, OH 44143  
\$10 per ticket, find tickets at Parish Office, After weekend Masses, or call the parish office.

**\*Winner need not be present to win!**

**SJOC FREEDOM CELEBRATION**

**JULY 4, 2021**

You are invited to attend the 10:15 am Mass at our Outdoor Shrine then join your fellow parishioners for Coffee & Donuts after Mass.  
Come celebrate the USA, the Fourth of July, and the end of the Pandemic.  
We will also hold our 50/50 Freedom Raffle in which you can win over \$5,000!  
Drawing at 12 Noon (Don't forget to get your tickets!)

**Bereavement Luncheons Are Back!**

Bereavement Luncheons have been a twice-monthly mainstay of Ss. Robert and William since 2010. After the loss of her husband Art, parishioner MaryEllen Fellenstein attended a parish-sponsored bereavement support group and decided to organize the luncheons as a way to keep people connected after their groups ended. So for about ten years, MaryEllen has been keeping the list of regular attendees, making out the schedule of restaurants, and taking the reservations. There are only two goals, enjoy one another and enjoy lunch! Like so many other things, the pandemic brought these great gatherings to a screeching halt. But now they are back! MaryEllen has passed the organization torch to Polly Thompson and a summer schedule has been created. So if you have attended an SRW/SJC bereavement support group and would like to join in these enjoyable afternoons, call the rectory at 216-731-1515 and we will send you a schedule and add you to our mailing list.

**SUMMER BOOK STUDY**

Summer Book Study with Fr. John: **From Christendom to Apostolic Mission** helps us understand that we are living in a new cultural situation: no longer in Christendom, where the momentum of culture will naturally help people move toward Christ and his Church, but in a post-Christendom culture that requires a mindset of Apostolic Mission to counteract the influence of culture to help people know, love and follow Jesus and his Gospel.

In short, this excellent book provides a substantial background from a history of culture perspective for why "Lifelong Catholic Missionary Discipleship through God's Love" is so important as the guiding vision for our lives. It pairs that historical understanding with helpful reflections of how we can respond today in our Diocese, parishes, schools and families and as individual missionary disciples.

Join Fr. John on Mondays (June 21, June 28, July 12, and July 19) at 7 pm at St. John of the Cross. It will be held outside near the shrine. If it is too hot or raining, we will meet in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Please call or email Anita at 216.731.1515 (alinsky@srweuclid.cc) or Karen at 216.289.0770 (kduke@sjceuclid.com) to reserve your space and arrange to get the book. We ask for a \$10 donation for the book.

**June 22, & Aug. 24**

**Summer Chats**  
With Fr. Goltz

In Shrine area from 7-8 pm...rain location Church Gathering Space.  
Come chat about the state of the world, the church, our parish. Bring any questions or concerns about the parish. Come to one, both, or all. Bring your own beverage to sip on, adult beverages okay!

## Mass, Picnic Buffet, & Captains Game

Join us on Sunday, 7/25 for Mass at the Captains Stadium at 11:00 a.m.! After Mass, enjoy the day with your family, parishioners and friends for the picnic that will start at 12:15 p.m.! The Captains' game will start at 1:30 p.m. Your ticket includes an all you can eat buffet. Join us for an afternoon of worship, food and fun! Contact Karen the parish office at 216-289-0770 x. 100 for information and purchase of the tickets.

Please note that because of this event, the 10:15 a.m. Mass here at St. John of the Cross on Sunday, July 25 is cancelled. The 7:45 a.m. Mass, however, remains scheduled as usual.



## THANK YOU



A great big "Thank-you" to all the volunteers who came together on June 12<sup>th</sup> to mulch the parish gardens. Also a special thanks to Deacon Tom who brought a whole team with professional equipment. We expected about 29 people but like the loaves and fishes, God provided many more. The weather was beautiful and the hauling and spreading of mulch was over quickly. That allowed us plenty of time for a picnic and conversation. Thank you to our Knights of Columbus who provided the refreshments.



## No Greater Love

*Sr. Dorothy Kazel  
Her Life, Ministry, and Mission*

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Join us as we celebrate Sr. Dorothy's 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday with pictures and stories that create a portrait of a woman whose baptismal identity brought her to the greatest act of love.

### Sponsored by the SRW/SJC LIFE Initiative

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Fr. Spenik is the Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Painesville. He is a graduate of John Carroll University, Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology. During his time living and working in El Salvador, Fr. Alex spent a considerable amount of time researching the lives of the Churchwomen martyrs. He developed this work into a thesis entitled "Enfleshing Christ: Ministry and Mission as Liberation in the life of Sr. Dorothy Kazel, OSU," which he passed in symposium with honors. Fiercely dedicated to the missionary work of the Church, particularly in Latin America, Fr. Alex's passion project has been the theological pursuit of honoring the sacrifice of the Four Churchwomen of El Salvador.

For more details about the presentation and Fr. Spenik visit our websites

[www.srweuclid.cc](http://www.srweuclid.cc) or [www.sjceuclid.com](http://www.sjceuclid.com)

Presented by

*Fr. Alex Spenik*

Wednesday, June 30,  
2021 — 6:30PM

Ss. Robert & William  
Catholic Church



### Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well. Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of

**William R. Donner.....Terry Donner**

### YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust' with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**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, June 21**

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P † Norma Sedar

**Tuesday, June 22**

6:30 PM (JB) † Jack Barni

**Wednesday, June 23**

8:30 AM (JL) † Mary Penko

**Thursday, June 24**

6:30 (JL/TS) † Vinko Paulic

**Friday, June 24**

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

**Saturday, June 26**

4 PM (Fr. Baugh/TS) † Frank Parsons

**Sunday, June 27**

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Lisa Kaluza

10:15 AM (JL/TS) † Dorothy Benic

**Our Financial Stewardship**

Last Week's Giving.....\$3,858.40  
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$3,602.40  
Faith Direct\*-1st half May Giving.....\$  
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**\*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 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.

**Our Deepest Sympathies to the**

**Family of:**

**Sam Ventura**

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.

***Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish***

Evelyn Adamczak  
John Ballard  
Noella Burrows  
Constance Durrah  
Frank Hiti  
John Hocevar  
Andrew Jarm  
Anna Jalovec  
Nick Kaluza  
Ronald Maxey  
Sheila Moore-Baka  
Katie Musarra

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