



# Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143  
July 18, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish  
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## MASS, PICNIC BUFFET, AND CAPTAINS GAME

Join us on Sunday, July 25, 2021, for Mass at the Captains' Stadium at 11:00 AM! An "all-you-can-eat" buffet will follow for 1.5 hours starting at 12:30 PM. The Captains' game will begin at 1:30 PM.

The tickets for the buffet and the game are as follows:

ADULTS:.....\$ 20

CHILDREN 4-12.....\$ 17

CHILDREN 3 AND UNDER = FREE

To purchase your tickets and to receive more information regarding our eventful day with God and the Captains, please call Karen at our office at 216-289-0770. All tickets must be prepaid at the time of your reservation. The last day we can accept any reservations and money is Monday, July 19, at 12 noon..

**GREAT NEWS!** The kids' area will be open, and the inflatables will be available! It will be \$ 6 if you buy the tickets in advance, or \$8 if you buy at the park.

All tickets will be held at Will-Call at the Captains' Stadium on the day of the game.

One more thing: to obtain parking tickets in advance, please call the Captains Box Office at 440-975-8085, directly.



**St. John of the Cross  
Next Community Meal  
Wednesday, July 21, 2021  
5 p.m. — Drive Through Only**



Congratulations to:

**Ron & Kathy Somich**  
winners of our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Freedom Raffle.  
They won \$10,582.50!

The parish raised \$5,582.50 for our parish ministries!

Thank you so much for all who bought tickets and participated! Much appreciated.

Dear Parishioners,

I hope your July is going well.

As I mentioned last week, I was recently asked to do a talk for a group of people in early August. The title will be *Lessons I Learned from leading a parish/school through the Pandemic*. As I began to write the talk realities began to set in. This past year has been one of the toughest years of my priesthood and pastoring. If you add the tensions and division of the recent election and the racial struggles to my plate, you had the perfect storm. As a priest, pastor and leader in our community, I had to navigate through uncharted territories. There was no playbook of how to handle the various realities we found ourselves in each day. Over these weeks, I am reflecting on these realities and where I succeeded and where I fell short in my leadership as well as help to chart a course moving forward. I am focusing in on three areas: pandemic (7/4 bulletin), racial issues (this week) and election (politics) (7/25 bulletin). In all three areas **I want to state sincerely and genuinely that if any way my words, choices, policies, decisions, etc. offended any one or caused anyone to stop coming to church or walk away from the parish, I offer my sincere apologies!** My intention would never be such. I am old enough to know that rarely are we all going to be on the same page, but my hope and intentions are always to unite and not divide. If you find yourself in this category or know someone that is, please encourage them to reach out and setup a time to meet with me so we can dialogue, heal and hopefully restore the relationship. As a pastor/shepherd that is my number one goal!



Regarding Racial Issues:

I have tried various ways of addressing the racial tensions we are facing in our country today. Some things have worked well and some not so well. My goal from the beginning has been, with all due respect to the many initiatives in the secular world and even some within the church, is to shout our Christianity from the rooftops. While movements, ideas and even reforms all have their place in a society, I believe the role of the church is to bring the voice of Christ and His Gospel to the world! I am thinking of that song *They will know we are Christians by our Love*. I believe to be authentically Christian/Catholic we need to be all out committed to:

- All lives are sacred from conception to natural death.
- All men & women are created with equal rights and duties.
- Vulnerable people/groups need our love/support.

We are called to love each human being, no matter what their background/state in life, and rooting this commitment in the Scriptures and Tradition centered on Jesus Christ.

As a Church, we need to think so much bigger than the just racial discrimination against one group or the other. We need to set as a goal to help parishioners and the wider community know that **All LIVES MATTER from WOMB to TOMB PERIOD!** We must love the child within the womb, the migrant, the immigrant, the death row inmate, the sick/suffering/dying, the mentally/physically challenged, the African, the Hispanic, the Asian, the Italian, the Slovenian, the American, the woman, the man, the young, middle aged and old, the poor, the vulnerable, the Catholic, the Jew, the Muslim, the drug addict, the alcoholic, etc. Obviously throughout history we have had individuals and groups of people that needed our help more than others to allow for their equality and dignity to be recognized; but the base must all be the same and point people back to the foundation of our belief that **ALL LIVES MATTER PERIOD!**

I think references to, associations with, etc. at parish (and I made the mistake of doing so, mea culpa, mea culpa...) with things like the Black Lives Matter organization/movement, white fragility, Cancel Culture, etc. these can cause even further division and, for me, can lead us to even further discriminatory behaviors/attitudes. In many cases, these tend to focus a movement on an entire group of people. For example, in 2002, when the terrible sexual abuse scandal broke in the church (that still plagues us today!) there were many people that lumped all priests and bishops together as pedophiles and protectors of pedophiles. This simply was not true. There were individuals that violated their sacred oaths and duties and brought grave evil against others. There were even some practices and systems that need to and are still being examined and changed so this sort of things does not happen in the future. If there are individuals that wrong others or discriminate, then we need to hold them accountable. If there are practices and systems that need some reform or change, then let us do that. However, we cannot lump our beliefs/assumptions/attitudes against a whole group of people. It is very dangerous and can lead to a whole new set of problems.

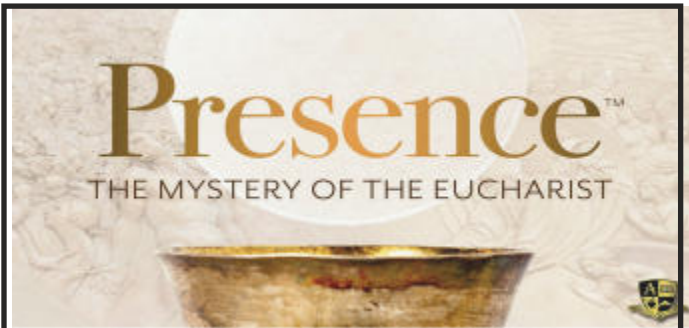
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The challenge, and what we as parish can and will focus on, is to come to help people come to know that every person ever created, created now, or will be created is equal in the eyes of God and therefore in the eyes of each of us. This equality comes with rights and duties that can never be compromised. We will align ourselves not with any secular movement but the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**Jesus and His Ways and Truth will lead us to a life-giving message/ministry and parish response. I believe that we will accomplish the same goal we just need to change the way we get there to hopefully open more hearts and minds.**

Make it a great week and see you in church!

Peace,  
Fr. John



Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

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## 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.

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### LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

*In my line of work, I have met many people who describe experiences of counseling that were not productive or helpful and that left the person thinking that counseling was a waste of time. Whether it is an individual, couple, or a parent bringing a child, some people leave with a bad experience that makes them want to write off the entire counseling field as unhelpful. I am not writing this to criticize those experiences or to place blame on people who were seeking help and found none. Counseling is a field full of diverse counselors that do not always hit the mark when people come to them seeking healing and guidance. We as counselors can have very different approaches to helping people and some are not the right fit for the person seeking help. It is worth mentioning as well that we are human and can have bad days where we feel burnt out, tired, or overwhelmed, which inevitably impacts our ability to be working at 100%. When people have had this experience, I often encourage them to give counseling another try. Finding the right counselor can be difficult, but it is possible. If you have a bad experience with a counselor, you have several options. You can give them a little bit more time, ask the counselor for a referral, or keep looking on your own for a different counselor. Websites like [psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com) and [catholictherapists.com](http://catholictherapists.com) can give you an idea of the counselor's approach to see if they are the right fit for you. Counseling can open many doors to healing and greater wellbeing. It is important to not let one bad experience prevent you from gaining all that counseling has to offer.*

Luke Brown, LPC

**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, July 19**

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

**Tuesday, July 20**

6:30 PM (JB) † Angela Janz

**Wednesday, July 21**

8:30 AM (JL) † Nancy Suhy

**Thursday, July 22**

6:30 (JL/TS) † John & Margaret Walsh

**Friday, July 23**

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

**Saturday, July 24**

4 PM (JB/TS) † Family of Joseph Jarc

**Sunday, July 25**

7:45 AM (JL/TS) † Roselyn Daniels

**11:00 AM (JB/TS) —AT CLASSIC PARK—CAPTAIN'S  
GAME † Frank Parsons**

**Our Financial Stewardship**

7/11/Giving.....\$4,276.50  
7/11 Maintenance.....\$ 553.00  
7/4 Giving.....\$6,885.15  
7/5 Maintenance Giving.....\$ 523.50  
Faith Direct\*-Last half June Giving.....\$2,672.00  
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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!**

## Parish Staff-

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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.

### *Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers*

Evelyn Adamczak, John Ballard, Noella Burrows, Constance Durrh, Frank Hiti, John Hocevar, Andrew Jarm, Anna Jalovec, Nick Kaluza, Ronald Maxey, Sheila Moore-Baka, Vera Baka, Linda Palko, Bill Perko, Joan Raddell, Pat Rossoll, Mary Rot, Jerry Scarniench, Judy Schmidt, Rose Simek, Colette Suhy, John Tarmann, Abbie Vernon

***Please notify us when a name can be taken off  
this list.***

### **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.

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