



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
August 1, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

Happy August! This summer is flying by. There have been many blessings this summer. It is nice to have parish life back to normal and experience so many great events and ministries on and off our campus this summer. Recently, I was bowling (I didn't bowl) with 36 of our young adults in the parish. It was great to be with them.

I recently sent a letter to all registered parishioners to share with them an update on the *Heart of the Shepherd* capital campaign that our parish engaged in during the Fall of 2020. There were three projects we wanted to accomplish that would utilize the proceeds of this campaign.

One of those projects is a new sound system. Francesco, and members of the music ministry, have been researching and exploring possibilities for over a year. In January of 2020, I asked Francesco to research upgrading/improving our sound system. I asked him to consider fixing the current system, upgrading the current system, or replacing with a whole new system. He began this task. Then COVID hit and this task was put on pause for a few months. In late summer of 2020, I asked him to resume the project. I can tell you that since that time I do not think he has had a week in which he has not spent hours researching. He has talked to many companies and experts. He has looked at this from many different angles. I have every confidence he is proposing a very good system that is a full replacement. What became clear to us was that sinking another dollar into the current system was pretty much worthless. The system is over 15 years old and has been tinkered with so many times that it has served us for as long as it could. It became clear to us that the only way to truly address the needs (clear and good sound in every location of the church no matter where you sit, and the priest, deacon, and lector microphones, and music ministers are all being heard at an equitable and appropriate level, and also the reality that we now live with LIVESTREAMING) was a total restart. We had to start with a new system. To try to mesh older technology with newer technology was just not going to serve us well. In the end would end up costing us more money. The total cost for this new system is \$50,000 (Sound Systems do not come cheap). If you were to go to many of the churches in the Diocese that have replaced their sound systems in the last ten years, you would find very similar speakers and systems. You would also find that they paid similar amounts to what we will be paying.

At this point:

- We have \$17,512.50 left from the Bober Estate that is restricted for capital projects, and we can use for this project.
- We have \$164,216 pledged in Heart of Shepherd money. The Diocese has suggested to "budget" to receive 90% of that over the 3-year pledge redemption period. This considers the reality that people's financial situation changes, people move away, and pass away. This amount would be \$147,716. They would advise sound financial decisions based on the \$147,716 number with the idea that we could get more than that.
- So, if we receive 90% of pledges then we have \$10,088.80 for the Sounds System project based on the costs of the other two projects.

This left us just over \$22,000 short for the sound system. I do believe with all my heart that we need to move this project forward and the sooner the better. **The sound system is currently very unreliable and inconsistent in delivery of sound. The most important thing we do at SJC is the Mass and celebration of the Sacraments. What better thing to invest our money into than making sure we all can hear well so we can fully, actively and consciously participate!** I am going to be very straightforward and transparent. We need your help. We have committed to this project and need to get it done sooner than later. I am hoping I can find 22 parishioner/families to make a sacrificial gift of \$1,000 to the parish. **(GOOD NEWS! We have had 8 Angels step up so far!)** Of course, any amount is most appreciated! Maybe you can add a zero to that amount or maybe you need to take a zero or two off that; but whatever the amount, know that it will be greatly appreciated. I am very much aware that the COVID19 crisis and associated financial disruptions has changed personal financial security for many of you

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beyond your "typical" circumstances. I realize that some folks may need to adjust their contributions to SJC until they are in a better place. In addition, some of you were very sacrificial in your Heart of the Shepherd pledge and may have stretched your budget. I understand and respect the decisions you have needed and still may need to make. We all pray for better times ahead. We will get through this. We are people of love, faith and hope. Thank you for your exceptional generosity to the Parish and the works of the Church. **With that said, would you consider being an SJC Angel and give a sacrificial gift of \$1,000 (or any amount) towards our sound system? This appeal is made to all but especially to the families who were not able to participate in the Heart of Shepherd Campaign last fall.**

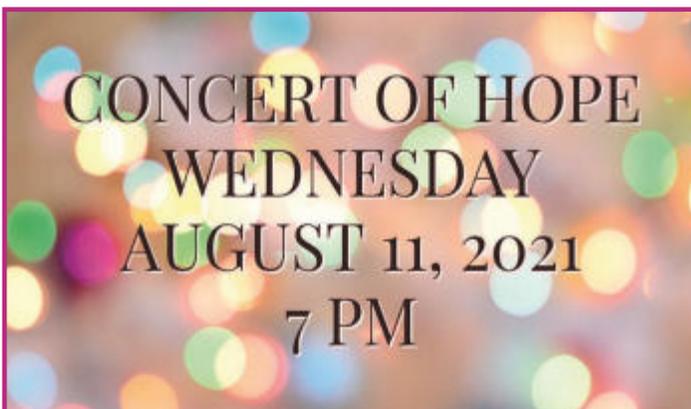
Thank you so much for considering this request for this important need in the life of our parish. I am humbled that you would even consider. Please pray about it and let me know of any questions or concerns. If you can contribute, just put it in an envelope to my attention in the collection basket, the mail or the drop off at the parish office.

Please know that I love each of you so much and care about you all. Be assured of my prayers for you and those you love. See you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John D Betters
Pastor

P.S . If you would like, you can pay your amount over the period of a year. We would be happy to work with you on a payment plan; or in the alternative, an account for the Sound System has been set up with Faith Direct. If you choose to pay through Faith Direct, you can contact them at 1-866-507-8757.



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WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 11, 2021
7 PM**

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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.



**THREE MIRACLES OF
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Gerry Faust has had an amazing career as one of America's most successful football coaches. From 18 years at Cincinnati's Moeller High School (174-17-1), he went on to fulfill one of his personal dreams as head football coach at the University of Notre Dame, followed by eight years at Akron University. A devoted husband and father, Coach Faust has become a popular inspirational speaker who weaves the dramatic story of his own life into lessons for every life, always placing faith in God in the center of the huddle.

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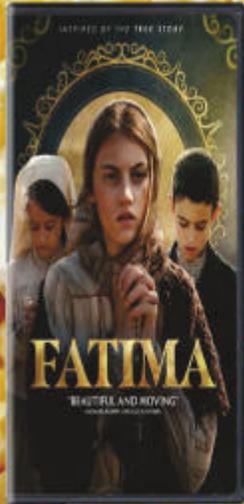
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LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

When I talk to priests about the Sacrament of Reconciliation, they say that one of the most frequent things they hear in confession is, "I'm tired of coming back here week after week and month after month repeating the same sins." It is easy to get discouraged when we are trying to change behaviors. We strive for virtue and holiness and yet it can seem like we are bogged down in a repetitive cycle of sins that will never change or improve. In these moments, we need to remember to have hope. Something that I think is very important when we are trying to change behavior is to journal our progress. When I meet with people who start tracking their progress, they are often caught off guard when they realize that their behaviors are changing. They start to realize that instead of falling into their sins such as sarcasm or anger every day, it is now every other day, or once a week, and then eventually once per month. If we do not have a way of tracking, it is easy to overlook our progress. When we overlook our progress, that is when Satan comes in and tells us that we have not changed, are not changing, and will never change. When we get discouraged and lose hope, that is when we stop trying and then we really are not changing or growing. This week, I would encourage you to keep a calendar or journal handy to write down the occasions of sin that you are trying to change. You may find that you are growing more than you realized!

Luke Brown, LPC



**YOUNG ADULT
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OPEN TO ALL!
FRIDAY 8/20
AT 7:30 PM**

The event will take place in the gym of the Community Center. Please RSVP at YoungAdults@sjceucld.com (or eventually by calling 216-289-0770 ext. 104). We hope to see you!

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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, August 2

8:30 AM (JL/TS) † Kara Schoen

Tuesday, August 3

6:30 PM (JB) † Frances "Bud" Holaus

Wednesday, August 4

8:30 AM (JL) † Frank Kaluza

Thursday, August 5

6:30 (JL/TS) † Steve & Rose Rico

Friday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 7

4 PM (JL/TS-P) † Victor & Minka Kmetich

Sunday, August 8

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † William Perko
10:15 AM (TK/TS-P) † Erdani & Stergar Families

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving.....\$2,933.25
Last Week's Maintenance.....\$ 825.00
Faith Direct*-First half July Giving.....\$1,780.00
Faith Direct*-First half July Maintenance.....\$1,113.50

***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.

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, John Tarmann, Abbie Vernon

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

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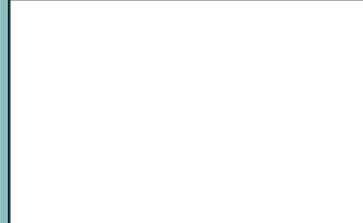
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