



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
August 29, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
22nd Sunday in Ordinary

Dear Parishioners,

Happy last weekend of August! Summer is flying by. I do love Fall, so as I soak in the last weeks of summer, I look forward to Fall.

School is back in session at SRW, and right after Labor Day we will be starting the Guardian Angels Early Learning Center for our youngest learners. We are at 415 students in the K – 8 program and over 80 in the Early Learning Center. Our primary focus in both programs is to bring Jesus and Jesus' ways to our young people. Now more than ever, they need to be guided with the way of the Gospels and know that Christ loves them and wants the best for them. Please keep our students, teachers, parents, and staff in your prayers. They will be sharing more with you throughout the year on their work. I do hope that we are able to welcome once again guests into the buildings and share with you the great things we do.

Please know the students and staff lift the parishioners and benefactors up in their prayers daily. We will again be doing weekly Mass with the school community in K – 8 and monthly for our Early Learning students. Grades 5 – 8 will have Mass on Tuesdays and K – 4 will have Mass on Thursdays, both at the 8:30 am Mass. SRW and SJC parishioners are always welcome to join us!

Over the last months there has been a focus at both SRW and SJC on some “temporal” things as we talk about sound systems (SJC) and new Tabernacle and related updates (SRW). Obviously, these are very good things and contribute greatly to the worship space and our worship itself. I am overwhelmed and humbled by the immense generosity. I firmly believe these changes/updates can and will increase the sacredness, beauty and vibrancy of our worship and praise of God.

However, I want to turn our attention to the Spiritual and Evangelizing dimensions of parish life. I am imploring you all to help with this very important endeavor. We will be launching Alpha this fall. Alpha is a Christian program but has developed a “Catholic” dimension and focus. It starts at the very beginning and draws people who are searching for meaning and purpose in their lives to something we all know very well, and this is a strong relationship with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet. Jesus in the Scriptures calls himself the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end. We desire to draw our family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and strangers to this program and allow God to touch their heart and soul and start their relationship with Him. This program is not for us in the pews. I promise we will have programs and ministries for you too! But this is for those without a relationship with God. Can you think of someone and invite them to the program? It starts in late September and will be offered on Monday morning at SJC and Monday evenings at SRW. You are welcome to come if you bring someone with you. Watch the bulletin for more information or call Renee Barber at SRW or Deacon Tom at SJC.

As we continue with the COVID and related variant, please know of my prayers and support. Unless mandated by a civil or diocesan authority, I plan to keep everything as a choice of each individual on how to approach. Please consider your own health and wellbeing, advice of your medical professionals, the common good and yourself and your peace of mind. I encourage us to be respectful of one another of the choices each person makes. Please remember that we continue to do extra cleaning and disinfecting. Finally, we continue to offer hand sanitizer and masks at the entrance of the church. Be safe, be healthy and be well.

Make it a great week. See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

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BLOG



Our Parish Mission

We are the Catholic Community of St. John of the Cross, established in 2009. Uniting the people of God as one family, we are rooted in, and empowered by, our sacramental life and Eucharistic celebrations.

Living as disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize our God given potential and challenge one another to share our giftedness, embrace our diversity, and engage in social outreach, service and education. In doing so, we seek to extend the reign of God in Euclid and the wider community

ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY

Creating unity
In the
community



INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR FIRST
DINE & DISCUSS EVENT

DISABLE THE LABELS

Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6:00PM
St. John of the Cross Parish Hall

Enjoy the company of parishioners over a great meal
while discussing ways to eliminate labeling
and promote the sacredness of all people.

This event is free and open to all parishioners of SJC and SRW
but reservations are a must.
Call 216-731-1515 or 216-289-0770



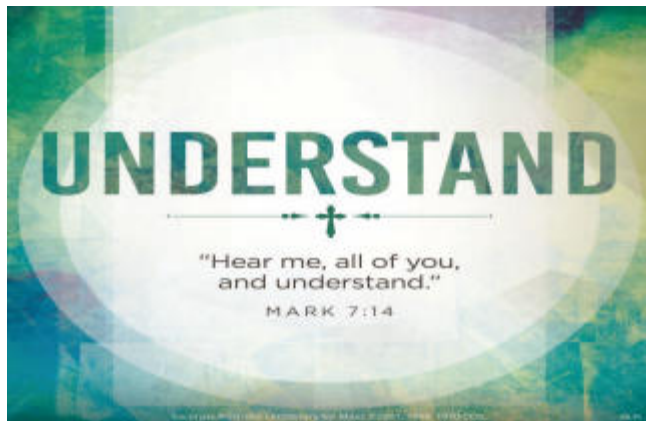
Come and join us! This Concert of Hope will feature instrumental music, dances, and Scripture readings. What a delightful way to connect with our Lord and open our hearts to Him. As always, spread the word and invite others. God Bless you!

**LEGION OF MARY
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EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION**



Legion of Mary Cleveland West Comitium invites you to attend Holy Mass and participate in a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 4, 2021. Mass will be at 11:00 am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in downtown

Cleveland, and the procession following at 12 noon (less than a 1 mile walk). Event includes Mass with Fr. Kevin Estabrook, procession with hymns, return to Cathedral for recitation of the Rosary and closing prayer.. RSVP not required. For further information email: contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Join us on Friday mornings at 8:30 am for Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



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.



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...

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LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

I will never forget what one of my professors in graduate school said, "If we measure in small enough increments, everyone is getting better." He was referring to clients attending counseling services and how slow progress can be at times. Now that I am out of graduate school and in the field, I see what he means. It is easy to get frustrated with ourselves and with others when we do not see the results that we desire or expect. We likely all know people where a change seemed to happen overnight, but it is important to remember that this is not the norm. When we are struggling with something such as depression, anxiety, or addiction, it is important to remember that these problems have sometimes been present for years or even decades. Imagine for a moment that you have been a front desk receptionist at a hospital for thirty years and the boss says to you, "Congratulations, you've been promoted to brain surgeon. Your first surgery is in twenty minutes." The decades you have spent as a receptionist have made you very proficient at thinking, acting, and behaving in a certain way, but you are not prepared at all for brain surgery. It would take a lot of practice, education, and effort to move into that position and the same is true for our mental health. Years of self-defeating thoughts, worry, and stress have shaped us and changing things up will be difficult. It is easy to get discouraged when we do not make those changes overnight or we are not a brain surgeon after a week, but it is important to be patient with ourselves. If we keep pursuing Christ and are working to improve our mental health, we will always be able to see progress, no matter how small, if we look closely enough.

Luke Brown, LPCC

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 30

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † Daniel Sedar

Tuesday, August 31

6:30 PM (JB) † Bryan Duke

Wednesday, September 1

8:30 AM (JL) † Joe Matejka

Thursday, September 2

6:30 (JL/TS) † Deanna Biondic

Friday, September 3

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

Saturday, September 4

4 PM (JL/TS-P) † Ken & Kate Buda

Sunday, September 5

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Nancy Suhy
10:15 AM (JB/TS-P) † James Zeman

Our Financial Stewardship

**Financial Information Unavailable
Will be Posted Next Week**

8/15 Giving\$3,969.50
8/15 Maintenance\$1,118.00
Last week's Giving.....\$2,179.85
Last week's Maintenance\$ 895.00
Faith Direct*-Last half July Giving.....\$3,215.00
Faith Direct*-Last half July Maintenance.....\$ 681.00

***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.***

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

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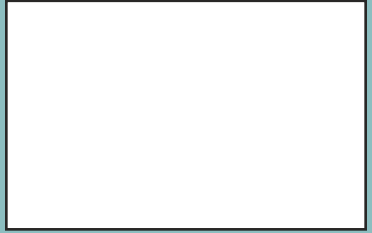
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