Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143 September 19, 2021 Roman Catholic Parish 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

"You made me special/You made me precious/You made me wonderful/In your image, I am made"- Made In Your Image by Hillsong Kids

This quote from our "school song" this quarter perfectly highlights the foundation of the Guardian Angels Early Learning Center (GAELC). Our building is full of 75 special, precious, wonderful learners, all made in the image of God.

While many schools in the area are returning to normal, it is business as usual at GAELC. After a brief closure due to the nation-wide school shutdowns in March 2020, GAELC reopened with a Pandemic License on June 1, 2020. Due to extremely researched and intentionally implemented safety measures, GAELC has been able to consistently provide high-quality care for children 6-weeks through 5-years old.

I am proud to announce that GAELC reached full-enrollment this summer and waitlists have formed for all of our classrooms. These past few months have shown that families in our area are passionate about faith-based education and care for their children, and we at GAELC are proud to be chosen to provide this important service.

As we kick-off the 2021-2022 school year for our Preschool students, we are excited to continue several of our Community Partnerships. We are thrilled to offer Music Class and Music Therapy for all of our classes through a partnership with The Fine Arts Association (FAA). Our 4-year old students are also participating in a program called "Theatre for Healthy Living" through FAA. This program uses children's story books to engage students in a theatre project and is designed to address social and health related issues. The Euclid Public Library has returned to in-person story times, and our preschool students have thoroughly enjoyed their monthly visit from our librarian!

Lastly, I am overjoyed to share that GAELC has once again been named a 4-star program through Step Up to Quality (SUTQ). SUTQ is a quality rating system, run by the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services, that recognizes programs that exceed health and safety licensing regulations. Our staff at GAELC is more than deserving of this honor. Through their lesson planning, classroom management, and devotion to the care of children, they have created a nurturing environment for all of our students. We will be celebrating this achievement and honoring our staff at the 9 a.m. Mass at Ss. Robert & William this weekend!

If you are interested in volunteering in the center, or have any questions regarding our program, I can be reached at 216-331-5080.



Molly Lorek- Director, Guardian Angels Early Learning Center



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.

Catechetical Sunday



CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

A 33 DAY BOOK STUDY AND PRAYER FOCUSING ON THE PERSON OF ST. JOSEPH.

Ss. Robert and William Church
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Six Group Meetings facilitated by Fr. Thom
Tuesday Evenings

September 28 October 5, 12, 19 & 26 November 2

Please call the Parish Office to Register 216-731-1515

Consecration to St. Joseph means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely to his paternal care so that he can lovingly help you acquire his virtues and become holy.

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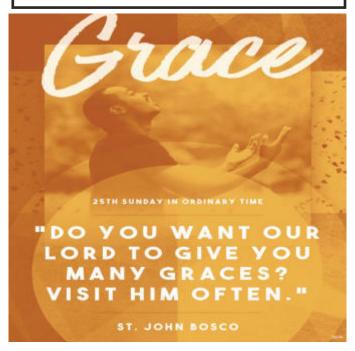
Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6:00PM St. John of the Cross Parish Hall Enjoy the company of parishioners over a great meal while discussing ways to eliminate labeling and promote the sacredness of all people.

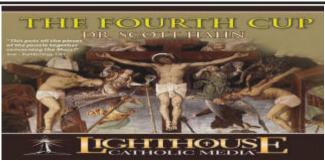
This event is free and open to all parishioners of SJC and SRW but reservations are a must.

Call 216-731-1515 or 216-289-0770

ALL SOULS CEMETERY Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery 10366 Chardon Road 216/641-7575 ext. 4 or email bdejohn@clecem.org





Well-known Catholic theologian Dr. Scott Hahn explains Christ's Paschal Sacrifice on the cross as the fulfillment of the traditional fourth cup used in the celebration of the Jewish Passover meal. He draws a symbolic parallel to the Last Supper and Christ's death on Calvary. Through his scholarly insights and important biblical connections, Mass will come alive for you as never before!

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Today's readings remind us of the dangers of "jealousy and selfish ambition." In the second reading, we are told that jealousy leads to disorder and a lack of peace. I think that many of us can find examples in our own lives, as well as in the world around us where we see the truth of this message. When we become focused on what we do not have (or think we do not have), it becomes harder and harder to find peace with our situation in life. Feelings of jealousy can blind us to the many good gifts God has already given us. We see this in the experience of the Apostles in today's Gospel. We hear how the disciples argue amongst themselves as to who is the greatest. They have all been given the tremendous gift of being called to follow Jesus in a unique and intimate way. Shortly before their argument, we hear that Jesus even entrusts the message about his coming passion, death, and resurrection to them! And yet, this privileged closeness with Christ is not enough, and each disciple seeks to place himself ahead of the others. Jesus sees the danger in this jealousy and pride and rem'inds them about the meaning of true greatness: to be servant to all. This is a great lesson to us as we seek to root out the jealousy we may find in our own hearts. Shifting the focus from ourselves to a focus on others can help us avoid the pitfalls of jealousy. Instead of dwelling on what we lack, we can spend time thinking about how we can help others. If you find yourself feeling tempted towards feelings of jealousy and discontentment this week, consider taking some time to refocus on the needs of those around you. Luke Brown, LPCC

FAITH BY THE FIRE



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21-7 PM

JOIN US

AS WE PRAY, SING, SOCIALIZE AND HAVE FUN!!

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



Monday, September 20

8:30 AM (JB/TS) † Joan Donnelly

Tuesday, September 21

6:30 PM (JB) † LaBaine Fourqurean

Wednesday, September 22

8:30 AM (JL) † Colette Suhy

Thursday, September 23

6:30 (JL † John Malovasic

Friday, September 24

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

Saturday, September 25

4 PM (JL/TS-P) † Tory Barrett

Sunday, September 26

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Rose Zeman

10:15 AM (JB/TS)-P) † Margaret Berkopec

Our Financial Stewardship

Last week's Giving\$3	3,548.50
Last week's Maintenance\$1	
Faith Direct*- Last Half of August Giving\$2	,572.00
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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 Durrah, 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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