



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
November 7, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

As we enter this month of November it is a suitable time to focus on the things for which we are most thankful. I personally am thankful for so much:

- I am so thankful for the honor and privilege of being able to serve as pastor of two incredibly impressive parish communities. While I am sure parishioners at other parishes are good, you all are simply the best. Every day I never cease to be amazed by the goodness of each one of you! While we may not always agree on everything, I believe that if we are all able to keep our eyes fixed on Christ and the mission of journeying in relationship to Him, we will remain in His Light!
- I am so thankful for the people we celebrate at this All Souls at both SRW and SJC. We have lost some beautiful souls this year and it has been a real blessing to walk with these families. Our loss is certainly heaven's gain.
- I am so impressed at the immense generosity of so many people. As faithful stewards of Jesus Christ, we are called to be generous with our time, talent, and treasure. You all never cease to amaze me with your generosity in all three of these areas. I just make the need known, and people step up!
- I am most proud of the Community Meals at both SRW and SJC. There is an incredible group of people that are working on these meals and so many people are being fed in body and soul with these meals.
- I am thankful that as a community we are supporting the *Sacredness, Beauty and Dignity of Human Life*.
- I am thankful of an impressive staff at both parish communities. We have some very faithful people serving our parish communities. Moreover, I am thankful to the Parish Council and Finance Council of each parish that accompany me and help me to make good decisions for our parish.
- Finally, I am most thankful to God for the gift of life and the many blessings and graces he bestows upon me and those I love every day. Even my worst day is so Blessed!



There is so much that is harmful in our world. We tend to focus on all that is wrong and all that we do not have. It is a good a spiritual and emotional exercise for us as Christians to daily make a list of the things for which we are thankful. We need to *Celebrate what is Right with People and our World*, not what is wrong! Yes, we need to be vigilant in working to bring good and to end evil, but we are not the Savior. Keep our eyes fixed on the Savior and allow Him to infuse His grace and blessings in our life. Give Thanks Every day!

Make it a wonderful week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John

EXITING THE CHURCH AFTER MASS

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Out of respect for the liturgy and for the music that accompany the services, we would like to invite you to exit the church through the gathering area and/or through the new entrance, which provides a wonderful ramp and very efficient buttons to operate the opening of the doors. Thank

HAPPY
anniversary

We invite couples celebrating anniversaries ending in a 0 or 5 to a weekend Mass for a special prayer and blessing. We will also give you a small token commemorating this special event.

Our celebration here at St. John of the Cross will be on Saturday, November 20 at the 4 pm mass for anyone celebrating an anniversary in 2021 that ends in a 0 or 5. In order to prepare, please email the parish office, kduke@sjceucld.com, or call Karen at 289-0770 x. 100 to reserve your spot. Please let us know your full names and wedding date (with year). Deadline to register is November 15. If you are physically unable to come to the front of church, please let us know when you reserve your spot so we know to look for you.

We look forward to this great tradition to recognize Catholic marriage in our parish.



Come and join us for our Concert of Hope dedicated to Thanksgiving! It will be on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Psalm 136:1-3 says: "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever." Let us gather together to do so in praise and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings we receive.



Bible Study Gospel According to Luke



The Gospel According to Luke Bible Study will begin on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 6:30 pm. There will be time for prayer, faith sharing & fellowship as we explore the mystery of the Gospel of Luke.

To register for this Bible Study, please contact Deacon Tom, Deacontom@sjceucld.com



The Young Adults Ministry is sponsoring the celebration of Saint John of the Cross! The event will start with the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, and it will continue afterwards in the Community Center. It is going to be a wonderful opportunity to know more about the Saint of our beautiful church and at the same time a welcoming opportunity to spend an evening together. The event is open to all!

Luke Brown's Reflection

Have you ever sat down and really thought about the tremendous task of communicating with someone else in an effective way? It is often not an easy thing to do and miscommunication can run rampant in our friendships, families, and workplaces. We communicate in many different ways through our words, tone of voice, and body



language. The way these things are received by others can vary by quite a bit. Something as simple as a wife telling her husband that the shower drain needs fixed can be taken in a multitude of ways. I have talked to husbands who hear that as, "OK, she pointed out something that needs fixed. It will be good to fix that and maintain our house," and I have talked to others that hear, "She thinks I'm a bad husband for not noticing that shower drain. I am a failure as a man, husband, and father." These two examples may seem extreme, but sometimes we interpret things in these ways without really giving them much thought. This is also an exact example of something I have heard many times in my work as a couples counselor. Sometimes, it is useful to take a step back and reflect on how and why we are receiving things in a negative way. It can also be useful to tell the other person what we are hearing. If the husband in this example were to say, "Hey, I'm hearing that I am a failure and a bad husband," it gives the wife a chance to explain how she meant what she said and that it might not have been meant as a personal attack. I always tell clients that trying to read minds is a bad idea and that we should ask instead of assuming we know what the other person meant or is thinking. Even if you have been married for 50 years, it is better to ask than to assume you know what's going on in the other person's mind. This week, consider spending some time reflecting on the way you communicate with others and how you perceive what others communicate to you.

Luke Brown, LPCC

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



December 22, 2021 - 7 PM

Jingle Bells!

The Music Ministry invites you, your families, and friends for an evening of music and carols, anticipating the coming of Jesus. Join us, then, on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. A reception will follow the event. Thank 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, November 8

8:30 AM (JB) † Silvester Surla

Tuesday, November 9

6:30 PM (JB) † Mary Somich

Wednesday, November 10

8:30 AM (JL) † Doug Debiase

Thursday, November 11

6:30 PM (JL/TS) For the People of the Parish

Friday, November 12

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 13

4:00 PM (JB/TS-P) † Joseph, Mary & Nancy Radachy

Sunday, November 14

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Nancy Suhy

10:15 AM (JL/TS-P)) † Strancar Family

Our Financial Stewardship

Last week's Giving.....\$2,615.31

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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*

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

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