



SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



JULY 31, 2016 • 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**140 RICHMOND ROAD
EUCLID, OHIO 44143**

Website: www.saintjohnofthecross.org

Parish Office: 216-289-0770

Parish Staff

Rev. Salvatore M. Ruggeri **Pastor**

Rev. Timothy Buyansky, OSB **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Edward E. Mehok **Weekend Assistant**

Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers **Deacon**

Martha Dodd **Principal for Student Success at
Ss. Robert and William School**

Kate Fraser **Youth Minister**

Ben Koval **Director of Music & Liturgy**

Kay Magri **Business Manager**

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 am–4:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Parish Membership

All are welcome!

Please register at the Parish Office.

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:45 am at Outdoor Shrine

..... 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Monday & Thursday 6:30 pm

Tuesday & Friday 8:15 am

Holy Day 8:15 am, 12:00 & 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday 9:00 am–4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm

Rosary

is prayed after the Tuesday and Friday
morning Masses.

Marriage

Arrangements are to be made at least six
months in advance. Please call
Fr. Ruggeri at the Parish Office.

Baptisms

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism
Class prior to making Baptismal
arrangements.



FROM THE DESK OF OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

Well, it has been a long time in coming, but the day is finally here. After being hired in February over Valentine's Day weekend, (by the way, according to my wife, interviewing on Valentine's Day doesn't count as "romantic" and is apparently "not a date") finishing my student teaching, and getting married, my time has finally come to start serving at St. John of the Cross. I could tell from the moment that I walked into the church doors that February morning that this parish was a family, and I couldn't have been more excited. I started praying that Fr. Sal would like me (he did... or does....I think). I knew that I wanted to call St. John of the Cross "home" and ever since accepting the position, Elizabeth and I could not feel more accepted and more at home. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I grew up in Lansing, MI and attended Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, MI where I obtained degrees in Music Education (Choral) and Liturgical Music. Piano was my primary instrument in college, but I also studied voice and organ. I have been involved in music ministry for over 6 years. I served at two parishes in Jackson and Grand Rapids, MI respectively prior to coming to St. John of the Cross and I am an active member of National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM).

I feel so very blessed to be here with all of you. As St. Catherine of Siena once said "*Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.*" And while I am very grateful that there have been no actual fires (hello, insurance liability), this parish has already proven to me its passion and flammability, if you will, for Christ. I only hope that I can continue to help stoke the flames.

Please feel free to come up to the piano after Mass and say hello! I would love to get to know as many of you as I can. If you also have thought about getting involved with the music ministry, but weren't sure how please contact me in the office at 216-289-0770 ext. 15 or you can email me at bkoval@saintjohnofthecross.org. Consider this your personal invitation!

God bless you all,

.....Ben Koval



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 6:30 p.m.	St. Alphonsus Erdani & Stergar Families	AUG. 1
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Alice Miller	AUG. 2
WEDNESDAY	Weekday	AUG. 3
THURSDAY 6:30 p.m.	St. John Vianney Frank Herchl	AUG. 4
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Jack Barni	AUG. 5
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	The Transfiguration of the Lord Bill Wokety	AUG. 6
SUNDAY 7:45 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Perko Victor & Minka Kmetich Teri Bluhm	AUG. 7

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THEIR CAREGIVERS...

Andrew Apansewicz, Beverley Argento, Trovatore Briganti, Jane DePalma, Lillian Dolenc, Constance Durrah, Mary Frain, Patrick Gornick, Ann Grossman, Robert Gunn, George Halgash, Joe Hocevar, Marlene Hoageson, Andrew Jarm, Doris Kowalski, Bob Kravos, Evelyn Kublin, Lucille Kucharski, Daniel Latessa, Joan Latessa, Marie Lipold, Joe Matejka, Ronald Maxey, Pete McVoy, Linda Moore, Linda Palko, Anna Pepock, Joan Raddell, Jeanette Schlatt, Judy Schmidt, Arthur Scott, Carole Smigelski, Frank Somrack, John Tarmann, John Tousel, Ken Udovic, Leonard Vargo, Vincent Veneziano, and Jessie Voza

Please remember our elderly and homebound as well.

Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Aug. 3rd.....Marilyn
Grande Pointe-Sunday, Aug. 7th.....
.....Chris & Dawnmarie

MARRIAGE BANNES

II. Daniel Stumpf & Carleen Hrobat

COUNTERS

Counters for Monday, August 8th....."D" Team

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —AUGUST 6-7, 2016

MASS	PRESIDER	GREETERS	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	J. Buda A. Molle	J. Cernansky	K. McVoy	F. Buda, M. Freas, J. Monger, M. Monger, M. Monger, W. Nalepka, J. Oberle, S. Thomas-Greaves	K. Brokamp J. Monger
Sun. 7:45am	Fr. Sal					
Sun. 9:00am	Fr. Sal	M. Chinchar T. Chounet	A. Dean	C. Hainrihar	L. Bochenek, M. Chinchar, J. Chounet, S. Davisson, T. Davisson, M. Proctor, K. Sorc, R. Tepley	A. Somich
Sun. 11:00am	Fr. Sal	R. Apanasewicz D. Apanasewicz	K. Musarra	T. Wetzel	J. Bretz, C. Cinkole, E. Dulaney, F. Koballa, A. Koballa, J. Matlock, C. Preto, J. Solpa	C. Chapo E. Chapo

“Returning violence
for violence
multiplies violence ~
adding deeper darkness
to a night already
devoid of stars.

Darkness cannot
drive out darkness:
only light can do that.

Hate cannot
drive out hate:
only love can do that.”

~ Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Readings for the Week

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17
Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79-80, 95,
102/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-21,
29, 22-23/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10-13/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-15, 18-19
Mt 16:13-23
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35-36, 39, 41
Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
2 Pt 1:16-19/Lk 9:28b-36
Next Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." This isn't a message that gets

much advertising. On the contrary, just about every advertised message we hear comes from someone who wants to make money by selling us possessions. The message we hear loud and clear on television or Internet ads or on highway billboards or the back cover of magazines is that we need this product or that service in order to be happy. Professional marketers are in the business of creating a supposed need and then promising to fill it with their product. In today's culture, it's hard to remember that life isn't about possessions. But in this Gospel, Jesus reminds us that there is more to life than having "so many good things stored up for many years." All of this stuff—be it clothes, devices, equipment, decorations, entertainment centers, or anything else—does no lasting good if and when "this night your life will be demanded of you." Unlike the fool who spends all of his time, energy, and money building larger barns, we should focus our resources on becoming "rich in what matters to God." This means cultivating virtue instead of vice. It means sharing our money with those in need instead of hoarding it out of selfish greed. The call is a challenging one, and countercultural too. But Jesus never said that the Christian way was the way of the world. As St. Paul instructs us in today's epistle, "Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly." Instead of falling for the marketers' messages, may we have the wisdom to store up our treasure in heaven.

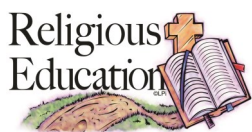


Our Mission

*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.*

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

OUTDOOR MASS IN OUR SHRINE: Each Sunday, through September 4th there will be a Sunday 7:45am Mass at our Outdoor Shrine (weather-permitting). If the weather is inclement, the 7:45am will be held in the church. The Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am Masses will be as usual.



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASS: Our Catholic Church has always acknowledged that the parents are the primary educators in faith. The adage, "faith is caught, not taught," is true especially within the family. Parents teach most effectively by example. Each family has a right to assistance from the parish community in nurturing faith in their home. For children who do not attend a Catholic School, the PSR Program has been established to help parents in this role. Our Program includes students Grades K-8 is held on Sundays, 9:30-10:45am. If you wish to register your children, please call the Parish Office at 216-289-0770.

CHILDREN AGES 3-6: Did you know that every weekend there are special Mass leaflets for you to use during your time at the weekend Masses? When you enter the Gathering Area, the Greeters will give you a leaflet and a pencil for use to complete the activity pages. If you missed the Greeter, please help yourself to the leaflets. You will find the box on the rack where the missals are kept in the Gathering Area. Please take your leaflet home to color. We hope you enjoy learning the message of Jesus in the Sunday Gospel!

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN: The safety of our children is a priority here at St. John of the Cross Parish. We participate in a program *VIRTUS, Protecting God's Children*. This program is for all employees and volunteers working with children in our parish. If you are new to volunteering with children please call the parish office for more information. The Virtus website has some very valuable resource information that may be of interest to anyone coming in contact with children, parents or grandparents, in your workplace, or neighborhoods. If interested in learning more about signs of child abuse or where to report suspected abuse you can go to: www.virtusonline.org and look under resources.

CORRECTION FROM LAST WEEKS BULLETIN

Please note that incorrect information was given for one of the places that our parishioners will be able to volunteer. The name and information given was for **Joseph's House**. We will actually be ministering at **Joseph Home**. Joseph Home is a place where homeless men can stay as they recover from medical conditions and is one of the places where our parishioners will have an opportunity to serve as we strive to live out the Corporal Work of Mercy Shelter the Homeless. Their address is 2412 Community College Avenue, Cleveland. Also, the Providence House correct address is 2050 West 32nd. Street.



Second Blessings is in full swing accepting donations of gently used items for the fall sale. **Our theme for July is "Attic and Basement Treasures"**. Sometimes we forget our lost treasures that we are no longer using are in the attic and basement. Donating items so someone else can now enjoy them is another great way to help our parish! Please remember Second Blessings will accept your gently used treasures Monday through Friday in our mobile unit from 9-4 and Saturdays in the Parish Community Center from 9-1. Your past treasures can be a real gift to someone, and will, at the same time support our parish.



PARISHIONERS IN NEED FUND

Thank you so much for thinking of others. Parishioners donated \$1,299.00 to help our parish assist people most in need.

Peace.....The Social Justice Ministry



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-0770 ext. 33**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

REGISTRATION for Preschool, Prekindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 at **Ss. Robert and William Catholic School** for the 2016-2017 school year is now open. Please contact the school office at 216-731-3060 or visit our website at srwschool.cc for enrollment information.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Ss. Robert & William Catholic School has just been awarded an Early Childhood Education Grant through the Ohio Department of Education. The grant is available to cover the cost of the tuition for eligible families with financial need and with a 4 year old student in the Pre-Kindergarten ½ Day Class. There are still slots available in our **after-noon** program. If you or someone you know could take advantage of this opportunity, please call the school office at (216) 731-3060 for details.



HELP THE FEST – WE NEED YOU!

FEST 2016 is just a few weeks away – Sunday, August 7th from 12 noon-10 pm. It's a day of faith--family--fun and it's all for FREE. It's our 16th Annual Catholic Family FESTival that takes place on the grounds of Borromeo and St. Mary Seminary (28700 Euclid Avenue in Wickliffe). For all the details, visit www.theFEST.us. We need your help to make sure this event has everything you need for a perfect family day! It takes 1,400 volunteers to bring The FEST to life. Be a part of a GREAT group of people who help us create this wonderful family day. Go to: www.theFEST.us/volunteer for details. We are also looking for 400 people to sing in the choir for The FEST Mass which starts at 8 pm. Interested? Go to: www.theFEST.us/choir.

Living Mercy in the Jubilee Year of Mercy



As Christians, we need to show the world that all are called to care for the homeless and not debase or humiliate them. Often homeless people are avoided on the streets and are seen as an embarrassment to society. The Christian response should not be one of scorn, but of encounter.

Let us not avoid those in our society who, perhaps, have made mistakes and are suffering the consequences of them. Instead, let us encounter the lost and dejected and put ourselves in their shoes, realizing that we could easily be the ones who are in need of Christian charity. We often forget that we could be the ones on the side of the street, begging for money and a place to stay.

Last weekend we had a flyer in the bulletin asking you to be a part of our parish effort to live the Corporal Work of Mercy: Shelter the Homeless by:

- * Helping to prepare and serve lunch at **Joseph Home** who provide our neighbors with medical conditions housing, on Saturday, August 20th
- * Volunteering at the **Providence House**, a crisis nursery, on Saturday, August 27th

We will be carpooling from SJOC if you are interested.

Please fill out the below form and place in collection basket or turn into the parish office by August 13th.

Yes, I would like to be a part of our parish's effort to live the Corporal Work of Mercy: Shelter the Homeless by:

☐ Volunteering at Joseph Home on Saturday, Aug. 20th at Noon

☐ Volunteering at Providence House on Saturday, Aug. 27th from 9:00am-12:00pm

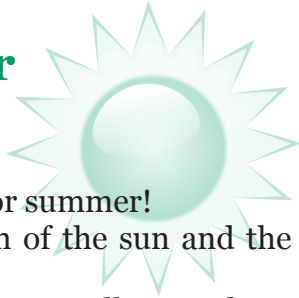
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Phone: _____

Email: _____



Summer Prayer



Creator of all, thank You for summer!
 Thank You for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.
 Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
 Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
 Draw me closer to You this summer.
 Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing.
 Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence, and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
 As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.
 Amen.

GOING ON VACATION? Please consider using online giving while you are away or even while you remain at home. Online giving is now even easier. Just download the app on your mobile device, search for our parish and begin giving. Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish. Search the App store for Online Giving or go to OLGapp.com and click on the app store for your device. You can also click the link on our website "Online Giving".

YOUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Last Week's Giving.....	\$6,338.00
Last Week's Online Giving.....	\$813.00
Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....	\$570.00
Last Week's Online Maintenance Giving.....	\$182.50
Total.....	\$7,903.50

**God bless you for your generosity.
 Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

PARISH SCHEDULE

WEEK OF AUGUST 1ST

MONDAY-AUGUST 1st

TUESDAY-AUGUST 2nd

7:00pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

7:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Rm. 6)

WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 3rd

THURSDAY-AUGUST 4th

6:30pm Bingo Team #1 (G)

FRIDAY-AUGUST 5th

9:00am-4:00pm Adoration (C)

SATURDAY-AUGUST 6th

SUNDAY-AUGUST 7th

C-Church
 MR2-Meeting Room #2
 SHR-Sacred Heart Room
 P-Parish Office
 PG-Parish Grounds
 G-Gym
 PC-Parish Community Center
 PCB-Parish Community Basement
 Rm. 6 in Parish Community Center
 SRW-Ss. Robert and William



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God.
 The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?