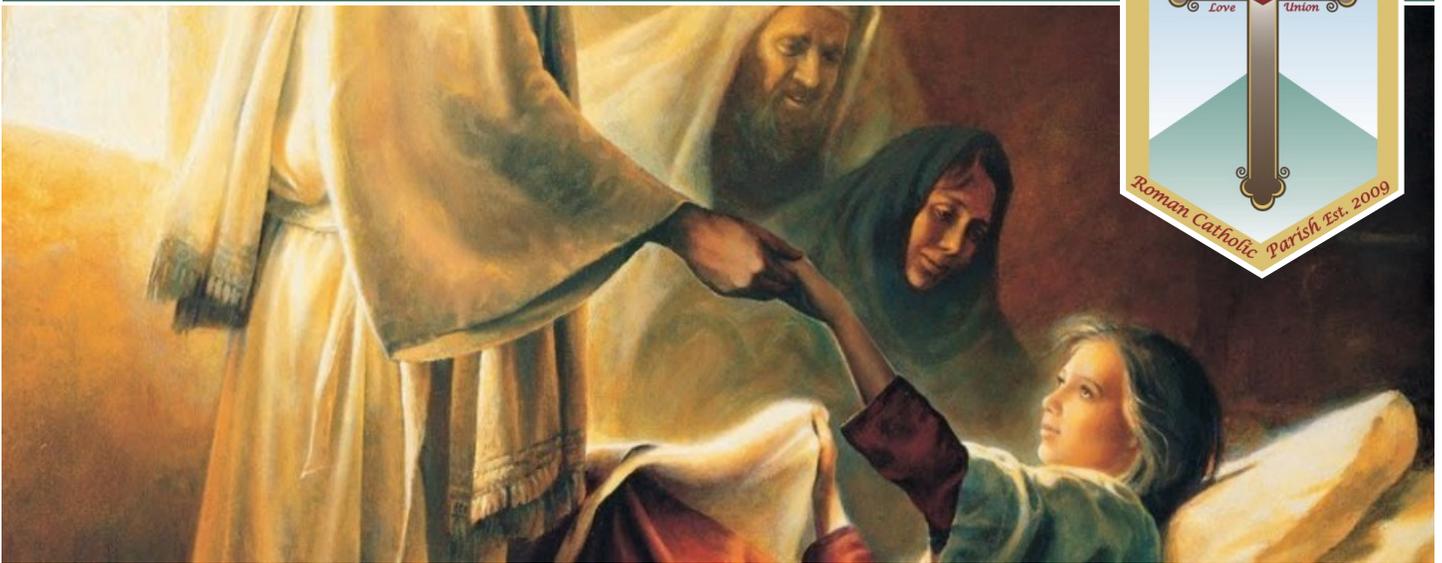


# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



July 1, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

So he went in and said to them, “Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep.”

- Mark 5:39

## New Weekday Mass Schedule Begins Monday, July 9 in the new Sacred Heart Chapel

Monday..... 8 am  
Tuesday.....6:30 pm  
Wednesday ..... 8 am  
Thursday .....6:30 pm  
Friday ..... 8 am



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## Independence Day Mass at the Shrine, 8:30 am

Please join us on **Wednesday, July 4 at 8:30 am** at the Outdoor Shrine to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy and pray that our nation may be always faithful to assure these freedoms remain. **The Patriotic Rosary will be recited following the Mass.**



# From Our Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Happy July 1! It has been a fairly good summer so far. With all the transition, things seem to be settling down a bit and I am getting into a good routine being at two parishes and I believe **Frs. Tim** and **Thom** are also settling into the parish. They have shared with me that they are so blessed by your loving and welcoming spirit. Thank you for all your love and support of them.

This week we celebrate the Fourth of July. We celebrate our forefathers and mothers who helped to establish our independence as a nation and founded us as one nation under God where we have opportunities for freedom of religion, education, speech and right to participate in government. We live in a great country where hard work is the cornerstone of who we are and we should work hard to protect these freedoms. We also live in a nation that is fairly safe (though violence is escalating quite a bit!)

**Right now in our country and in our world there is a humanitarian crisis. Saint Pope John Paul II** in many of his writings talked about the consequences of living in a Culture of Death where life is not valued from conception until natural death. I believe we are seeing many of those consequences. While there have been some significant achievements in the movement to end abortion in our country (we still have a long way to go!) we are seeing other countries that are legalizing it (Ireland). **This just reminds us that we have to be very vigilant in seeking to convert hearts and minds and help people know abortion is never an option – no matter what!** As Catholic Christians we believe that from the

moment of conception, the new life begins; the soul enters the body and the baby has all the same rights to life as you and me.

However, I do believe as Catholic Christians we cannot stop there. We have to work to help all people especially once they are born. In our world, there is a major crisis of thousands of people having to flee their homelands and seek refuge in other countries because of violence and lack of basic human necessities. Primarily in Africa and Latin America but other countries as well. In our country we have a significant issue of broken immigration laws. These issues are sharply dividing us as a nation. I have seen and experienced some extreme anger over these issues. I would like to share with you a summary of what our faith teaches us as the foundation of these issues:

**The Catholic Catechism instructs the faithful that good government has two duties, both of which must be carried out and neither of which can be ignored. The first duty is to welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person.** Persons have the right to immigrate and thus government must accommodate this right to the greatest extent possible, especially financially blessed nations: "The more prosperous nations are obliged, to the extent they are able, to welcome the foreigner in search of the security and the means of livelihood which he cannot find in his country of origin. Public authorities should see to it that the natural right is respected that places a guest under the protection of those who receive him." **Catholic Catechism, 2241.**

The second duty is to secure one's border and enforce the law for the sake of the common good. Sovereign nations have the right to enforce their laws and all persons must respect the legitimate exercise of this right: "Political authorities, for the sake of the common good for which they are responsible may make the exercise of the right to immigrate subject to various juridical conditions, especially with regard to the immigrants' duties toward their country of adoption. Immigrants are obliged to respect with gratitude the material and spiritual heritage of the country that receives them, to obey its laws and to assist in carrying civic burdens." **Catholic Catechism, 2241.**

In January 2003, the U.S. Catholic Bishops released a pastoral letter on migration entitled, "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope." In their letter, the Bishops stressed that, "when persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves and their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive. Sovereign nations should provide ways to accommodate this right." No. 35. The Bishops made clear that the "more powerful economic nations ... have a stronger obligation to accommodate migration flows." No. 36.

**The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) opposes "enforcement only" immigration policies and supports comprehensive immigration reform.** In Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope, the U.S. Catholic Bishops outlined the elements of their proposal for comprehensive immigration reform. These include:

Earned Legalization: An earned legalization program would allow foreign nationals of good moral

character who are living in the United States to apply to adjust their status to obtain lawful permanent residence. Such a program would create an eventual path to citizenship, requiring applicants to complete and pass background checks, pay a fine, and establish eligibility for resident status to participate in the program. Such a program would help stabilize the workforce, promote family unity, and bring a large population "out of the shadows," as members of their communities.

Future Worker Program: A worker program to permit foreign-born workers to enter the country safely and legally would help reduce illegal immigration and the loss of life in the American desert. Any program should include workplace protections, living wage levels, safeguards against the displacement of U.S. workers, and family unity.

Family-based Immigration Reform: It currently takes years for family members to be reunited through the family-based legal immigration system. This leads to family breakdown and, in some cases, illegal immigration. Changes in family-based immigration should be made to increase the number of family visas available and reduce family reunification waiting times.

Restoration of Due Process Rights: Due process rights taken away by the 1996 Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act (IIRIRA) should be restored. For example, the three and ten year bars to reentry should be eliminated.

Addressing Root Causes: Congress should examine the root causes of migration, such as under-

development and poverty in sending countries, and seek long-term solutions. The antidote to the problem of illegal immigration is sustainable economic development in sending countries. In an ideal world, migration should be driven by choice, not necessity.

Enforcement: The U.S. Catholic Bishops accept the legitimate role of the U.S. government in intercepting unauthorized migrants who attempt to travel to the United States. The Bishops also believe that by increasing lawful means for migrants to enter, live, and work in the United States, law enforcement will be better able to focus upon those who truly threaten public safety: drug and human traffickers, smugglers and would-be terrorists. Any enforcement measures must be targeted, proportional, and humane.

Bottom line we need a lot of prayer. We need to recognize that first and foremost we are Catholic Christians and approach these issues from that lens. To that end, I will be offering the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Mass for LIFE. It will be for three specific issues: End to Abortion, solutions to the issues of refugees and comprehensive immigration reform. I invite you to join me in this prayer. As a people of faith I believe we have the duty to help set the principles in which these issues need to be addressed. My personal prayer is that bipartisan solutions can be found that respect the dignity of every human being!

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July! See you in Church! Remember to start your 4<sup>th</sup> with Mass at 8:30 am in the Shrine.

**Fr. Thom** has the Mass.

Peace,

**Fr. John Betters**



*John D. Betters*

## 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.



**Questioning your faith or need help with an issue in your life? Talk to the Pastor.**

Set up appointment with Fr. John by calling 216.289.0770 or emailing to [frjohn@saintjohnofthecross.org](mailto:frjohn@saintjohnofthecross.org).

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Sunday:

Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
 Psalms 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]  
 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15  
 Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24,35b-43

### Monday:

Amos 2:6-10, 13-16  
 Psalms 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [22a]  
 Matthew 8:18-22

### Tuesday:

Ephesians 2:19-22  
 Psalms 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]  
 John 20:24-29

### Wednesday:

Amos 5:14-15, 21-24  
 Psalms 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]  
 Matthew 8:28-34

### Thursday:

Amos 7:10-17  
 Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]  
 Matthew 9:1-8

### Friday:

Amos 8:4-6, 9-12  
 Psalms 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 [Mt 4:4]  
 Matthew 9:9-13

### Saturday:

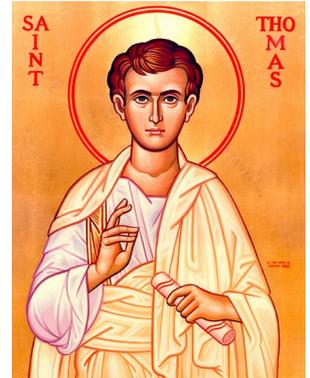
Amos 9:11-15  
 Psalms 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]  
 Matthew 9:14-17

### Next Sunday:

Ezekiel 2:2-5  
 Psalms 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]  
 2 Corinthians 12:7-10  
 Mark 6:1-6a

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 2 6:30 pm	Weekday <b>St. John of the Cross Parish Family</b>
Tuesday, July 3 8:15 am	Feast Day of St. Thomas, the Apostle <b>Jennie Antenucci</b>
Wednesday, July 4 8:30 am	Weekday <b>Chuck Pophal</b>
Thursday, July 5 6:30 pm	Weekday <b>Lillian Dolenc</b>
Friday, July 6 8:15 am	Weekday <b>Robert Kravos</b>
Saturday, July 7 4:00 pm	Weekday <b>Frank Nalepka</b>
Sunday, July 8 7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time <b>John Freas</b> <b>Rudy Ujcich &amp; Family</b> <b>Joseph Loparo</b>



## Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

<b>Beverley Argento</b>	<b>Doris Kowalski</b>	<b>Joan Raddell</b>
<b>Jim Brown</b>	<b>Joan Latessa</b>	<b>Pat Rossoll</b>
<b>Noella Burrows</b>	<b>Mili Lekan</b>	<b>Martha Rymer</b>
<b>Chester Campana</b>	<b>Marie Lipold</b>	<b>Jerry Scarniench</b>
<b>Tom Contorno</b>	<b>Joe Matejka</b>	<b>Judy Schmidt</b>
<b>Jane DePalma</b>	<b>Ronald Maxey</b>	<b>Patricia Seaman</b>
<b>Constance Durrah</b>	<b>Rudy Myeress</b>	<b>Rose Simek</b>
<b>Mary Frain</b>	<b>Jeff Monger</b>	<b>Carole Smigelski</b>
<b>Marie George</b>	<b>John Paglia</b>	<b>Frank Somrack</b>
<b>John Hocevar</b>	<b>Linda Palko</b>	<b>John Tarmann</b>
<b>Andrew Jarm</b>	<b>Anna Pepock</b>	<b>Abbie Vernon</b>

***Remember our elderly and homebound in prayer as well.***

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

### ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE 216-289-0770 ext. 27

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.

# Parish News & Events

## Outdoor Shrine Masses

Every Sunday, from now through September 2, we will celebrate Mass at our Outdoor Shrine at **7:30 am**. If the weather is inclement, this Mass will be held in the Church. The Sunday 9 am and 11 am Masses will be held in the Church as usual.



## Bible Study

Join Pastoral Associate **Tara Mowery on Tuesdays at 9 am in MR2** to study the two commandments of Jesus through the letters of St Paul to the Romans and to the Corinthians. Bring your favorite Bible. **Please note: The July 3 Bible Study is canceled and will resume on July 10.**



## Thank you

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank all of you for allowing me to be part of your community for the past ten years. It was truly an honor to serve you. I want to thank you for remembering me at the reception. Be assured that I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers.

**Fr. Timothy Buyansky, OSB**



## Second Blessings Rummage Sale

The Second Blessings Ministry has been working hard to get ready for the **Fifth Annual Rummage Sale on September 8-9**. Our Parish Community Center will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm for donations. Volunteers will be on hand to help you unload. We need lots of nice items so please do not bring televisions, computers, upholstered furniture, tires, mattresses, cribs, or baby car seats. Donations will be accepted until the middle of August. If you would like to be a volunteer for Second Blessings please contact **Carla Colo** at 216.970.0219 or [cfclo@gmail.com](mailto:cfclo@gmail.com) or let a volunteer know and Carla will get you connected. Everyone sets their own hours. This is a great way to meet new people, help our parish and help social service organizations.

## Parish Family Life Events

### Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form at [www.saintjohnofthecross.org](http://www.saintjohnofthecross.org), visit the parish office or call us at 216.289.0770. We look forward to welcoming you!

### Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

### Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.



# Parish News & Events

## An Emergency Appeal

With recent escalation of political turmoil in Nicaragua, we humbly ask for your generosity in supporting an emergency appeal to help our dear friend and partner, **Padre Tomás**, purchase medical supplies to treat the wounded who have taken refuge in his church. **Padre Tomás and his new parish are in the middle of the violence, and his church is serving as a makeshift hospital and shelter.**

Funds raised through this emergency appeal will go directly to help Padre Tomás purchase desperately needed medical supplies. If you can help in any way with any amount, please write a check to St. John of the Cross and write "Padre Tomás Emergency Appeal" in the memo line. You can send in donations and/or give to the **Ushers** after Mass this weekend. If you have any questions or would like more information about our partnership, please contact **Dale or Marie George** at [maridalegeo@msn.com](mailto:maridalegeo@msn.com).

## SJC 10th Anniversary Roster Update

This summer, visit the Celebration table in the Gathering Area to update your roster information. You will be given a name tag that you can leave in your car and wear at each Mass and special event. The name tags help our new priests to get to know you better and our visitors feel more welcomed.



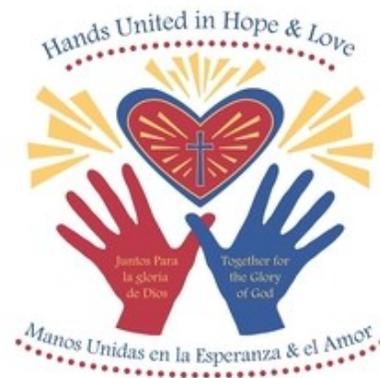
## Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving.....	\$4,427.75
Maintenance Giving.....	\$1,427.00
Online Giving.....	\$834.00
Online Maintenance Giving .....	\$100.50
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$6,789.25</b>

**Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!**

## Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, August 28 at 7 pm**. Please come to the 6:30pm Mass and the meeting will follow. No staff will be there. **Fr. John** just wants an opportunity to listen to your comments, respond to your questions/concerns, and share a little bit of how we can enter into a process here to celebrate the last 10 years of our parish and plan for the next 10 years.



## Parish Activities Schedule

- Tuesday, July 3**  
 9:00 am Bible Study (canceled)  
 5:30 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)
- Wednesday, July 4**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
 8:30 am Mass at Shrine
- Thursday, July 5**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
 6:30 pm Bingo #4 (G)
- Friday, July 6**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
 9am-4pm Adoration (C)  
 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)
- Saturday, July 7**  
*Parish Office Closed*  
 9am-1pm Second Blessing  
 Drop Offs (PC)
- Sunday, July 8**  
 C-Church  
 PC-Parish Community Center  
 MR2-Meeting Room #2  
 Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center  
 PG-Parish Grounds

**Interested in joining our parish or becoming Catholic? Call 216.289.0770 to set up an appointment.**

# Need to Know

## Ministers Schedule — July 7-8, 2018

<i>Masses:</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lector 1</i>	<i>Lector 2</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 4 pm	Fr. John	A. Molle J. Buda	M. Freas	L. McVoy	D. Abreo, K. Brown, F. Buda, M. Malta, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, J. Page, S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Schmidt
<i>Sunday</i> 9 am	Fr. Mehok	M. Chinchar M. Singer	B. Contorno	L. Bochenek	L. Ashcroft, M. Chinchar, E. Edelman, L. Fulton, G. Petrof, L. Petrof, J. Volk, R. Volk	E. Somich G. Somich
<i>Sunday</i> 11 am	Fr. Thom	D. Mallet R. Simek	L. Williams	T. Wetzel	J. Bretz, J. Bretz, E. Dulaney, J. Kirchmeir, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, K. Musarra, J. Solpa	S. Bray J. Ericksen

### Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital  
Wednesday, July 4.....Chris H.

Grande Pointe  
Sunday, July 8.....Legion of Mary

Waterford  
Sunday, July 8.....Legion of Mary

### Counters

Monday, July 9..... "A" Team

### Parish Staff & Office Hours

**Rev. John D. Betters**.....Administrator  
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### Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday ..... 8:00 am–4:00 pm

### Mass Schedule-SJC

#### Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 pm  
Sunday ..... 7:30 am (Outdoor Shrine)  
9:00 am & 11:00 am  
Monday & Thursday.....6:30 pm  
Tuesday & Friday ..... 8:15 am  
Holy Day..... 8:15 am, noon & 6:30 pm

#### Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday ..... 9:00 am—4:00 pm

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:00—3:30 pm

### Weekday Mass Schedule-SRW

Monday, Wednesday, Friday..... 12:00 pm  
Tuesday & Thursday ..... 8:00 am  
Saturday..... 8:30 am