

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

When the Sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given to him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!”

- Mark 6:2

New Weekday Mass Schedule

Join us for daily Mass in the new **Sacred Heart Chapel** beginning on Monday, July 9 at these times:

Monday8 am
Tuesday 6:30 pm
Wednesday.....8 am
Thursday 6:30 pm
Friday8 am



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From Our Administrator - Fr. John Betters

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday! It was nice for me to get an extra day off and just relax.

I have been at St. John of the Cross now for over two months. I have to say that you all have blown my mind with just how awesome you all are to be with. As pastor of Ss. Robert & William I thought I had the best assignment in the Diocese and it did not get better than that. However, now I am doubly blessed to have two incredible parish communities to minister to and with. Sometimes I wake up in the morning and think how did I get so blessed? While it is certainly a lot of work, the incredible staff and parishioners have made it so doable.

I had originally scheduled a Town Hall Meeting for Monday, July 30. I think it would be best to reschedule for **Tuesday, August 28 after the 6:30 pm Mass (7 pm)**. I really want an opportunity to listen carefully to your hopes, dreams and fears as we chart a course to move this parish into the next decade of its history. I plan on engaging the parish and **Finance Council** in developing a pastoral plan for the parish for 2020–2030. This will entail a year or two of study, reflection and planning. Please mark your calendar for a Town Hall Meeting with me on August 28 and watch the bulletin and emails for more information on the pastoral planning process.

I would like to share with you a few of the insights I have gained in the last two months about the parish:

- This parish is well grounded in the celebration of the Mass. Celebrating Mass here is a wonderful, prayerful and deeply

spiritual experience that allows us to connect to the Divine.

- The **Music Ministry** is phenomenal. The amount of parishioners involved of all ages, talents and backgrounds is astounding. St. Augustine said singing is praying twice and we are praying well! **Francesco** is a true blessing in our parish but all of our music disciples is what makes it really happen!
- The parishioners are extremely invested in their parish and very proud of the great welcoming, active and vibrant parish they have. You all have done very well over the last ten years from transitioning from a fairly large parish to a smaller intimate parish. Some parishes would just have allowed themselves to “die;” but instead you all have used this to stabilize the parish and smaller but very active and life-giving parish community.
- The level of willingness to serve not just the parish but the local Diocese and global church is astounding. The partnership in Nicaragua is just one great example!
- A willingness to accept people and go with the flow. While I know you all miss the priests that were here, you all have lovingly embraced **Frs. Thom and Tim and me**.
- This is an absolutely beautiful parish campus that has lots of great amenities both in and out. It is financially stable because of the immense generosity of the parishioners.

These are just a few of insights I have gained in my first two months. I know there are many, many more. I cannot wait to continue our journey together in moving our mission forward.

A few things to remember this week:

- Remember our Daily Mass schedule changes this week. Masses are at 8 am on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday and 6:30 pm on Tuesday & Thursday.
- We are now using our Daily Mass Chapel, the Sacred Heart Chapel. When you enter the chapel for Mass, please place a host in the ciboria (dish).
- **Kay Magri**, our Business Manager, is retiring. This will be her last full week with us. She and her husband are moving to Texas to be with their children and grandchildren. While I have only worked with Kay a few months, I can easily say she is one the greatest Business Managers in the Diocese. She not only cares for the finance and facilities but cares about the spiritual, formational and liturgical life of the parish and works very hard to be of service. I have witnessed her work tirelessly to make sure this parish is always at its best. **Fr. Sal** shared with me that it was through her vigilance that the parish in the last five years paid off all debt and is in great financial shape to move into the future. We wish her the best and ask God’s blessings upon her in her well-deserved retirement. If you would like to get her a card or note, you can drop it off at the parish office. We will be sure she gets it.

Make it a great week! See you in Church!

Peace,



Fr. John

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22
Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday:

Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Psalms 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 [9a]
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday:

Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [4b]
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday:

Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9
Psalms 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 [4b]
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday:

Hosea 14:2-10/Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 [17b]
Mt 10:16-23

Saturday:

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalms 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]
Matthew 10:24-33

Next Sunday:

Amos 7:12-15
Psalms 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]
Ephesians 1:3-14 or 1:3-10
Mark 6:7-13

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 9

8:00 am

Weekday

Jack Barni

Tuesday, July 10

6:30 pm

Weekday

Beverly Synk

Wednesday, July 11

8:00 am

St. Benedict

Jim Proctor

Thursday, July 12

6:30 pm

Weekday

St. John of the Cross Parish Family

Friday, July 13

8:00 am

Weekday

Ann & Sophia Opeka

Saturday, July 14

4:00 pm

St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Albert Sustarsic

Sunday, July 15

7:30 am

Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

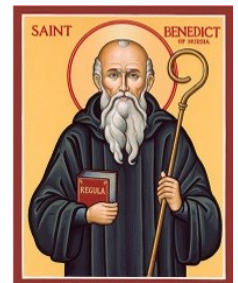
Paul & Josephine Palof

9:00 am

St. John of the Cross Parish Family

11:00 am

Debbie Williams



Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento

Jim Brown

Noella Burrows

Chester Campana

Tom Contorno

Jane DePalma

Constance Durrah

Mary Frain

Marie George

John Hocevar

Andrew Jarm

Doris Kowalski

Joan Latessa

Mili Lekan

Marie Lipold

Joe Matejka

Ronald Maxey

Rudy Myeress

Jeff Monger

Larry O'Donnell

John Paglia

Linda Palko

Anna Pepock

Joan Raddell

Pat Rossoll

Martha Rymer

Jerry Scarniench

Judy Schmidt

Patricia Seaman

Rose Simek

Carole Smigelski

Frank Somrack

John Tarmann

Abbie Vernon

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 with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

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

Parish News & Events

Prayer Ministers

Next weekend, **July 14 and 15**, after all Masses, trained prayer ministers from the **SJC Prayer Team** will be available to pray with anyone who is in need of prayer. It can be a prayer for yourself or for a friend or family member. The Prayer Team will continue to pray for your intention for the next month. **You are not alone** in your struggles! You can also speak with one of our priests or our pastoral associate; you can write your prayer in the **Parish Book of Intentions** by the statue of St. Joseph, or you can receive the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** on Saturdays from 3-3:30 pm in the Reconciliation Room by the choir in the church.



SJC Summer Outdoor Concert Series Continues

Join the St. John of the Cross Choir for an intimate **Summer Concert Series at Celebration Plaza** following the 4 pm Masses. Refreshments will be served. Performances will be held in the Gathering Area in case of poor weather conditions.

July 21, 5:30 pm: "Sacred Classics" - A collection of familiar hymns that gives glory to God as sung by our choir in this peaceful outdoor setting.

August 18, 5:30 pm: "Soft Pop Rock with the band, Ulterior Motive" - This band with members of our choir performs contemporary classics. One of our parishioners, Bill Loeser is part of the band.

Summer Wellness Series Continues

July: Mental Wellness - Sat., July 21, 9 am

"The Giving Factor" – Join our Pastoral Associate and parish ministries for a presentation and discussion on how helping others can improve our own mental health by feeling needed by and connected to the community we are serving. This free event will be held in the Parish Community Center. Refreshments and resources are provided.



August: Physical Wellness -

Saturday, August 11, 9 am - "Prayer Walk" Take a walk around the grounds of the SJOC campus for a spiritual journey of prayer while getting your heart pumping. We'll meet in the Gathering Area and the walk will take about an hour, so wear comfortable shoes.

Tuesday, August 14, 9 am "Staying Active" with Kathy Brown (certified low-impact aerobic instructor). This 45-minute gentle exercise and stretching routine that you can do at home, is geared toward older adults. This fun and lively class will help you improve muscle tone, maintain joint flexibility, and prevent injury. The class is open to all ages and will be held in the Gathering Area.

Thursday, August 23, 6:30 pm - "Bocce with Sister" Join us for Mass at 6:30 pm, then play along or watch the Bocce tournament with the Mercedarian Sisters and the SJOC League.

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

Jesus gives us two Commandments: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; And: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. But what does this mean and how do you actually do these things? Join Pastoral Associate **Tara Mowery** on **Tuesdays at 9 am in Work Sacristy** to explore these questions through the letters of St Paul to the Romans and to the Corinthians. Bring your favorite Bible.



Town Hall Meeting Rescheduled

The Town Hall Meeting has been rescheduled to **Tuesday, August 28 at 7 pm**. Please come to the 6:30 pm 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.



Fr. John Better's Birthday is July 13

May God bless you as you lead your flock, inspiring the best in people. Happy Birthday **Fr. John!**

Second Blessings Rummage Sale

The **Second Blessings Ministry** has been working together to get ready for the **Fifth Annual Rummage Sale this September 8-9**. Our parish Community Center will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 1 pm for donations. Ministry members and friends will be there to help you unload. Please do not bring televisions, computers, upholstered furniture, tires, mattresses, cribs, baby car seats. If you would like to be a volunteer for Second Blessings please call **Carla Colo** at 216.970.0219 or email her at cfclo@gmail.com. This is a great way to meet new people, help our parish and help social service organizations.

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, July 9

7:00 pm Social Justice (Rm. 7)
7:30 pm KofC Meeting (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, July 10

9:00 am Bible Study (WS)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)
7:00 pm Nica Prayer Service (C)

Wednesday, July 11

7:00 pm Prayer Shawl (Rm. 7)

Thursday, July 12

9:00 am- Diocesan Retreat
1:30 pm (Rm. 7)
6:30 pm Bingo #2 (G)
7:00 pm Evangelization & Spiritual Life Meeting (Rm. 7)

Friday, July 13

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, July 14

7:00am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
9am-1pm Second Blessing Drop Offs (PC)

C-Church
PC-Parish Community Center
WS-Work Sacristy Room
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center



More News & Events

SJC 10th Anniversary Celebration Cookbook & Notecards

The **Celebration Hospitality Committee** will be creating a Parish Cookbook and would love your favorite recipes, don't forget to include your name so we know who to thank after we make them. We will also be creating note cards and are calling on all young artists in the Parish to submit their artwork of the Church (inside/out) and Shrine. The Committee will select at least five pictures for the cards. You can submit all recipes and pictures to the Parish Office or place them in the basket which will be located in the Gathering Area. We would love all recipes and artwork by August 15. Thank you ... and here's to a successful Celebration year!



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.

Prayer Service for Nicaragua

A prayer service for Nicaragua will be on Tuesday, July 10th. The 6:30pm mass will be held in The Sacred Heart Chapel and the prayer service will take place in the church immediately following the mass. Let us unite in prayer for our sisters and brothers in Nicaragua and especially Padre Tomás and his parish's makeshift hospital.

*Let us pray for peace; peace in the world
and in each of our hearts.
~Pope Francis*

Your Financial Stewardship

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|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| Last Week Giving | \$4,571.18 |
| Maintenance Giving..... | \$818.00 |
| Online Giving | \$1,219.00 |
| Online Maintenance Giving | <u>\$394.50</u> |
| Total..... | \$7,002.68 |

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

Parish Family Life Events

Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form, 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.

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.



Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — July 14-15, 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. Thom | K. Brindo A. Molle | M. McVoy | W. Nalepka | D. Abreo, C. Barni, T. Brokamp, K. Brown, T. Burrello, B. Pophal, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri | G. Brokamp K. Brokamp |
| <i>Sunday</i> 9 am | Fr. John | H. Drozin C. Hainrihar | E. Edelman | R. Somich | L. Bochenek, W. Burnett, T. Davisson, A. Dean, L. Fulton, N. Powell, M. Proctor, D. Szafranski | A. Somich A. Somich |
| <i>Sunday</i> 11 am | Fr. Mehok | D. Mallet M. Singer | J. Hocevar | K. Musarra | J. Berquist, J. Bretz, J. Bretz, E. Dulaney, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, J. Solpa, T. Wetzel | C. Chapo E. Chapo |

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
 Wednesday, July 11 **Katie**
 Grande Pointe
 Sunday, July 15 **Matt**
 Waterford
 Sunday, July 15 **Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, July 16 **"B" Team**

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Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 am–4:00 pm
 Saturday 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Mass Schedule-SJC

Celebration of Eucharist

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