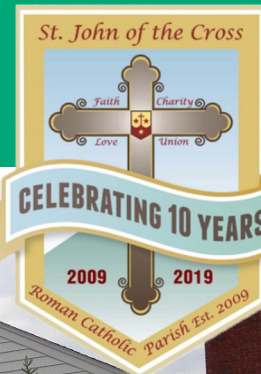


# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



February 17, 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## Mass Schedule-SJOC

### Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil.....4:00 pm

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

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

8:00 am (Chapel)

Tuesday and Thursday

6:30 pm (Chapel)

Holy Days

8:00 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

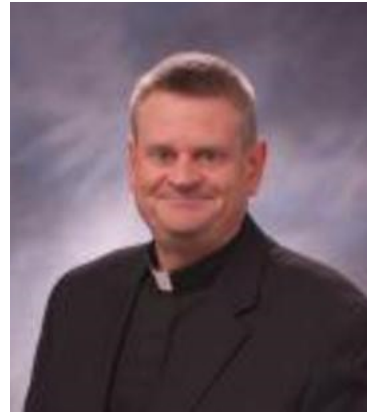
Tuesday & Thursday.....8:00 am

Saturday.....8:30 am

# From Fr. Thom

***"I really miss going to my church."***

When visiting the homebound and those in nursing facilities, it is frequently heard: ***"I really miss going to my church. I wish I could go to Mass and participate in parish activities."***



Some of our parishioners are unable or are not healthy enough to take an active part in the various parish Masses and activities. Possibly your neighbors or a family member are desiring to be connected to the parish. **Linked-In-Prayer is a new ministry being offered at St. John of the Cross Parish.** This new ministry is a project of the Spiritual Life Commission of the parish.

**Linked-In-Prayer** will be comprised of the sick, handicapped, homebound, those who live in assisted living environments and our elderly. From the comforts of where they live, they can be connected to the parish through prayer.

**Linked-In-Prayer** allows those who feel separated from the parish to offer their prayers, joys, sorrows and sufferings for particular needs in the parish and the universal church. Individuals are recognized as being part of a special ministry of the parish. **There are no meetings, no membership dues, and no phone calls making requests.**

A monthly letter will be sent to participants highlighting specific needs and prayer intentions of the parish. Participants are asked to pray for these petitions using a prayer book that will be provided or utilizing their present favorite prayers. The mailing will also include some insights as to how to grow in personal faith.

If a member of your family or someone else you know desires to be reconnected to the parish, they could possibly benefit from being "linked-in" to the parish through prayer. Please call the parish office at 216-289-0770 or fill out the form below (return in collection basket) to begin participating in this new ministry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_



## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Sunday:

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 4, 6  
[40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20  
Luke 6:17, 20-26

### Monday:

Genesis 4:1-15, 25  
Psalms 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17,  
20-21 [14a]  
Mark 8:11-13

### Tuesday:

Genesis 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10  
Psalms 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b  
and 9c-10 [11b]  
Mark 8:14-21

### Wednesday:

Genesis 8:6-13, 20-22  
Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
[17a]  
Mark 8:22-26

### Thursday:

Genesis 9:1-13  
Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29  
and 22-23 [20b]  
Mark 8:27-33

### Friday:

1 Peter 5:1-4  
Psalms 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]  
Matthew 16:13-19

### Saturday:

Hebrews 11:1-7  
Psalms 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11  
[cf. 1]  
Mark 9:2-13

### Next Sunday:

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23  
Psalms 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]  
1 Corinthians 15:45-49  
Luke 6:27-38

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, February 18  
8:00 am (TK)

Weekday  
**Leo Burrello**

Tuesday, February 19  
6:30 pm (TK)

Weekday  
**Juanita Marie Schmider**

Wednesday, February 20  
8:00 am (EM)

Weekday  
**Walter & Florence Gruszka**

Thursday, February 21  
6:30 pm (TK)

Weekday  
**Lita Pignatiello**

Friday, February 22  
8:00 am (TK)

Weekday  
**Nicholas Wolowiecki**

Saturday, February 23  
4:00 pm (TR)

St. Polycarp  
**St. John of the Cross Parish Family**

Sunday, February 24  
9:00 am (JB)  
11:00 am (EM)

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
**Robert Kravos**  
**Joseph Laparo**



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

**Beverley Argento**  
**Noella Burrows**  
**Jane DePalma**  
**Matthew Dolenc**  
**Constance Durrah**  
**Mary Frain**  
**Margaret Hasto**  
**John Hocevar**  
**Andrew Jarm**  
**Anna Jalovec**  
**Doris Kowalski**

**Marie Lipold**  
**Mary Jane Lowery**  
**Bob Lucas**  
**Joe Matejka**  
**Ronald Maxey**  
**Rudy Myeress**  
**Carla Moore**  
**Larry O'Donnell**  
**Linda Palko**  
**Joan Raddell**  
**Pat Rossoll**

**Martha Rymer**  
**Jerry Scarniench**  
**Judy Schmidt**  
**Rose Simek**  
**Carole Smigelski**  
**Frank Somrack**  
**John Tarmann**  
**Abbie Vernon**  
**Marilyn Wagner**  
**Linda Williams**

***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. 120**

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

# Parish News & Events



Due to scheduling conflicts, our next SoulCore session will be held on Saturday, March 9, 9:30 AM in Room 7 of the Community Center. **Karen**

**Hostoffer** will lead us through an hour of SoulCore, a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement.

This exercise movement is NOT yoga and has no roots in Eastern spirituality. SoulCore was developed to be fully Catholic in spirituality. No fitness level or experience required. All are welcome! Traditional movements, as well as abbreviated ones, including chair options, will be presented. Visit [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com) for more information.

There is no cost, but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. Dress in comfortable clothing or sportswear and bring a fitness mat if you have one. Contact **Anney Roach** at [aroach@sjceucld.com](mailto:aroach@sjceucld.com), or 216.289.0770 for additional information.

## Thank you!

As part of our year long 10 year anniversary celebration, our parish service project for the month of January was to collect food and personal hygiene donations for The Euclid Hunger Center.

Ask and receive we did! Our parish rallied together to collect two full carloads of donations enough to serve 50 grateful families! We truly followed our mission statement.

We are the Body of Christ, nourished by the Eucharist, joyfully committed to living the Gospel message, and working together to share our gifts. We are called to humbly serve our Lord, one another and our community as disciples of Jesus.



## Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Luke will be studied on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in Room 6 in the Parish Community Center.

## Scripture Study

Join **Fr. Tim Roth** and **Anney Roach** for Scripture Reflection on Tuesday's at 9:15am in Meeting Room #2. Come and experience the living Word of God speak to you in the context of your daily life.

## Parish Family Life Events

### Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at [www.sjceucld.com](http://www.sjceucld.com)

### 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 Deepest Sympathies to the

**Families of Mili Lekan and Joan Lares**

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.

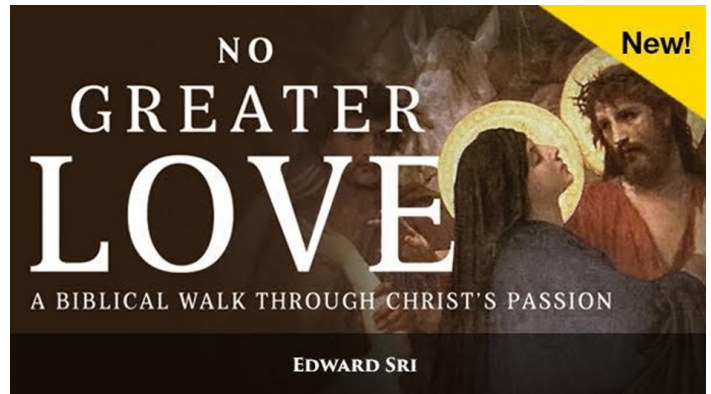




# Passion Bible Study

Thousands sought Jesus during his life. Only a few followed him to Calvary.  
What will you do?

Monday's, March 11, 18, 25, April 1 & 8, 6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Sacred Heart Chapel at St. John of the Cross Parish



**Fr. John** will be facilitating.

This is open to both SRW & SJC Parishioners

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a **five-part video series and full-length book** that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage.

While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk **step-by-step with Jesus** from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary.

Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death.

With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love—**drawing closer to Jesus than ever have before.**

Authored and presented by Edward Sri, *No Greater Love* also features: **Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jeff Cavins, Jennifer Fulwiler, Curtis Martin, Teresa Tomeo, Fr. Josh Johnson, and Elizabeth Sri.**

## In this study, you will discover:

- The Biblical background to each scene in Christ's passion.
- What was Jesus going through at each moment?
- How did the Old Testament foretell of Christ's death?
- Why did Christ die for us? What did it accomplish?

What was the meaning behind of the tearing of the temple veil, the crowning with thorns, and other events during Christ's Passion?

Edward Sri also unpacks commonly misunderstood sayings of Jesus, such as:

- "Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass?"—Was Jesus thinking of backing out at the last minute?
- "My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"—Was Jesus really abandoned by the Father on the cross?

"You have said so."—What does that mean?

Most of all, Catholics who take this study will **encounter God's love** to the fullest.

Pope Benedict XVI invites us to think of the Passion, not just as suffering, but also as the passion of a lover. For in the cross, we see God fully revealed as "a lover with all the passion of a true love".

Jesus doesn't want our applause. He wants our hearts. Are you ready to draw closer to Jesus in his passion than you ever have before?

**To register, contact Anita Linsky at 216-289-0770/alinsky@sjceucclid.com. Cost \$30 per person. Includes Book & Study Guide. Scholarships available.**

# Parish News & Events

## Adult Ed Series

After collecting your responses from the parish survey, we are excited to invite adults ages 21+ to join our priests for an opportunity to go deeper in their faith on Tuesday evenings at 7PM in the chapel. The topics are based off of your suggestions and interests:



- 2/19—Living Life with Compassion and Forgiveness (Fr. Thom Kowatch)
- 2/26—Sex Abuse Crisis (Fr. John Betters)
- 3/5—The Power of Fasting (Fr. Tim Roth)
- 3/12—Prayer: Overcoming common struggles and finding union with God (Fr. Tim Roth)
- 3/19—Encouraging adult children who don't practice the faith (Fr. John Betters)
- 3/26—The Mystery of redemptive suffering: sharing in the cross of Christ (Fr. Tim Roth)
- 4/2—Defending and living the faith in a world opposed to it (Fr. John Betters)
- 4/9—The final things: heaven, hell, purgatory, judgment and salvation (Fr. Tim Roth)



How do you relax and unwind? When I ask this question to clients, I use the word *recreation*. The word recreation is derived from the latin root “recreate” or re-create. I specifically use that word because we should use our leisure time to create ourselves again. A good way to find out if you are recreating yourself is by reflecting on how you feel after you do your favorite leisurely activities. Do you feel better? Are you motivated to go back to work? Are you motivated to be better in your relationships? If not, maybe consider a new activity! On weekends, I’m often tempted to watch Netflix for about 10 hours straight. The times that I have done so, Mondays loom larger, I don’t want to be around others, and I feel bad about myself afterwards. If I watch Netflix for a bit, then exercise, grab coffee with a friend, and finish my day with a Rosary, *I feel much better and refreshed*. Many activities like TV, video games, and time spent on Facebook are perfectly fine, but they can become an issue when they are our sole form of recreation. Some activities are like a cheesecake- we feel very differently after we’ve eaten one piece vs the entire cheesecake. Maybe take some time this week to reflect on how you recreate and how you could do better!

With prayers.....**Luke Brown**

## 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.



# Ss. Robert and William School

The SRW 7<sup>th</sup> grade students have been researching, hypothesizing, investigating, and documenting the results of their chosen experiment for the annual Science Fair. On January 29<sup>th</sup> they were interviewed by the Villa Angela-St. Joseph Science students and their teacher. We are grateful to the VASJ community for judging the projects and determining which students will advance to the Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair being held at Cleveland State University in March.

## **Congratulations to this year's NEOSEF representatives:**

**Grand Winner** - Nicholas Dunmire: "Make the Wind Work for You!"

**1st Place** - Michael Arcaro: "How Do Different Liquids Effect the Health of a Simulated Tooth?"

**2nd Place** - Zoe Pesek: "Fertilizer: No or Grow?"

**3rd Place** - Tatiana Biliani: "Solar Powered vs Battery Powered Robots"

## **Honorable Mention**

Jasmine Ellul: "Sugar: What Does It Do to a Plant?"

Liam Logan: "Magic Metals"

Maura Murphy: "How Much Sugar is in That Drink?"

Abby Neate: "Frisbee Aerodynamics"

Chinenye Obiechina: "Sonic Substance vs Ice"

Jayah Todd: "Keeping It Fresh"

## Ladies Night Out

SRW Parent Association will host a Ladies Night Out on Friday, March 1st, from 6-9pm in SJC Gym. Join them for a night of shopping, raffles, fun and friends! \$5. admission with light refreshments provided, outside food and drink permitted. There will be a variety of vendors with plenty of cash and carry. You will receive five raffle tickets with advance ticket purchase by Feb. 22. For tickets/information contact

**Jamie Zagar** at [zagar.jamie@gmail.com](mailto:zagar.jamie@gmail.com)

## Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving .....	\$4,539.00
Last Week Maintenance Giving .....	\$1,622.00
Last Week Online Giving .....	\$816.00
Last Week Online Maintenance Giving .....	<u>\$42.50</u>
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,019.50</b>

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

## Parish Activities Schedule

### **Monday, February 18**

*Parish Office Closed*

6:00 pm	Parenting Class (MR2)
7:00 pm	Finance Peace (Rm. 7)
7:30 pm	Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

### **Tuesday, February 19**

9:15 am	Scripture Reflection (MR2)
5:15 pm	Legion of Mary (MR2)
6:30 pm	Bingo #1 (G)
7:00 pm	Adult Ed Series (SHC)

### **Wednesday, February 20**

6:30 pm	Ministry of Consolation (Rm. 6)
7:00 pm	Choir Practice (C)

### **Thursday, February 21**

### **Friday, February 22**

5:30 pm	Girl Scout Mtg (PCB)
8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

### **Saturday, February 23**

7:00 am	Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 6)
11:00am	Lector Training (C)

### **Sunday, February 24**

9:15 am	PSR (PC)
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C-Church	G-Gym
P-Parish Office	PG-Parish Grounds
MR2-Meeting Room #2	
PC-Parish Community Center	
PCL-Parish Community Center Library	
PCB-Parish Community Basement	
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center	
SRW-Ss. Robert & William	

## Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday, February 20.....**Rich**  
Grande Pointe Sunday, February 24....**Kathy & Celeste**

## Counters

Monday, Feb. 25.....**"A" Team**