

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



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Mass Schedule-SJOC

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil.....	4:00 pm
Sunday (Outdoor Shrine)....	7:30 am
Sunday.....	10:00 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 Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This summer is flying by! It is hard to believe that it is mid-July. I am really looking forward to our outing at the Lake County Captains next Sunday. We will have Mass at 11 am at the stadium, followed by lunch and an afternoon baseball game. Our choir will sing the National Anthem. This should be a great afternoon. Your ticket includes an all-you-can eat buffet for 1.5 hours (ADULTS: \$20; AGES 4 – 12: \$17; AGES 3 and under is free). There is a children's play area and Skipper will be walking the concourse for picture opportunities. Join us for an afternoon of worship, fun and food. Contact the parish office for tickets. It will be great to take our SJC community on the "road" as we celebrate our 10th anniversary as a parish community. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL ONLY BE THE 7:30 am Mass here at SJC on Sunday, July 21.**



The 10 am MASS is CANCELLED so we can all be at the game.

I wanted to apologize for my weak leadership this past year (at times). I am not sure I have been on my "A game" and certainly not the best version of myself. I am not being the best pastor I could be. For this I am extremely sorry and offer my sincere apologies if I have said or done anything to hurt you or not measure up to your needs. Please know that I love and appreciate all of you very much – even though I may not always show it. I feel that in many ways I have not been as present as I should be and certainly always in a hurry. I imagine even when you are talking with me – you may not always feel my complete attention.

This has been a very stress filled year...the addition of St. John of the Cross to my pastoring and the rough transition for some of the staff and parishioners, the transition from Fr. Scott to Frs. Tim & Thom, Fr. Tim's discernment about going to study in Rome, the capital campaign project coming in so over budget at SRW, and so much of my time being taken up by administration and not ministry/engagement. These are not excuses but just realities. In this midst of this I have let my health of body, mind and spirit take a toll and I have not always cared for myself the way I should.

I say all of this first and foremost to apologize. Second, to say that I am very aware of it and I am making changes in my life so I can be the best pastor, leader and man. I want to be my best for all of you, the parishioners and community members entrusted to my care. I am amid a 90 Day spiritual program for men. (You can read more about it at <https://exodus90.com/>.) I believe through Exodus 90 and the prayer and self-improvement it will offer, I will detach myself from so many unnecessary distractions and be able to be more present and engaged with you all. I believe through some of the staff changes and staff responsibility shifts that are happening this month; I will be able to be more present in ministry and people. I believe through engaging this coming year in a year of strategic planning for the vision and ministry of our parish, it will refocus us and help us to move forward very well.

Bottom line, I am okay and will be working very hard over the next few months to get even better.

Not a day goes by that I do not thank God for the gift, honor and privilege of serving all of you and our awesome parish. I look forward to all our new endeavors and continuing to build SJC into the best parish possible.

One major change I wanted to let you know is I have taken my email off my phone. I will only check my email when I am in my office (s)...so if you need something right away call the parish office. I am trying to be more present to people and less present to technology.

I humbly ask for your prayers and know you have my mine. You all are awesome, and I love you very much! I can't wait to see what the future has in store for us!

Make it a great week! See you on the ball field!

Peace,

Fr. John

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14
Psalms 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 [cf. 33] or Psalms 19:8-11
Colossians 1:15-20
Luke 10:25-37

Monday:

Exodus 1:8-14, 22
Psalms 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]
Matthew 10:34--11:1

Tuesday:

Exodus 2:1-15a
Psalms 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday:

Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12
Psalms 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday:

Exodus 3:13-20
Psalms 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday:

Exodus 11:10--12:14
Psalms 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday:

Exodus 12:37-42
Psalms 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15
Matthew 12:14-21

Next Sunday:

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalms 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]
Colossians 1:24-28
Luke 10:38-42

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, July 15 8:00 am (JB)	St. Bonaventure Mildred Resh
Tuesday, July 16 6:30 pm (JB)	Weekday Anna Pepock
Wednesday, July 17 8:00 am (EM)	Weekday Frank Kaluza
Thursday, July 18 6:30 pm (AM)	Weekday Denise Yezza
Friday, July 19 8:00 am (AM)	Weekday Matthew Evanetich
Saturday, July 20 4:00 pm (AM)	Weekday Robert Kravos
Sunday, July 21 7:30 am (JB) 11:00 am (AM,JB)*	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Louie Berkopec Joseph Loparo

* **Sunday, 11 am is at Captains Stadium in Eastlake**

Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers



Evelyn Adamczak	Lucille Kucharski	Pat Rossoll
Noella Burrows	Marie Lipold	Martha Rymer
Matthew Dolenc	Bob Lucas	Jerry Scarniench
Constance Durrah	Joe Matejka	Judy Schmidt
Mary Frain	Ronald Maxey	Christia Schutt
Margaret Hasto	Rudy Myeress	Rose Simek
John Hocevar	Carla Moore	Frank Somrack
Andrew Jarm	Sheila Moore-Baka	John Tarmann
Anna Jalovec	Larry O'Donnell	Jennifer Tennyson
Nick Kaluza	Linda Palko	Abbie Vernon
Doris Kowalski	Joan Raddell	

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



Mass, Picnic Buffet, & Captains Game

Join us on Sunday, 7/21 for Mass at the Captains Stadium at 11:00AM. The National Anthem will be sung by our choir, followed by the Captains game at 1:30PM. Your ticket includes an all you can eat buffet for 1.5 hours;

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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.



Sunday, July 21, 10am Mass Cancelled

Please note there will not be a 10:00am Mass here at St. John of the Cross on Sunday, July 21. There will be a special 11:00am Mass at the Lake County Captains Stadium. The 7:30am Mass Sunday, July 21 is scheduled as usual.

Outdoor Shrine Mass

Every Sunday, through September 1, 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.





In the Gospel last weekend, Jesus sends his disciples out into the world to share His peace. One of the most interesting things I noticed about this passage was how Jesus sends them out *in pairs*. Couldn't they have covered more ground if they went out individually? Then I realized why Jesus does not send

people out on their own- because we were made for relationship. A common misconception about consecrated men and women such as priests and nuns is that they were made for the single life. How sad that would be if it were true! They are just called to relationship in a different way. The reason I bring this up this week is because I see a lot of people in my line of work believing they do not need anyone else's help or love. Better yet, they like to describe themselves as "independent," as if relationships are for the weak and tepid. Those that describe themselves that way are, deep down, some of the most miserable and lonely people I have ever met. If you've ever seen Cast Away you may think that, after being stranded on an uninhabited island, Tom Hank's character was officially insane when he started speaking to a volleyball like a companion and named it Wilson. However, I tend to believe the opposite- that speaking to Wilson kept him sane. Yes, it was a strange and artificial relationship, but it kept him communicating, sharing ideas, and, in a way, loving. No man is an island as the saying goes. For your spiritual life and mental health, remember that permanent solitude and independence are illusions of happiness that will only lead to despair. God created us for each other. God created us for relationship.

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

SJC Music Ministry CD

Dear parishioners and friends,
Happy Summer! The Music Ministry of Saint John of the Cross produced its very first recording! The announcement was made this past June 22nd. Many copies have been already given away but guess what: we made a lot more! They are now available at the parish office during the weekdays and they will also be available at the end of the weekend masses. The CDs are a gift the Music Ministry was pleased to prepare and to donate for our 10th Year Anniversary Celebration, but you are welcome to leave a free-will donation. And remember: although they are for the parishioners of SJOC, of course, they are not exclusive to them. They can be extended to your families, friends, neighbors... and to those people you know who might need a little boost to return to church. We hope the songs you will listen to may be a valuable source behind your reflections and prayers. Further, we hope they can bring you joy, because that is what God is all about! With God's Blessings.....**Francesco Binda, D.M.**

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.sjceucclid.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.



Parish News & Other Events

eGiving with *Faith Direct*

Many of you are aware and take advantage of the convenience of electronic giving to our parish and we are grateful for that. We believe it is time to upgrade to a more streamlined online provider for our eGiving needs through *Faith Direct*. For those of you who have yet to join us in giving online, we strongly encourage you to do so. Here's why: *Faith Direct* enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. No more writing checks or searching for envelopes on the way out the door. Now you can apply the convenience of direct debit to your parish offerings in much the same way as you may now use it to make your mortgage, car or tuition payments. *Faith Direct* also offers you personalized offertory cards to replace your envelopes for the collection basket. Please visit faith.direct/OH960 to enroll securely online.



FORMED.org

Take advantage of this amazing resource that we know you will love. FORMED.org has compiled the largest library of comprehensive and inspiring Catholic content. Visit our FORMED Community... You can visit the Community Page for SS Robert and William/St. John of the Cross by going to the following link <https://srwsjceulid.formed.org> to see our active discussion groups and featured content. If you are not yet registered on FORMED this same link will allow you to first set up a new account as part of our on-line FORMED Community.



Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving	\$3,581.64
Last Week Maintenance Giving	\$1,509.00
Last Week Online Giving	\$618.00
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Matt Maher



1:30pm
Jordan Feliz

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- ✦ Inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Perez & thousands of fellow Catholics from our Diocese and beyond
- ✦ Opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration & the Holy Rosary

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- ✦ Family friendly vendors & displays
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- ✦ Children's Area with games, crafts, displays & activities!
- ✦ Interactive displays and booths, & giveaways from over 100 sponsors & vendors

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, July 15

Tuesday, July 16

9:15 am Scripture Reflection (MR2)

5:15 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

6:30 pm Bingo (G)

Wednesday, July 17

Thursday, July 18

Friday, July 19

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, July 20

Sunday, July 21

11:00 am Mass at Captains Stadium-Eastlake

C-Church G-Gym
P-Parish Office PG-Parish Grounds
MR2-Meeting Room #2
PC-Parish Community Center
PCL-Parish Community Center Library
Rm. 10 in Parish Community Center
SRW-Ss. Robert & William



Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday, July 17.....**Rich**
Grande Pointe Sunday, July 21.....**Kathy & Celeste**

Counters

Monday, July 22.....**"A" Team**

The highlight of the summer!

Every year after The FEST we receive dozens of emails from individuals telling us how much they enjoyed our annual Catholic Family FESTival and how it was the 'highlight' of their summer. Don't miss out on Sunday August 4th as we come together for The FEST from 12 until 10pm at the CPL (28700 Euclid Avenue). Come hear great music from *Jordan Feliz*, *Tenth Avenue North*, *Matt Maher*, and *Casting Crowns* along with great activities and displays for the entire family. There's plenty of free parking and affordable food (thanks to Executive Caterers and Marc's). It's all FREE. Go to www.theFEST.us for details, parking instructions, and a complete schedule of the day. Invite EVERYONE you know to join you at The FEST! There's something for every age and generation at The FEST - www.theFEST.us.