

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



St. John of the Cross Parish 140 Richmond Road		Ss. Robert & William Parish 367 E. 260 th Street
4:00 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.	Sunday Masses	9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
M, W & F, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel) T & TH, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)	Weekday Masses	M, W & F, 12Noon (Church) T, 8:00 a.m. (Church) Th, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel) Sat., 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	Confessions	Saturday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.
First Friday of each month, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	24 hours/day, 7 days/week in Perpetual Adoration Chapel
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From Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy end of September! It is hard to believe it is already fall. Things are back into full swing around here and parish life is thriving. This is a great weekend to continue to celebrate our 10th anniversary with *Pasta with Padre*. Thank you so much to the crew who did all the cooking and to all who came to the dinner. Much appreciated!

This Friday will be a busy day and several great things are happening that day. After 8 am Mass, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Eucharist will be exposed in the Monstrance and you can come to pray before our Lord in the Sacred Heart Chapel. It will be open all day long and ends with Benediction at 7 pm. Come for an hour, come for 10 minutes...but come to spend time with Jesus. At 5:30 pm that day, **Deacon Tom** will offer our annual St. Francis Day Blessing of Animals. So bring your pet and Deacon Tom will be happy to offer the blessing. I will be blessing pets at Ss. Robert & William. I used to not like this part of my ministry until I inherited a dog five years ago. While Wags (my dog) no longer lives with me, he is still very much in my heart. I am forever changed and believe pets allow us to come to better understand unconditional love. Wags lives with a friend's mom as he has congestive heart failure and she can offer him the time he needs to be cared for, but I still visit often.



We have our final 10th Anniversary Speaker & Presentation by **Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND** on Saturday, October 5th at 10:00am. Her talk is about "How do we keep our Christian hope alive amid the gloom that sometimes pervades the daily news and our personal lives?" **Sister Svoboda** will explore the virtue of hope and its relation to faith, love, courage, and humor. She will also suggest some practical ways to nourish hope in our daily lives. She was in the St. Felicitas youth group over 50 years ago, so she is looking forward to "coming home." There will be refreshments afterwards. I have heard her speak and she is phenomenal! I know you will really enjoy her.

Thank you for your Commitment to Sunday offertory. I really appreciate it. As you heard me talk about it last weekend and again this weekend, the Sunday offertory is the life blood of the parish's financial health. In many ways the parish is the gateway to the acceptance of Jesus' gift of salvation. It is where we come to be Baptized and receive the gift of salvation and where we come to celebrate our birth into eternal life at our funeral. And all the stuff that comes in between is meant to help us make the good choices that keep us in the light of Christ.

Thank you **Matt Chinchar, Steve DiMare & Molly McVoy** who recently completed their time on Parish Council. These three great people really helped me to come to know how great SJC is and were very good at guiding me along the way in this first year and half.

Our Closing Mass & Dinner to celebrate our 10th Anniversary will be Saturday, November 16. **Bishop Perez** will have the Mass. The dinner will be a good old fashioned church potluck. We will have chicken and roast beef and ask people with the last name that begins with A – L to bring a dessert and M – Z to bring a side dish. We also ask that you consider bringing a bottle of wine to share. It should be an awesome evening. Don't forget to get your order in for a leaf on our 10th Anniversary Tree of Life.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31

Monday:

Zechariah 8:1-8
Psalms 102:16-18, 19-21, 29
and 22-23 [17]
Luke 9:46-50

Tuesday:

Zechariah 8:20-23
Psalms 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7
[Zechariah 8:23]
Luke 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Nehemiah 2:1-8
Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6
[6ab]Matthew 18:1-5, 10

Thursday:

Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Psalms 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9ab]
Luke 10:1-12

Friday:

Baruch 1:15-22
Psalms 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]
Luke 10:13-16

Saturday:

Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29
Psalms 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]
Luke 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, September 30 8:00 am (JB)	St. Jerome Joe Nalepka
Tuesday, October 1 6:30 pm (JB)	St. Therese of the Child Jesus John Burrello
Wednesday, October 2 8:00 am (EM)	The Holy Guardian Angels James Krainz
Thursday, October 3 6:30 pm (AM)	Weekday Ferdinand Krecic
Friday, October 4 8:00 am (AM)	St. Francis of Assisi Frank Kaluza
Saturday, October 5 4:00 pm (AM)	Weekday Bill Carrick
Sunday, October 6 9:00 am (AM) 11:00 am (AM)	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John of the Cross Parish Family Ike Dulaney



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	Joan Raddell	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.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday,
October 2.....**Rich**
Grande Pointe Sunday,
October 6.....**Eric & Jeff**

Counters

Monday, October 7..."C" Team

**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

Hanging onto Hope in Today's World

Presentation by: **Sister Melannie Svoboda, SND**

Saturday, October 5th at 10:00am

How do we keep our Christian hope alive amid the gloom that sometimes pervades the daily news and our personal lives? This presentation will explore the virtue of hope and its relation to faith, love, courage, and humor. It will also suggest some practical ways to nourish hope in our daily lives. There will be refreshments afterwards.



1st Friday Adoration will be Extended to 7pm this Month

On October 4th, spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament after your busy day at work or with other commitments. Deacon Tom will bless sacred objects before Benediction at approximately 6:45pm. Before the Blessed Sacrament, I began to slowly pray a Hail Mary. *"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with Thee."* I thought, Wow, Jesus is with me too...right here in front of me. *"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, Jesus."* Again, right before my eyes, here is the fruit of Mary's womb. Spending time with the Eucharist in Adoration can bring deeper meaning to the words of prayers we've known for so long.

Pet Blessing

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of pets on Friday, October 4, 5:30-6:00pm in the field near the bocce courts. Let us gather to bless our pets and give thanks to God for the gift of the animals in our lives.



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.



St. John of the Cross Tree of Life

To help commemorate our 10th anniversary, we are creating a memorial piece called the **SJC Tree of Life**. This tree will hang in the Gathering Space and will serve as a testament, for generations to come, of the love of and commitment to our beloved parish. We are asking each parishioner to consider obtaining a “leaf” on the tree with a \$125 donation. Your leaf can display your family name(s), honor a graduate of St. Felicitas or St. Paul, remember a deceased parishioner, etc. We will install the tree in October, and Bishop Perez will bless it when he is here for Mass on Saturday, November 16 at 4 PM. Order forms can be found in the kiosk or on our website.



The first reading at this weekend’s Mass has always been a good reminder against complacency. Complacency is deeply corrosive to the spiritual life and mental health. We may become complacent when we are happy with

where we are at and we are content to rest for a while instead of continuing to pursue holiness and health. Unfortunately, there are no plateaus in the journey to holiness. We are either moving towards God or away from Him. When we become complacent, pride sneaks up on us and we might believe that there is nothing left for us to work on or we lack the desire to push ourselves further. While it is good to be proud of our accomplishments and to be content with our identity, it is never good to believe that there is nothing left to change or lack the desire to pursue greatness. We must always be on fire for the Lord and constantly pursuing greater holiness. In my line of work, complacent people become stale, depressed, and anxious because they are not pursuing higher goals, self-improvement, and the Lord in prayer. The journey to Heaven is lifelong and only ends when we die, not when we reach a certain point in our spiritual lives and stop. When we are aimless, our life becomes a seedbed for mental health issues. We need to always keep the end goal in mind and be tireless in our pursuit. If you find yourself complacent, consider asking the Lord to rekindle in your heart a desire for Him and a desire for greater holiness. With Prayers.....**Luke Brown**

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

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.

Thank you Bill!

After “40” plus years of being an usher, Bill Amato is moving to the west side to be with his family.

We will miss you Bill!

Parish News & Other Events

Maggie's Place

On October 12, SJOC parishioners are invited to provide service as a part of our Anniversary celebration. We will be helping from about 9 - 11 AM at



Maggie's Place, located in Garfield Heights. Maggie's Place provides programs and services for pregnant and parenting women and their children by offering community, a safe place to live and learn, and on-going services to help them become self-sufficient. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information, please contact Linda McVoy at lmccvoy@aol.com or 440-944-6409 by October 5. Carpooling is available.

Silent Life Chain

Lake County's 26th Annual Silent Life Chain is your chance to silently "speak" for those who have no voice. Sunday, Oct. 6; just for one hour; 1:30-2:30pm, at the intersections of Route 20 and Route 306 in Mentor. If you have any questions contact Jean at 440-942-7906.



This is my Home...We are Family Program

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our This is my Home... We are Family Program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your commitment card was not possible at Mass, an invitation to respond will be mailed later this week to your home. Please return your Commitment Card to the office this week or in next week's collection. If you have not yet done so, join the many others and give your gift online through our electronic giving program. Please call the parish office with any questions.



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

In the month of September, students in Kindergarten through grade 8 completed the first round of MAP testing. MAP stands for **M**easurement of **A**cademic **P**rogress. This is the fourth year we have used this tool to assess where students are in the learning process and recognize what each student is ready to learn. These tests are taken on the computer and are adaptive and personalized for each student. As a student answers a question, the test generates the next question based on the answer. When completed, MAP assigns students a RIT score. RIT stands for **R**eady for **I**nstruction **T**oday. MAP uses this RIT scale to measure what students know, regardless of their grade level, as well as growth over time. Using the RIT score, teachers are able to meet students where they are and differentiate instruction to present material that students are ready to learn. During testing, students really focused in on being persistent and determined, the "P" and the "D" from our school theme. Students worked rigorously on the tests and understood how this test not only show teachers what he/she knows, but how teachers are able to use results to make classroom learning more accessible. The tests will be given again in the winter and spring, and teachers will easily be able to see growth in students throughout the school year. We cannot wait to see how our Warriors thrive this school year!

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Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving	\$3,085.00
Last Week Maintenance Giving	\$1,003.00
Last Week Online Giving	\$346.00
Last Week Online Maintenance Giving	\$3.00

Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month.

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

Convenience

Now that summer is over, and we're starting back in routines, why not sign up for online giving.

Faith Direct enables parishioners to make your Church contributions through either direct debit from your checking/savings account or through your credit/debit card. **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.

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, September 30

7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 10)

Tuesday, October 1

9:15 am Scripture Reflection (MR2)

5:15 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

6:30 pm Bingo (G)

7:30 pm Strategic/Pastoral Planning Mtg (P)

Wednesday, October 2

Thursday, October 3

Friday, October 4

9am-7pm Adoration (SHC)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, October 5

10:00am Sr. Melannie's Talk (C)

Sunday, October 6

9:15 am PSR (PC)

12:00pm Ministry of Consolation Picnic (PG/G)

C-Church

G-Gym

P-Parish Office

PG-Parish Grounds

MR2-Meeting Room #2

SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel

PC-Parish Community Center

PCL-Parish Community Center Library

Rm. 10 in Parish Community Center

SRW-Ss. Robert & William

