

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



10th Anniversary Closing Mass & Dinner Saturday, November 16

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November 3, 2019

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 Spiritual Care Minister



“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.”
Pope Francis, The Joy of the Gospel

How do we as individuals and as a parish nurture the Joy of the Gospel? How do we spread the Good News that is the Gospel? Those are questions we are asking ourselves in the Spiritual Life and Evangelization Committee.*

Each member brings to our monthly meetings unique gifts and experiences. All share a love of Our Lord and a desire to help parishioners deepen their relationship with Jesus. We want to find ways, done before or altogether new, to take action in inviting family, friends and neighbors to our faith community at St John of the Cross. Members include Chris Barni, Kathy Brown, Matt Chinchar, Andrea Dean, Nancy Powell, Cindy Preto, Kathy Ruggeri, Deacon Tom Shetina, Jack Solpa, and Sandy Thomas-Greaves.

Could you help us in our work?

Pray with us, “Holy Spirit lead us, guide us, keep us open to your promptings.”

Tell us what you think about projects we’ve undertaken or ones you would like to see happen. What events, studies have worked to deepen your relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Please stop anyone of us after Masses so we can talk or plan to meet later for a conversation. Or call me, Nancy Powell, at the parish office at 216-289-0770, ext. 101, or send an email using the address npowell@siceuclid.com to share your thoughts.

*The Spiritual Life Committee and the Evangelization Committee were joined in 2018 because each focused on many of the same challenges.

Some things we are working on:

- Increase opportunities for Adoration on First Fridays & at a monthly Holy Hour in the evening.
- Provide Prayer Teams after all weekend Masses on the second Sunday of the month.
- Organize and maintain a Lending Library designed to help all grow in their understanding of and the living out of their faith.
- Prepare and distribute gifts at Christmas and Easter.
- Distribute seasonal guides for the liturgical year.



Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczak
 Noella Burrows
 Matthew Dolenc
 Constance Durrah
 Mary Frain
 Margaret Hasto
 John Hocevar
 Andrew Jarm
 Anna Jalovec
 Nick Kaluza
 Lucille Kucharski
 Bob Lucas
 Joe Matejka
 Ronald Maxey
 Rudy Myeress
 Sheila Moore-Baka
 Larry O'Donnell
 Joan Raddell
 Pat Rossoll
 Jerry Scarniench
 Judy Schmidt
 Christia Schutt
 Rose Simek
 Frank Somrack
 John Tarmann
 Jennifer Tennyson
 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. 120**

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, November 4 8:00 am (AM)	St. Charles Borromeo Jim Proctor
Tuesday, November 5 6:30 pm (TK)	Weekday Anna Pepock
Wednesday, November 6 8:00 am (EM)	Weekday Marcey Kaluza
Thursday, November 7 6:30 pm (AM)	Weekday Karl & Marie Druzina
Friday, November 8 8:00 am (AM)	Weekday Robert Kravos
Saturday, November 9 4:00 pm (AM)	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Victor & Ann Urankar
Sunday, November 10 9:00 am (JB) 11:00 am (EM)	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time St. John of the Cross Parish Family Joseph & Katherine Gregur



Gospel Meditation

Christ loves us first. So much of the Christian life is as simple as that. Today's Gospel is a prime example! *"Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and also a wealthy man ... was seeking to see who Jesus was."* We may have gotten used to the story of Zacchaeus, this short, seemingly innocent man who climbs a sycamore tree in his desperate desire to see Jesus. But this colorful, children's Bible illustration isn't what the gathering crowd would have seen. They would have seen the white collar criminal. Tax collectors were notorious for extortion. They were collaborators with the oppressive Roman overlords, overcharging for taxes and skimming a cut off the top. And how does Jesus respond to this man? *"Come down quickly,"* Jesus says, *"for today I must stay at your house."* If you had been there, would you have believed it? No doubt there were other disciples in the city or, at the very least, kind, generous, and just people. "Good" people. But those aren't the people Jesus chooses to share a meal with. Christ loves us first. He chooses Zacchaeus even before the man makes a public profession of his repentance.

"The Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost." We may not be tax collectors and extortionists — I hope not! — but we all have elements of our lives that are lost. We have wounds from childhood, unresolved anxieties or attachments, daily fears. No matter how "put together" we are, we all have our lost moments. Some days, it may feel like we can't see over the ways they crowd our inner life. Today's Gospel invites us to do something a little strange. Don't let your flaws, failures, or hang-ups prevent you from seeing Jesus. Take a deep breath. Go climb a tree, because Jesus is passing by. And he wants to stay in your heart today.

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Parish News & Events

10th Anniversary Closing Mass & Dinner

You are Cordially Invited to the Closing Mass & Dinner for the 10th Anniversary of St. John of the Cross Parish.

Join us for the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16 at 4 pm where Bishop Nelson Perez will preside and preach.

It will be followed by a Potluck Dinner in our Community Center.

The parish will provide the main dish and beverages. Families with a last name A – G are asked to bring a dessert, H – R a side dish and S – Z, a salad. Also, please bring a bottle of wine or six pack of beer to share!

You can drop off your food in the Community Center prior to Mass. Please RSVP with the number attending and what you are bringing to Anita or Karen in the parish office at 216.289.0770 or kduke@sjceucld.com



Couple's Night Out

Married couples are invited to gather on Saturday November 9th at Ss. Robert and William Parish Upper Hall for a night out. **Sr. Mary Ann Spangler HM** will present *Praying For and With My Spouse.* Sister brings years of experience as a Spiritual Director for adults and college students. Her presentation will assist couples to explore prayer within a marital relationship. The evening will begin at 6:30pm. This free-will offering evening is open to all married couples. Consider bringing an appetizer to share. RSVP 216-731-1515.



On **November 9 and 10**, after All Masses, the St. John of the Cross Prayer Team will be available to pray with anyone who is in need of

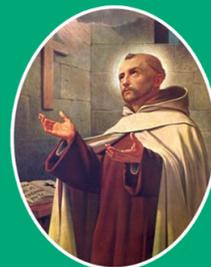
prayer. It can be a prayer for yourself, for a friend, or family member. The Prayer Team will continue to pray for your intentions for the next month. Remember: you are not alone in your struggles.

Soulcore

Please consider joining our next SoulCore session, to be held on Saturday, November 9, at 9:30 AM in Room 10 of the Saint John of the Cross 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. There is no cost, but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. For more information, contact Anney Roach at aroach@sjceucld.com.

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. Order forms can be found in the kiosk or on our website.

Luke Brown’s Reflection

I recently learned a statistic about Americans that I have found to be very concerning. When asked, “Do you feel like you are no longer close to anyone?” Thirty-nine percent of Americans answered yes. Over one-third of our country feels lonely! It’s interesting that even though people are accessible via email, phone call, text, and social media at a moment’s notice, people feel disconnected and alone. It’s easy to blame social media, cell phones, and the internet, but we could also place blame on cultural factors such as the American emphasis and value placed on fierce independence and individuality. While I find these values important, they have their limits. I often see people ostracized because they ask for help and are left to retreat into their homes and into themselves since turning to others resulted in embarrassment, shame, and fear. How do we combat loneliness in ourselves and as a church? While the answers are never simple, there are some good places to get started. Legion of Mary is just one example of how to get involved where members go out into the community and meet with families, the sick, and the elderly. It gets you out and visiting those in need and, while you may not see it at the time, you are warding off feelings of loneliness in yourself just as much as in the people you are visiting. Loneliness can only be fought with others, never alone. If you are feeling lonely or want to help lonely people in your community, consider asking God how you can get more involved with the individuals within your parish and community.

Pancake Breakfast

The St. John of the Cross Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake breakfast next Sunday, November 10, 9:00am-1:00pm. Make plans to enjoy pancakes, sausage, bacon, and eggs. As usual, there is no charge. Donations will be accepted.

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.sjceclid.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.

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday,
November 6.....**Chris H.**
Grande Pointe Sunday,
November 10..**Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, Nov. 11.....**”B” Team**



Parish News & Other Events

The Most Rev. Richard Gerard Lennon, bishop emeritus of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, died on Tuesday morning, October 29 after having received the prayerful support and consolation of the sacraments. He was 72.

Bishop Lennon was installed as the 10th bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio on May 15, 2006 after His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI named him to the leadership position over nearly 800,000 Catholics in eight counties of Northeast Ohio on April 4, 2006.

The Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez, the 11th bishop of the Diocese of Cleveland who succeeded Bishop Lennon, called his predecessor a man with a great love for the Church. "In his service to the diocese, Bishop Lennon showed a deep dedication to the faithful governance of the diocese and a tremendous love of the Church and the people he shepherded. May the Lord grant him eternal rest."



A native of the Boston area, Bishop Lennon was born in Arlington, Massachusetts, graduated from Catholic high school and attended Boston College before entering St. John's Seminary in Brighton, Massachusetts where he received an M.A. in Church history and a M.Th. in sacramental theology.

Bishop Lennon was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 1973 and served in the Archdiocese of Boston as a parish priest, fire department chaplain, an assistant for canonical affairs and rector of St. John's Seminary. Ordained as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Boston on Sept. 14, 2001, Bishop Lennon also was called upon to serve as apostolic administrator for the archdiocese from December 2002 to July 2003 when the Vatican appointed a new archbishop to lead in Boston.

Among the special recognitions Bishop Lennon received were being named as a domestic prelate in April 1998, and his installation as a Knight of Malta and as a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in June 2001. During his episcopacy in Cleveland, Bishop Lennon established a vision for the diocese focusing upon evangelization with an emphasis on the Gospel. He also determined that the presence of the Church remain in every setting where consolidation would reduce the number of parishes. The Church would be present in the Eucharist in liturgy, in Catholic education, or in social service.

Upon taking office, the bishop immediately set out to visit all of the parishes and schools in the diocese. At the same time, the inherited reconfiguration process continued with careful assessment by the parish clusters, then by the 31-member diocesan-wide Vibrant Parish Life Committee, the 13-member bishop's staff and the 25-member Diocesan Presbyteral (priests) Council. Their recommendations to the bishop resulted in the closing of 50 parishes and the establishment of 17 merged new parishes.

Bishop Lennon also prioritized the institution of parish internal audits, diocesan school internal audits and the establishment of norms on models for Catholic schools and catechetical models for children. Under his leadership, the Rooted in Faith capital campaign resulted in the donation of approximately \$170 million to strengthen multiple facets of the diocese including parishes, the clergy retirement fund, evangelization efforts, the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist and Catholic schools.

On Dec. 28, 2016, Pope Francis granted Bishop Lennon early retirement status, accepting his resignation from the pastoral governance of the diocese. Bishop Lennon made the request for early retirement in a letter to the pope in late November citing his ongoing health challenges as the reason for his decision to retire.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, November 4

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

Tuesday, November 5

9:15 am Scripture Reflection (MR2)
5:15 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)
6:30 pm Bingo (G)

Wednesday, November 6

Thursday, November 7

Friday, November 8

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, November 9

7:00 am Men's Prayer Group (Rm. 10)
9:30 am Soulcore (Rm. 10)

Sunday, November 10

9:00am- KofC Pancake Breakfast
1:00pm (G)
9:15 am PSR (PC)

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

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving\$4,899.00
Last Week Online Giving.....\$215.00

Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month.

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

This is my Home...We are Family Program

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, November 03 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.