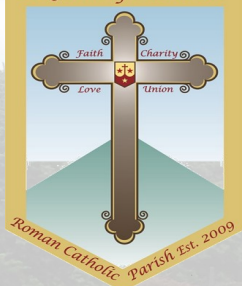


St. John of the Cross



# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

140 Richmond Rd. Euclid, OH 44143 216-289-0770

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe that August is already almost over! Time flies. This week I am off to Broom Tree, South Dakota, for an eight-day silent retreat. My friend, Fr. Jeff Barnish, found this retreat house and I am really looking forward to it. I am normally not one who can handle silence very well, but I think considering all that is going on this will be a great opportunity for me. Church Law requires that priests make an annual retreat. The wisdom of this law strike me, and I wish everyone could take an annual retreat. We have two wonderful retreat houses in this Diocese. The Jesuit Retreat House in Parma and Loyola of the Lakes in Clinton. If you have some time, I encourage you to reach out and set up a retreat with them. It can and will transform your life and help you to grow in your spiritual life.

If you cannot make a retreat, consider making an hourly appointment with Jesus. St. John of the Cross is blessed with Adoration every Friday. This means that Jesus in the Eucharist is available every Friday for you to sit, adore, pray and dialogue. As a community of faith, SJC seeks to keep the Eucharist at the center of all that we do as a parish family. The *Eucharist* is the living presence of Jesus with us in a visible form. The presence of Jesus in the Eucharist can only be understood by those with the eyes of faith. This faith is a gift from God and transforms our lives. In our busy lives, we need to take time to give thanks to God for the gift of Faith. We need to take time to sit in the silence to hear the call of God in our lives. In that silence, our thirst for God will be quenched. Silence is a form of prayer that is an essential part of our Catholic faith. In our busy lives, we need to take time to adore Jesus in his Eucharistic presence. The prayers offered in our chapel are for the needs of the world, the local community, the parish and everyone. We challenge you to give one hour a week to the Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. Call Deacon Tom or Nancy in the parish office for more information.

We have returned daily Mass to the Sacred Heart Chapel. We have about 15 people attending daily Mass and it makes sense to only turn on lights and AC/heat in the chapel and not the whole church for a few people. We have the chairs spaced out and it is a healthy environment.

Please keep me in your prayers this week for a good retreat and know that I will keep you in my prayers!

Make it a great week!

Peace,

Fr. John

*From Our Pastor*



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

**OPEN: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 am to 4 pm**

**CLOSED: Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays**

**Phone Number: 216-289-0770**

August 30, 2020

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**St. John of the Cross (140 Richmond Road):**

**Masses:**

Saturday Vigil at 4 pm.

Sunday, 7:45 am. (in the shrine weather permitting); & 10:15 am

Monday, 8:30 am

Tuesday, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 8:30 am

Thursday, 6:30 pm

**Morning Prayer:**

Friday, 8:30 am

**Adoration:**

Adoration in the Church every **Friday, 9 am to 2 pm.**

**Masses At Ss. Robert & William:**

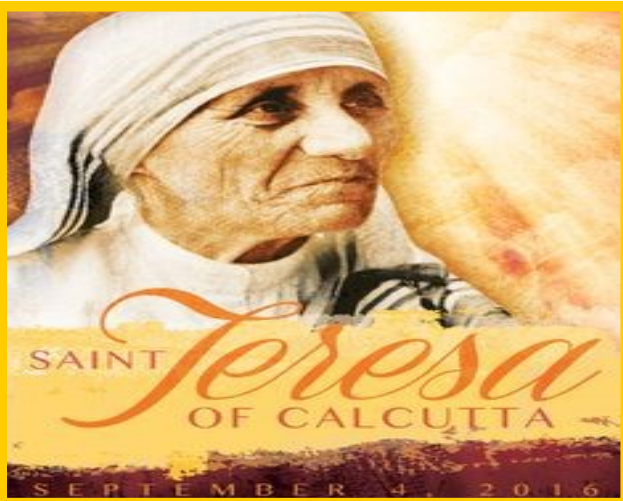
Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 11:30 am

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am

\*All six SRW Masses will be  
LIVESTREAMED

**Confessions:**

St. John of the Cross **Saturday 3 pm**; and Ss. Robert & William **Saturday 2:30 pm**



**PRAYERS NEEDED**

Evelyn Adamczak, John Ballard, Noella Burrows, Barbara Contorno, Constance Durrah, Mary Frain, John Hocevar, Andrew Jarm, Anna Jalovec, Nick Kaluza, Peggy Kiikka, John Malovasic, Joe Matejka, Ronald Maxey, Sheila Moore-Baka, Rudy Myeress, Larry O'Donnell, Linda Palko, Joan Raddell, Pat Rossoll, Mary Rot, Jerry Scarniench, Judy Schmidt, Rose Simek, Colette Suhy, John Tarmann, Rita Vaitkus, Abbie Vernon

*Please advise when names can be taken off this list*

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HIRING!**

THE GUARDIAN ANGELS EARLY LEARNING  
CENTER IS CURRENTLY SEEKING PART-TIME  
STAFF IN OUR INFANT AND BABY ROOMS ON  
THE FOLLOWING DAYS AND TIMES

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 12:30 P.M. - 6 P.M.

MONDAY-FRIDAY, 3 - 6 P.M.

PLEASE CONTACT MOLLY LOREK, GAELC  
DIRECTOR, AT [MLOREK@SRWSCHOOL.CC](mailto:MLOREK@SRWSCHOOL.CC)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION



**Monday, August 31**

8:30 AM (AM/TS-P) † Joseph Ross

**Tuesday, September 1**

6:30 PM (GB) † Lisa Kaluza

**Wednesday, September 2**

8:30 AM (AM) † Jim Brown

**Thursday, September 3**

6:30 PM (AM/TS) † Martha Rymer

**Friday, September 4**

No Mass (8:30 am Morning Prayer)

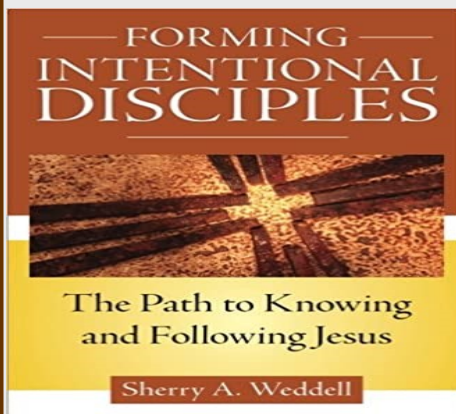
**Saturday, September 5**

4 PM (AM/TS) † David Iannicello

**Sunday, September 6**

7:45 AM (AM/TS) † St. John of the Cross Parish

10:15 AM (AM/TS) † Aloysius & Viola Becker



*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19*

Over the next several weeks, we will be taking excerpts from the book "Forming Intentional Disciples," Author Sherry A. Weddell published 2012.

**Chapter 1: God has no Grand Children  
Climate Change:**

**Becoming Protestant: Why I left the Catholic Church**

**71%-** Spiritual needs not being met; **70 %** I found a religion I liked better; **21%** sexual abuse; **3%** separation or divorce. *Page 28*

**Only 30%** of Americans who were raised catholic are still practicing. *Page 24*

In 2008 US Religious landscape survey of 2008 fastest-growing religious demographic in the United States is unaffiliated. **1 in 6 American adults is unaffiliated.** *Page 19*

"If this trend does not change, in ten years it will cease to matter that we have a priest shortage. The Builders will be largely gone, the Boomers retiring, and our institutions — parishes and schools — will be emptying at an incredible rate. So, let us be clear: In the twenty-first century, **cultural Catholicism is dead** as a retention strategy because **God has no grandchildren.** In the twenty-first century, we must foster intentional Catholicism rather than cultural Catholicism." *Page 39*

**What is your reaction? How should we respond as individuals and a community?**

**Your input is vital. Contact Deacon Tom by e-mail, [deacontom@sjceucclid.com](mailto:deacontom@sjceucclid.com), with our comments, questions and concerns. 216-289-0770 ext 112**

**LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION**

This Sunday's readings and Gospel are packed with wisdom, but the aspect I would like to focus on today is the message that we should not conform our lives to this world. In this country, we are inundated with advertisements and media telling us what we need to be happy. If only we had an Audi, a bigger house, or better clothes, we would be happy. The same thing happens with social media as we look at the highlight reel of someone else's life and wonder why our life is not as good as theirs. The interesting thing about being a counselor is that I get to hear the struggles of people from all walks of life and I sometimes see people that have the wealth, travel opportunities, and careers that most of us could only dream of obtaining someday. It is no surprise to me that if they were looking for happiness in their possessions and not in God alone, they are disappointed that they have not found what they were promised by this world. Super Bowl winner Deion Sanders is a good example of this. After finding fame and fortune, he drove his car off a cliff to end his life. Luckily, he survived the incident and it was not until he gave his life to the Lord that he found any real joy and purpose. If you are of the mindset that a different car, more money, or any other material possession is going to result in any lasting peace and happiness, I would encourage you to take some time reflecting on today's readings. We must remember to always keep our eyes focused on Heaven and remember that this world is temporary and passing.

# Views *From* The Pews

I am very sad about what is going on in our country today and the injustice over the years. I was raised to treat others the way that I would like to be treated and that is what I have always taught my son.

My son is almost 21, he is just finishing up at Lakeland College and will start attending Ohio Christian University this fall. I have major concerns about him leaving home of course to go away to school, but even more concerns for his safety whenever he leaves home due to the severe police brutality against black people! You can get stopped for a simple violation or for no reason at all, which can escalate to jail time or even death!

We live in a development where we are the only black family on one side of the development and we have been here for 10 years. We have always been treated with respect by all of our neighbors and invited to dinners, parties and development events! My neighbor who lives right next door to us hired my son (on several occasions) to check on her cat while on holiday, along with another family on the other side of the development who hired him (on several occasions) to water their plants while on vacation. Another neighbor and his wife always volunteered to pick up my son from school, take him to basketball practice, invite him over to family dinners with their entire family, buy him Christmas presents and take him to church! Just recently Father Steve Breck from St. Mary Magdalene, where my son attended school, contributed to a grant Ohio Christian University offers to match. Not only did Father Steve help with the grant but wrote a personal check from his own account to contribute because he was only allowed to contribute a certain amount from church.

Again, I was raised to treat others the way that I would like to be treated and I hope we can all treat others the same way! I wish I had an answer to how we can make changes, so that everyone can get along with each other, stop the violence, injustice and live in peace. GOD gave us his only begotten son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth and he was mistreated, crucified and died on the cross for all of us! He made the ultimate sacrifice so that we can live without sin. I think that if we can see that GOD lives in each of us that it is hard to treat someone wrong, bad or with injustice! I pray for peace, safety and health for all sons and daughters around the world and that we all do GOD's will!

.....*Lisa Black*



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