



Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

November 15, 2020

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

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Gospel is the parable of the talents. Jesus uses this parable to ask us what we are doing with the blessings he has bestowed upon us. Everything that we have in regards to our time, talent and treasure is a gift from God. He has blessed us so abundantly and how do we respond?

In early October I was talking with my parents about Thanksgiving in the midst of pandemic. For the past twenty years we have had a Thanksgiving with over fifty family members. This is not possible this year. In that same conversation I realized that my Grandma might have to eat Thanksgiving dinner alone as she is in a long-term care facility. I began to think of all those in our parish and community who might be eating alone this year. This, along with the reality of so many struggling this year with putting food on their table, led me to the idea of SJC and SRW offering a free Thanksgiving Meal. I am so excited about this new endeavor. It is an awesome example of us, as disciples, responding to the blessings of God and being good stewards. We have over 75 volunteers already and more are responding each day. We plan to distribute over 400 meals! I am so blown away by the response to this meal!

The SJC and SRW free Thanksgiving meal is for people struggling to put food on their table, for people who will be alone for Thanksgiving, people who just want a free meal, or people who just like turkey dinners! It is for anyone and everyone! We will offer this meal to go and it can be picked up on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday) from 5 to 6 pm or Thanksgiving from 10 am to 11 am at Ss. Robert & William. We will also offer delivery, so if you cannot pick up, just let us know and we will be happy to deliver to you. It even includes pumpkin pie! I am so excited about this new endeavor. We are looking for volunteers to help pack the meal and to deliver. If you are able to help, call me at the parish office at 216.289.0770 or email me at fjb@srweuclid.cc. We will keep you safe and work in small groups and wear masks, etc.

Another great example of the awesome way in which SJC people respond is through the *Heart of the Shepherd* campaign. As of my writing this we are almost half way to our goal of \$173,000. So exciting! While these are difficult times, our church/parish stands as a beacon of light and hope!

We are already seeing the fruits of this campaign in our LIVESTREAMING. We are now LIVESTREAMING our 4 pm Mass, 10:15 am Mass and 8:30 am Wednesday Mass. We have also LIVESTREAMED our concerts and the patriotic rosary. I have heard from so many people that are watching the LIVESTREAM and it means so much to them. They love seeing the Mass from their own home parish.

For more information on how to support the Heart of Shepherd Campaign go to our website at sjceuclid.com, email me or call me.

Make it a great week! See you in church.

Peace, Fr. John



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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS IS DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE...

...that we have decided to join the **HEART OF A SHEPHERD** campaign, an extraordinary effort to meet & serve the needs of St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries of the Diocese of Cleveland.

In addition, St. John has an exciting opportunity to raise funds to support much-needed parish projects, including livestreaming services, a sound system overhaul, and an ADA-compliant entrance, ramp and automatic doors. We invite you to join us in realizing a new vision for our parish.

Ways to Give



Online at
[catholiccommunity.org/
StJohn](http://catholiccommunity.org/StJohn)



Commitment
Weekend on
Nov. 21-22



By mail or in
person at the
parish*

* All parishioners will receive a mailing in November with details. Please feel free to reach out to Father Betters with questions.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE

Social Justice Ministry News

The Annual St. John of the Cross Giving Tree tradition begins Saturday, November 21 at the 4 p.m. mass. Look for the display in the gathering space. Please drop off donations no later than December 13.



NEEDED:

UN-WRAPPED ITEMS

BIRTHRIGHT (Pink Tags)

Diapers: sizes from newborn to ages 3-5
Clothing: newborn to 18 months, especially snowsuits & winter jackets
Blankets and crib sheets
Baby bottles (BPA Free) & baby toiletries
Hand-held toys & board books

LEGION OF MARY (Yellow Tags)

Slippers, socks, hand soap, pocket tissues, hand lotion, shaving lotion, and small stuff animals. Tags will indicate male or female.

ST. ALOYSIUS HUNGER CENTER (Blue Tags)

T-shirts, socks, gloves, and hats

GENERAL GIFT CARDS (Green Tags)

Walmart, Target, Marc's or TJ Maxx for Parish in Need (PIN)

NICARAGUA (Lilac Tags)

Monetary donations

THEA BOWMAN CENTER (Orange Tags)

Gift cards: Giant Eagle, Walmart, Save-a-Lot, McDonalds

WRAPPED ITEMS

ROSEMARY HOME GROUP HOMES (White Tags)

Specific items for residents of group homes.

NEW:

Gifts maybe purchased to from your *smile.Amazon.com* wish list to benefit SJC and also can be delivered directly to Saint John of the Cross. To view the wish list go to: <https://a.co/97qPgDG> and you will be able to view the wish list.

GIVING TREE INSTRUCTIONS: Attach to the tag to the matching gift. Place gifts under the trees. Place the gift cards and any monetary donations in the Offertory basket or drop off at the Parish Office no later noon, Sunday, December 13, 2020.

Peace to All
The Social Justice Ministry

Our Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving\$3,044.00
 Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$2,624.00
 Faith Direct*-Half Month Giving.....\$
 Faith Direct*-Half Month Maintenance..\$

***Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month for both Giving and Maintenance.**

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



Monday, November 16

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † Rita O'Connor

Tuesday, November 17

6:30 PM (JB) † Ann Zajec

Wednesday, November 18

8:30 AM (JL) † Rudy Ujcich

Thursday, November 19

6:30 PM (JL/TS) † Frank & Agnes Potochnik

Friday, November 20

No Mass (8:30 am Morning Prayer; 9am-2pm Adoration)

Saturday, November 21

4 PM (JB/TS) † Anna Pepock

Sunday, November 22

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Cecelia Miller

10:15 AM (JB/TS) † Marlene Meyeress



We are sending an invitation to join us for Bible Study on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Classroom 8 of the Community Center. Using the Lectio Divina method of reading the gospel for the upcoming Sunday Liturgy, we

strive to open our hearts and minds to Scripture as the means to hear God and then respond in conversation. Our discussions have enlivened the gospels and provided ways to share how the Word of God speaks to us in our everyday lives. Please join us to prepare for each Sunday's Gospel. We social distance and wear masks during the entire session which usually is about 1 and 1/2 hours. If you have any questions, please call Kathy Brown at 440-668-9568

Year-End Giving



In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life.

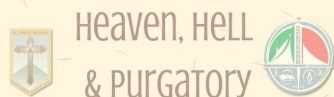
As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2020, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

Even if you don't itemize your taxes, because of the new stimulus package passed by Congress, qualified charitable donations up to \$300 for individuals may be tax-deductible. The CARES Act legislation also temporarily suspended the limitation on qualified charitable contributions of cash, allowing for a current year deduction (for those who itemize) up to 100% of AGI. This provision is in effect only for the 2020 tax year.

And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income.

Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish.

BE READY! LAST THINGS:

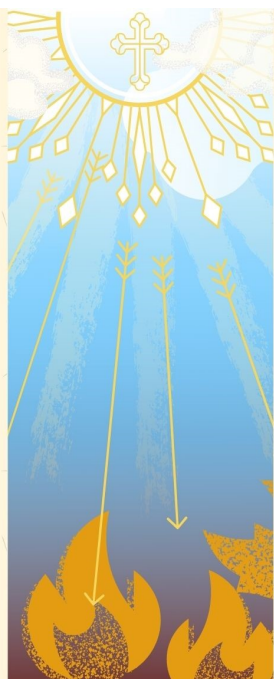


Heaven, Hell
& Purgatory

Advent Mission

Sunday, Nov. 29 – Tuesday, Dec. 1
 7 pm – 8:30 pm at St. John of the Cross (There is plenty of room to allow for Social Distancing) It will also be LIVE-STREAMED!

Come and spend time with Fr. John in prayer and conversation about what we believe as Catholics about "being ready" and where we will spend eternity.



LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

In the last few weeks, I think we can agree that there has been a significant amount of chaos in the United States. In my line of work, I have witnessed this chaos result in depression and anxiety as people struggle to make sense of everything, cope with the chaos, and adapt to the changes. I think it is important in these times to remember that Christ is King. This world is passing and finite, while God is eternal and infinite. No matter what political system, form of government, culture, or law that we find ourselves subject to, there is always room to make God the top priority. I will be the first to admit that it seems like the sky is falling at times, but this feeling only lasts when we let the chaos distract us from God and His promises. If we find ourselves too wrapped up in the current chaos and culture, we become distracted from God and our ultimate goal of Heaven with Him. The current chaos is nothing new. We have only to look at the lives of the saints and Christ himself to see that people have endured very difficult times while keeping their focus entirely on God. If you find yourself anxious, depressed, or despairing because of the chaos, consider taking those feelings to God in adoration and pray about the promises that Christ has made to us in the Gospels. God will be the only source of lasting peace in the chaos of this world.

WE'RE HIRING!

The Guardian Angels Early Learning Center (GAELC) is seeking part-time staff in our Infant, Baby, and Toddler programs. GAELC is a 4-star Step Up to Quality program. Applicants must be at least 18-years old and have a high school diploma. Background checks and online trainings will be required.

Duties include feeding, diapering, engaging students in age-appropriate play, and logging activities on our mobile app.

MORNING AND AFTERNOON SHIFTS AVAILABLE

Contact Molly Lorek, GAELC
Director, at 216-331-5080
for more information.



FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Pick-up Wednesday,
November 25 from 5 - 6 pm
OR Thursday, November 26, 10 - 11 am
delivery is available upon request*

Call 216.289.0770 or 216.731.1515 or email Anita at alinsky@srweuclid.cc
367 E. 260th St. Euclid Ohio 44132

MASSES

St. John of the Cross (140 Richmond Rd)

Saturday: Vigil 4 pm (LIVESTREAMED)

Sunday 7:45 am

10:15 am (LIVESTREAMED)

Monday: 8:30 am

Tuesday: 6:30 pm

Wednesday: 8:30 am (LIVESTREAMED)

Thursday: 6:30 pm

Friday: 8:30 am *Morning Prayer:*

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

Confessions:

St. John of the Cross **Saturday 3 pm**

Ss. Robert & William **Saturday 2:30 pm**

Ss. Robert & William (367 E. 260 St.)

Saturday: Vigil 4 pm (LIVESTREAMED)

Sunday: 9 am

11:30 am (LIVESTREAMED)

6:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 11:30 am (LIVESTREAMED)

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday: 8:30 am (LIVESTREAMED)

Parish Staff

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm

Closed Friday, Saturday & Sunday

SJC Prayer 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.