



# Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143  
September 12, 2021

Roman Catholic Parish  
24th Sunday in Ordinary

Dear Parishioners,

Wow! What a difference a year makes! It was with a great sense of relief, and renewed excitement, that the faculty and staff actively planned for the 2021-2022 school year! Last year at this time, there was so much anxiety about the unknown. The “normalcy” of a traditional school experience was disrupted, but at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School, and in the majority of Catholic schools in the entire country, the students were offered a valuable education in the midst of a global pandemic. The dedication of our teachers, the resiliency of our students, and the partnership with our parents resulted in not a lost year, but a successful one! We learned a lot, and continue to put into practice the COVID keepers that worked; infrared temperature cameras to ensure that all entering the building are fever-free, clean air scrubbers and ventilation, water bottle filling stations, and scheduled hand-washing opportunities throughout the day. As always, we follow all the guidelines and recommendations of the local authorities.

## MESSAGE FROM MARTHA DODD



As we began the 2021-2022 school year, we welcomed back to school a strong enrollment of 417 students! This includes 38 new students in grades 1-8 and 46 in Kindergarten. We have returned to a full school schedule. The teachers are taking a “back-to-basics” approach to lesson presentations with more paper/pencil activities in workbooks and textbooks, thus reducing the use of technology and screen time. We will be able to gather for all school Masses on holy days and special occasions, and students will continue to attend Mass weekly on two days: grades 5-8 on Tuesdays, and Kindergarten-grade 4 on Thursdays at 8:30 AM. Celebrating these liturgies with the parishioners of Ss. Robert and William make them even more special.

Along with all the “academic” planning and preparation for this school year, we are also excited about the updates and improvements to the physical school building. New stair treads were installed, new flooring was added to the Kindergarten hallway, portable air conditioners that are more efficient have been purchased for every classroom and will be installed when available, the parking lot has been repaved and striped, and the teachers’ lounge has been renovated to a beautiful place of respite for the teachers. Special thanks to the family of Joseph Saba, a life-long member of St. Robert/Ss. Robert and William parish, for donating the funds to make this renovation possible in loving memory of Joe.

There is always something special about the beginning of a new school year. This school year is particularly extraordinary. The return to what we may have once taken for granted has now provided a welcome sign of hope for all. With this renewed sense of hope, a school theme was chosen to remind the student body of the awesome reality that “WE ARE MADE IN GOD’S IMAGE!” In our daily morning prayer, we ask for God’s help to live each day so that His image is reflected in our words, in our actions, and in all of our choices. At the end of the school day, we thank God for the incredible blessing of being made in His image, set apart from the rest of creation. We also pray daily for all those who support our school in so many ways. We ask that you hold the SRW school community in prayer, as we strive to live in and reflect God’s image throughout this school year, and always!

## YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust' with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.



**St. John of the Cross  
Next Community Meal**

**Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
5 p.m. — Drive Through Only**



In last Sunday's homily, Deacon Tom spoke of God's game plan for the salvation of the world and we the faithful of the church have a role in God's game plan. We are to be **doers** of the Word. (James 1:22)

The reality of today's world is: God's team, the church is getting smaller, and we are being asked to play out of our normal position, a position that we may have never played before, evangelizer! Christ has called us to go and "*baptize all nations*". (Matt 28:19) To be precise, if we don't act soon the church will continue to become smaller. God will always provide for us the necessary tools to become Missionary Disciples — **ALPHA** is one of those tools.

What is Alpha? Alpha is a place to connect with other people who are open to exploring life, faith and meaning. Each session includes a time to connect with others over a **free meal**, hear a short talk on an element of the Christian faith, and then a chance for each person to share their own questions with the group in a welcoming and hospitable atmosphere.

Alpha was primarily designed for those who are searching for purpose, the meaning of life, or who have fallen away from the church. If you would like to attend Alpha, please register for this free program, and feel free to bring a friend who is searching.

ALPHA is a once a week, 11-week program that begins September 20 through November 22, and is in collaboration with Ss Robert and Williams. There will be two sessions as follows:

**Mondays, from September 20 to November 22**

Morning Sessions: 9:00 am to 10:30 am at St. John of the Cross

Evening Sessions: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Ss Robert & William

Register online at [sjceucld.com](http://sjceucld.com), call 216-289-0770 or email [deacontom@sjceucld.com](mailto:deacontom@sjceucld.com)

More Detailed Information is Available on our Website

## **ONE IN CHRIST MINISTRY**

**Creating Unity  
In the  
Community**

**INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR FIRST  
DINE & DISCUSS EVENT**

### **DISABLE THE LABELS**

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021 6:00PM  
St. John of the Cross Parish Hall**

**Enjoy the company of parishioners over a great meal  
while discussing ways to eliminate labeling  
and promote the sacredness of all people.**

**This event is free and open to all parishioners of SJC and SRW  
but reservations are a must.**

**Call 216-731-1515 or 216-289-0770**

## MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE PLAN

### Diocese of Nellore, India

This weekend, Sept. 11-12 there will be a second collection for the Missionary Cooperative Plan, for the Diocese of Nellore. Due to covid-19 virus pandemic situation, Fr. Illuri will not be able to come in person to speak.

Both Fr. Illuri and the beloved Bishop of Nellore India, Bishop Most Reverend Dr. Moses D. Prakasam, thank you for helping the missionary work to continue their evangelization efforts and maintain their congregations, seminaries and convents.



## ALL SOULS CEMETERY

### Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Please know the CCA follows the current CDC guidance regarding COVID-19 protocols. We kindly ask that you RSVP to All Souls Cemetery 10366 Chardon Road 216/641-7575 ext. 4 or email [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org)



What **TIME** is it?? It's "Day **LIFE** Saving Time"—a huge prolife event! You are invited to join your fellow Catholics from parishes all throughout the diocese of

Cleveland at **9:00 – 11:30 am on Sat., September 18**, as we witness in song and prayer to the sanctity of unborn life with a Eucharistic Procession at Preterm abortion facility (close to Shaker Square). Our procession will be followed by celebration of Mass by Fr. Max Cole at nearby Our Lady of Peace Church. We need **YOU** to join us as we "shout for the unborn", as Joshua shouted for victory at Jericho, following God's command. Free parking. For more details, visit our website at [DayLifeSavingTime.com](http://DayLifeSavingTime.com) or email [DayLifeSavingTime@yahoo.com](mailto:DayLifeSavingTime@yahoo.com)

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- ANXIETY
- MARITAL PROBLEMS
- TRAUMA
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- SELF-CARE AND MORE...

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT LUKE BROWN, LPCC  
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## LUKE BROWN'S REFLECTION

*Our second reading this weekend has a very important message about passing judgement on others. When I read passages like this, I think about how the man with gold rings and fine clothes can be an example of some of the figures we have watched fall from their pedestals in the last few decades. Various priests, religious figures, and speakers come to mind who served as role models for us but have now disappeared in the public sphere due to criminal charges, misconduct, or resignation. This tragic reality shows us that everyone is human and capable of sin, but also that the appearance of sainthood is not enough. Pursuing the outward signs that we see in our role models such as number of followers, popularity, and impact is not the pursuit of holiness. Maybe those pursuits were what distracted them from pursuing Christ in the first place. Instead, we should focus our efforts on pursuing holiness and what that looks like in the present moment. These fallen figures that we have witnessed can also serve as a reminder that the person sitting next to us in Mass who appears very ordinary, has an ordinary job, and does not have a talk show on EWTN might be the holiest person we encounter today. When we focus on the present moment we become less judgemental about the holiness of others and instead focus on our own relationship with Christ and where we can grow in holiness today.*

## FAITH BY THE FIRE



**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—7 PM**

**JOIN US**

**AS WE PRAY, SING, SOCIALIZE AND  
HAVE FUN!!**

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Mondays & Wednesdays: 8:30 am

Tuesdays & Thursdays:.....6:30 pm

Fridays:- Morning Prayer 8:30 am with Eucharistic Adoration  
8:45 am to 2:00 pm

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Sundays:.....7:45 am & 10:15 am

**Confessions**

Saturdays:.....3:00 - 3:30 pm

**MASS Intentions**

**Monday, September 13**

8:30 AM (JL/TS-P) † The Suhy Families

**Tuesday, September 14**

6:30 PM (JL/TS) † Bruno Kotarski

**Wednesday, September 15**

8:30 AM (JL/TS) † Ken Brickman, Special Intention

**Thursday, September 16**

6:30 (JL/TS) † St. Anna Raguz

**Friday, September 17**

No Mass (8:30am Morning Prayer; 8:45am-2pm Adoration)

**Saturday, September 18**

4 PM (JB/TS) † Annie Kaluza

**Sunday, September 19**

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † Joseph Cah

10:15 AM (JL/TS) † Harold & Marie Pierce

**Our Financial Stewardship**

Last week's Giving.....\$3,827.50

Last week's Maintenance .....\$1,025.00

Faith Direct\*-

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**\*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!**

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8 am to 4 pm  
Closed Wednesday, 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.

*Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish  
and Their Caregivers*

Evelyn Adamczak, John Ballard, Noella Burrows, Constance Durrak, Frank Hiti, John Hocevar, Andrew Jarm, Anna Jalovec, Nick Kaluza, Ronald Maxey, Sheila Moore-Baka, Vera Baka, Linda Palko, Bill Perko, Joan Raddell, Pat Rossoll, Mary Rot, Jerry Scarniench, Judy Schmidt, Rose Simek, John Tarmann, Abbie Vernon

***Please notify us when a name can be taken off  
this list.***

### WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_