



# Saint John of the Cross

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

Roman Catholic Parish  
Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Third Week of Advent. This is the week we focus on Joy, that is why we light the pink candle and the priest wears pink vestments. I like to call them rose, but we all know they are pink! I really encourage you this week to focus on what gives you joy. Focus on all the many blessings we receive from God each day. Joy is a deliberate choice that we each must make. The joy flows from graces bestowed upon us by Jesus Christ.



Our Christmas Mass Schedule will be as follows:

**Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24**  
Masses are at: 4 pm & 12 am Midnight

**Christmas Day, Saturday, December 25**  
Mass at — 10:15 am

As you can see we are trying something new, that is actually kind of old. It is a Midnight Mass at 12 am Midnight. I think considering the age of average parishioner and that there is not another one around us, I wanted to give it a try. bringing back an old, but pretty cool tradition.

I really encourage you to reach out to your friends and neighbors and invite them to Christmas Mass. As we seek as a parish community to center ourselves on Christ, one of the ways we can do this is by encouraging our friends and family to attend Mass with us. But don't just invite them to Mass, invite them to coffee or a glass of wine and have a talk about how Jesus is working in your life. Witness to the greatness of God and allow the Holy Spirit to move within them.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

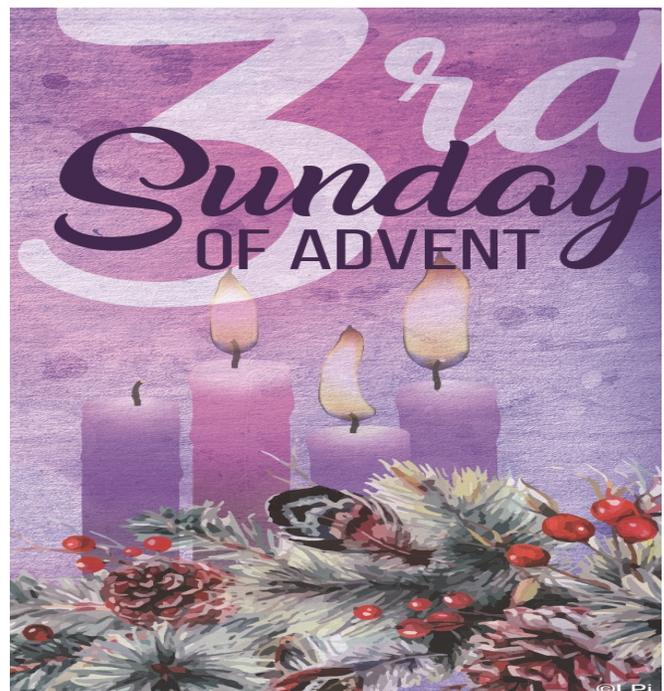
Peace, Fr. John

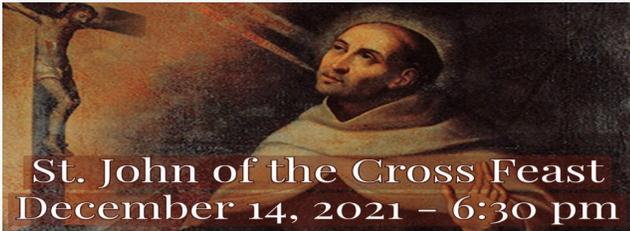


Jingle Bells!

The Music Ministry invites you, your families, and friends for an evening of music and carols, anticipating the coming of Jesus. Join us, then, on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. A reception will follow the event.

Thank you!





## St. John of the Cross Feast December 14, 2021 – 6:30 pm

The Young Adults Ministry is sponsoring the celebration of Saint John of the Cross! The event will start with the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, and it will continue afterwards in the Community Center. It is going to be a wonderful opportunity to know more about the Saint of our beautiful church and at the same time a welcoming opportunity to spend an evening together. The event is open to all!



In preparation for the upcoming Synod (Meeting) of Bishops in Rome 2023, our parish has been invited to participate in a process of prayer, listening to the Holy Spirit, dreaming, and

discerning God's call for the Church amid the present signs of the times. The theme for this synod is **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission.”** Synodality expresses the nature of the Church as the People of God journeying together and gathering in assembly, summoned by the Lord Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Gospel. Pope Francis has invited everyone to participate in a dialogue with one another and with the worldwide Catholic Church.

In the weeks ahead there will be opportunities for parishioners to gather together. We will reflect back on our experiences of Church, both collectively and individually, and then project forward and ask, “Where is the Holy Spirit leading us as a diocese?” Look forward to more information in the weeks ahead and the opportunities to gather prayerfully being attentive to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

**Young Adults!** — The “Lakeshore Pod” is a reality! If you are in your 20s and/or 30s, come and join us for this incredible opportunity to pray to Jesus and get to know new people in the area. We invite you to be part of this journey in preparation for Christmas. Below are the events locations, dates and times. If you have any question, please contact Joe at [YoungAdults@sjceucld.com](mailto:YoungAdults@sjceucld.com).

Thank you and have a blessed Advent!

**JOURNEYING TO CHRIST**

DEC 2 at St. Jerome  
 DEC 9 at St. John of the Cross  
 DEC 16 at Our Lady of the Lake  
 DEC 23 at Ss. Robert and William

PREPARE . NAVIGATE . ANTICIPATE . ARRIVE.

7pm every Thursday during Advent  
 Journey from parish to parish

LAKESHORE YOUNG ADULTS

## Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of

**Wanda Nalepka.....Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Nalepka**

## ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS COMMUNITY MEAL

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, -5:00 pm — Drive Through

Our next community meal is Wednesday December 15. Pick up begins at 5:00 pm. The community meals are designed to provide a nutritious and delicious meal to neighbors, friends and families in need. This week as we enter the third week of Advent, let us reach out to someone that is in need. Stop by St. John of the

Cross to pick up a meal or two for a yourself, a neighbor, a friend or a family who may be in need. Spread the word!



*“It’s not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving.”—*

St. Teresa of Calcutta

*Luke Brown's Reflection*

Family and the Holidays (Part 2 of 3)

This week, we will be continuing our discussion of surviving family conflicts during the holiday season by reflecting on avoiding battles of loyalty and allegiance. An example of this is an individual or group wanting to avoid in-laws during the holidays. If you struggle with your in-laws, you are not alone. It is one of the most common complaints that I hear this time of year. One thing that is important to reflect on is how rifts between families can cause people in the middle to feel like they have to choose sides. An example is a husband who does not want to visit his wife's family and so he does his best to avoid them or becomes angry with them frequently. Imagine the position that this puts the wife in. She can feel like she has to choose sides or that she has to be loyal to her family of origin or to her husband. Obviously, this can cause many difficult feelings for the wife. It might be useful for the husband to prioritize his wife's wellbeing and mental health by finding ways to maintain a functioning and cordial relationship with his in-laws. It is not going to be easy, but it will help to find some sense of harmony and peace between all parties involved. As we discussed last week, we cannot control other people's behaviors, only our reactions to these behaviors. If this is a regular struggle, it might also be helpful to pursue counseling. Counseling can be very helpful for navigating together the difficulties involved when two or more families come together.

*Luke Brown, LPCC*

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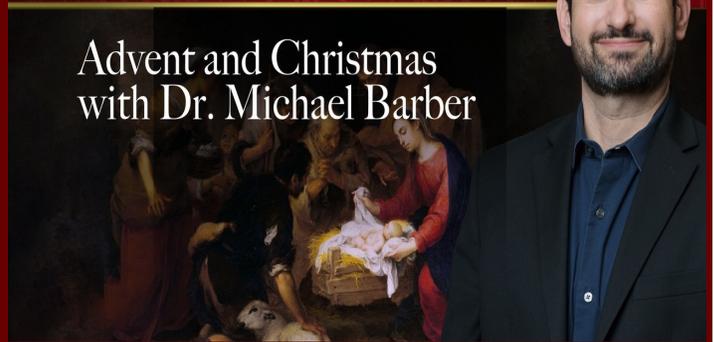
**EXITING THE CHURCH AFTER MASS**

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Out of respect for the liturgy and for the music that accompany the services, we would like to invite you to exit the church through the gathering area and/or through the new entrance, which provides a wonderful ramp and very efficient buttons to operate the opening of the doors. Thank you for your cooperation.

THE TRUE MEANING OF  
**CHRISTMAS**

Advent and Christmas  
with Dr. Michael Barber



**Do you love Christmas traditions but don't know where they come from? Tune in for Dr. Michael Patrick Barber's Advent reflections called "The True Meaning of Christmas" and learn the meaning behind your favorite Christmas pastimes. To go deeper, be sure to get his accompanying book "The True Meaning Christmas", available on Catholic Market.**

**WATCH ON FORMED**

**LOG IN: SRWSJCEUCLID.FORMED.ORG**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass intentions are available to be scheduled with no limit. If you would like to schedule mass intentions, please feel free to stop by the office or contact Karen at 216-289-0700 x. 100. Mass intentions can be for the deceased or the living. The suggested donation is \$10.



**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

**MIDNIGHT MASS**

We are rekindling the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass tradition here at St. John of the Cross.

Join us starting with the singing of Carols at 11:30 p.m., followed by Mass at 12 Midnight.

**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, December 13**

8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † People of the Parish

**Tuesday, December 14**

6:30 PM (JB) † Sr. Anna Raguz

**Wednesday, December 15**

8:30 AM (JL) † Colette Suhy

**Thursday, December 16**

9:00 AM (JL/TS) † Denise Yezzaw Somich

**Friday, December 17**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)  
8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, December 18**

4:00 PM (JL/TS-P) † Darlene Brokamp

**Sunday, December 19**

7:45 AM (JB/TS-P) † Nancy Suhy  
10:15 AM (JB/TS-P) † Family of Joseph Jarc

**Our Financial Stewardship**

Last week's Giving.....\$4,129.84  
Last week's Maintenance.....\$ 2,033.00  
Faith Direct\* Giving.....\$  
Faith Direct\*-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!**

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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 Durrach, Marie George, Frank Hiti, John Hocevar, Andrew Jarm, Anna Jalovec, Nick Kaluza, Ronald Maxey, 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 \_\_\_\_\_