



Saint John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, Ohio 44143
March 20, 2022

Roman Catholic Parish
Third Sunday in Lent

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Third Week of Lent! I hope your Lenten journey is going well and that you are growing in your relationship with Jesus through your Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. If you have lost steam in anyway, now is a great time to get back on track and to make the changes necessary to refocus.

This week we will have our joint parish mission. It is Wednesday, March 23 and Thursday, March 24. I am so excited that Fr. Mick Joyce, a Capuchin Friar, from Borromeo Seminary will be leading our mission. It starts at 7 pm both evenings and will be at St. John of the Cross. I really encourage you to make the time to attend as his message is quite powerful!



Recently you may have heard the news that Bishop Malesic has asked me to take on an additional role in our Diocese. I am assuming the role of *Bishop Liaison for the Keeping the Faith* initiative. Simply put, I am being asked to oversee the final planning phase to get a strategic plan for our Catholic Elementary Schools on his desk sometime in the summer or early fall. Then, once he approves, it will be my role to oversee the implementation of the plan. I imagine it will take the next five to seven years to get this plan fully implemented as we have one of the largest Catholic School systems in the United States. The goal of the plan is to ensure that our schools are irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent and operating well. I am sure you will hear more about it in the future. So, what does this mean for SRW & SJC. The good news is that my new role will allow me to continue to be pastor of both parishes. Both parish communities are very important to me, and I love you all so much. I can't imagine being a priest anywhere else. All I ever wanted to do was be a parish priest and I love each moment. I do believe in and am very passionate about work in the schools, but the parish is where my heart is. I do think that my new role will benefit me in being a pastor with "boots on the ground" as it allows me to know what is happening.

This does mean that I may not be around as much as I am now. I am very blessed at SJC to have Deacon Tom, Francesco and the great staff who take care of so much for us. At SRW I am blessed to have Fr. Thom, Renee Barber and the staff who also do so much! Both parishes are in very good places right now and I believe we have the leadership in place to continue our good work and moving forward. I do not have a lot of skills and talents, but the few I do are organization, multi-tasking, and empowering others to do things. I believe these will serve the parishes, my work with the schools and me well. I appreciate your understanding and support.

I hope to see you at the Parish Mission this week! Don't forget the SRW Fish Fry as well each Friday of Lent, followed by Mass & Stations.

Make it a great week. See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John



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



FREE



EASTER DINNER

*Pick-up Holy Saturday,
April 16 from 12 noon - 1 pm
Local delivery is available upon request*

Call 216.731.1515 or email Anita at alinsky@srweuclid.cc

Luke Brown's Reflection

March 20, 2022

One way to understand the Old Testament is to see it as the story of God slowly teaching the people of Israel who he is. I think we sometimes forget that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob didn't have the Bible, religious education classes, or religious leaders to teach them all about the one, true God. Instead, as the ultimate teacher, God slowly revealed more and more of his identity to them throughout the Old Testament. The story we hear today of the burning bush is an important step in this process. A person's name is very meaningful in the Bible- it's why God gives new names to so many people at important moments in their lives. To know a person's name is to achieve a level of intimacy with them. God is inviting the people into a deeper relationship with Him as He prepares to lead them into freedom. Our lives too are about forming relationships and growing in intimacy with others. As fallen humans though, we can struggle with finding the right balance in deepening these relationships. We might be tempted to jump into relationships headfirst with those who later turn out to not have our best interests at heart. Or we may be so protective of our heart that it hardens, and our relationships wither with shallow roots. Learning to set good boundaries in relationships is important, so that we can both protect ourselves and also be vulnerable enough to let the relationship grow. If you find yourself struggling to find a happy medium, consider taking some time to ask the Lord to help you grow in this area. Counseling or spiritual direction could also be helpful if you find yourself continuing to struggle.



ROSARY FOR PEACE

Sponsored by the Legion of Mary
Every Sunday Before the
10:15 AM Mass

Our Blessed Mother specifically asked the children of Fatima and the world to pray the Rosary *every day*. On June 13, 1917, she said: **"Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."**

It is imperative that we heed our Blessed Mother's request to pray for peace for our country and our nation.

Please join members of the Legion of Mary every Sunday, beginning March 27, at 9:45 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Chapel to pray the rosary before mass.

SCHEDULE YOUR MASSES ONLINE



St. John of the Cross and Ss. Robert & William Parish are excited to announce that we have a new way to offer Mass Intentions. They are for both the deceased and the living. It is a tradition that dates back centuries. Each Mass is a \$10 offering. See below to schedule Masses from the comfort of your home.

To schedule your Mass intentions online, find the link on our Website, OR use this link:

Web4ucorp.com/massintentions/srweuclid



Lenten Almsgiving: Support for Nicaragua

Thanks to your prayers and generosity, we have supported several struggling parishes in Nicaragua both spiritually and financially since 2014. Once again, we humbly appeal to you as we dedicate our Lenten Almsgiving to this effort.

Under the guidance of Padre Tomás, our principal contact, Almsgiving proceeds will support the parishioners of Chacraseca and León to provide food, clothing and basic needs as they continue to feel the effects of the pandemic.

To donate please feel free to use the Nicaragua Partnership envelope included in your monthly offertory collection; or to donate on-line go to: <https://saintjohnofthecross.org/make-a-gift>

Nicaraguans are among the happiest and most faith-filled people we have ever met – despite their nation's fragile economy, political unrest and, most recently, the global pandemic. We remain dedicated to serving these beautiful people and are eternally grateful for your help in doing so. As always, *muchas gracias*.

Dale George and the Hands United in Hope and Love ministry

PARISH MISSION

With Brother Mick Joyce

EUCCHARIST:

THE TRANSFORMING
POVERTY AND
HUMILITY OF GOD



BOTH EVENINGS WILL INCLUDE MUSIC, PRAYER, AND
WITNESSES FROM SRW AND SJC PARISHIONERS.

March 23 & 24 @ 7:00 pm

At St. John of the Cross

140 Richmond Rd, Euclid, OH 44143



LOVE AS I HAVE LOVED

**Calls
of
Love**



The "Calls of Love" Ministry wants to pray for you. On the 3rd Monday of every month starting March 21 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., members will be reaching out by telephone to all parishioners with just two questions: how are you doing and do you have anything or anyone you want us to pray for? These "Calls of Love" are being made with love and caring, and we are hoping to have a short conversation with you soon. Our prayer is to ask St. John of the Cross Parish to pray for our ministry and those we speak to. Thanks for answering our call!

God bless you all!

Spiritual Life and Evangelization Ministry Corner

Welcome fellow parishioners to the Spiritual Life and Evangelization (SLE) Ministry Corner. In the weeks and months ahead, our ministry will be providing reflections, devotions and prayers to help you grow closer to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you are not familiar with SLE Ministry, we are members of St. John of the Cross Parish who meet regularly on the second Thursday of every month at 7:15 p.m. in Room 8 in the Community Center (everyone is welcome to attend our meetings so please stop in anytime). We plan and organize activities for the parish to help us grow in our faith. We also support the pastoral team of the parish to provide the best spiritual experiences for our parishioners.

The Mission Statement of St. John of the Cross Spiritual Life & Evangelization Ministry is to provide opportunities for our parishioners to grow in holiness and to empower our church family to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goals include the following: (1) Encounter Jesus Christ and develop a personal relationship with our Savior and through Him to know, love and serve the Father; (2) help others grow in their faith by embracing a lifestyle of the Holy Spirit so as to make disciples of others; and (3) provide devotions and events for spiritual growth.

Many people wonder how they can begin getting closer to God. Lent is the perfect opportunity to do that. Check out all the parish Lenten events in the bulletin or online (sjceuclid.com). Take advantage of these events to help you keep Christ more central in your life. Do know that the SLE ministry is here to help in your faith journey. May God bless you in a special way this Lenten season.



PALMS

There will be a box available in the Gathering Space for those who wish to discard their old palms.

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

Evelyn Adamczyk

MASS Intentions

Monday, March 21

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

9:00 AM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 22

6:30 PM (JB) † Victor Kmetich

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 AM (JL) † Joseph & Maria Stanisa

Thursday, March 24

6:30 PM (JL/TS) † For the People of the Parish

Friday, March 25

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 PM — STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday, March 26

4:00 PM (JL/TS) † Frank, Marguerite & Thomas Kukula

Sunday, March 27

7:45 AM (JB/TS) † John Freas

10:15 AM (TK/TS) † Matt & Mary Chinchar 50th
Wedding Anniversary

Our Financial Stewardship

TOTALS WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK

03/13/22-Sunday Giving.....	\$2,977.85
03/13/22-Maintenance.....	\$1,731.00
Faith Direct* Last 1/2 February Giving.....	\$4,548.00
Faith Direct* Last 1/2 February Maintenance.....	\$ 656.00

***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.

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.

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 _____