June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday

Saint John of the Cross

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Feast of Pentecost! In many ways today is considered the "birthday" of the church. As the Apostles received the gift of the Holy Spirit they went out and brought Jesus to the world. They did this in the midst of much persecution and oppression. They did this in a very secular culture. They did this with internal division. And yet despite it all, Jesus was brought to the ends of the world these last 2,000 years and we continue to participate in this movement of the Holy Spirit. One of the ways we continue to move the Holy Spirit is through the *Gifts of the Holy Spirit:*

Wisdom helps us recognize the importance of others and the importance of keeping God central in our lives. Notice in this gift, it is not about US and what is best for US, but instead how important it is to follow Jesus' command to "love one another."

Understanding is the ability to comprehend the meaning of God's message. There are so many sources today claiming to know the Truth, but God's message is the only Truth we should follow.

Knowledge is the ability to think about and explore God's revelation, and also to recognize there are mysteries of faith beyond us. This is huge. How can we better realize God is God and we are not; some things are just in the divine plan.

Counsel is the ability to see the best way to follow God's plan when we have choices that relate to him.

Fortitude is the courage to do what one knows is right. Several people whom I look up to always tell me DO WHAT IS RIGHT! You will never go wrong in this.

Piety helps us pray to God in true devotion. The church offers us so many incredible ways to offer prayer and devotion to the Lord.

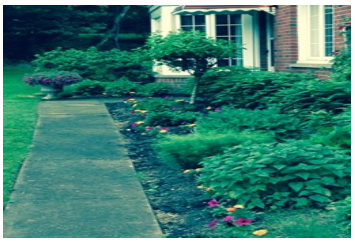
Fear of the Lord is the feeling of amazement before God, who is all-present, and whose friendship we do not want to lose.

I encourage you this week to reflect on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and how these gifts that we all have can impact and allow us to grow in our spiritual lives!

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace, Fr. John

Spring is Here, Alleluia!



Do you stand in awe of God's creation? Do you wonder how you can embrace God's magnificent works? Come join us, adopt a garden, and create or maintain your own little wonder on our church property. We have several gardens in need of your loving care.

Call Bernie Solpa (216) 261-6866 with inquiries or leave your name, phone number, and e-mail address at the parish office. Don't wait; spring planting starts now

Be the LIGHT

BE THE HOPE.
BE THE INSPIRATION.
BE THE EXAMPLE.
BE THE HEART.
BE THE ROCK.
BE THE LIFELINE.
BE THE HELPER.
BE THE CHANGE.
BE THE DELIVERANCE.
BE THE HUMANITARIAN.
BE THE SALVATION.
BE THE MENTOR.
BE THE POSITIVE.
BE THE GIVER.
BE THE JOURNEY.
BE THE GUARDIAN.
BE THE MIRACLE.
BE THE REASON.
BE THE GOOD SAMARITAN.
BE THE PRAYER ANSWERED.
BE THE CHANNEL OF PEACE.
BE THE STARTING POINT.
BE THE COMPASSION.
BE THE LEADER.

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By making a gift to the Catholic Charities Appeal, you will Be the Light for people throughout Northeast Ohio who turn to Catholic Charities in their time of need.

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Luke Brown's Reflection

Do you remember when "What would Jesus do?" was a popular phrase? It still is in some circles, but I remember in the late 2000s when everyone was wearing the rubber bracelets that had "WWJD?" printed on them. The more I think about this phrase, the more I do not like it. The way it is phrased makes it sound like Jesus is simply a historical figure or somehow removed from our situation, who we recall to make a moral decision. It is the equivalent of asking "What would Abraham Lincoln do?" The reality is that Jesus is not restricted to history or somehow removed from us but is present in every moment of our lives. This is even more apparent as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend. Jesus is with us through the Holy Spirit always and guiding us towards Heaven constantly. I think that a better way to phrase it is, "Jesus, what are you doing?" When we are faced with a difficult decision, where is Jesus in our heart at that moment? When suffering is present, where is Jesus in the midst of that suffering? This differently worded phrase, "Jesus, what are you doing?" has the language of turning to God and being mindful of his presence in our daily lives. Being mindful of God's presence helps us to keep our identity centered as beloved children of God. I have found that this practice is helpful for all Catholics but, in a particular way, for those that are struggling with their mental health. This week, consider reflecting on this different phrasing in your prayer life and see if it helps you to remember that the Holy Spirit is present in every moment of your day.

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ALL SOULS CEMETERY – Pre-Planning Seminar

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 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 Rd. Chardon, 216/641-7575 ext. 4 or email bdejohn@clecem.org.

SPIRITUAL LIFE & EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

"Go and Make Disciples of All Nations

The monthly meetings of the Spiritual Life and Evangelization committee are held the 2nd Thursday of every month. This Thursday, June 9, at 7:15 p.m., we will meet in Classroom 8.

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings, so please stop in anytime!

What's Happening

ACTIVITIES AT SJOC CAMPUS

Monday:

- Sacred Scripture Study: 6:30 pm, Room 8
- Men of Praise: 8:00 pm, Room 8
- Calls of Love Ministry: Every 3rd Monday, 6:30 pm—8:00 pm, Parish Office

Tuesday:

- Lectio Divina Bible Study: 9:30 am, Room 8
- Legion of Mary: 5:15 pm, Room 8

Wednesday:

- Community Meal: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:00 pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 6:30 pm

Thursday:

- Family in Christ Jesus: Every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:00 pm, Gym
- Spiritual Life & Evangelization Ministry: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm, Room 8

Friday:

- Alcoholics Anonymous, 8:00 pm, Room 8
- Young Adult Ministry, Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7:00 pm

Saturday:

- Men's Prayer Group, every 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month, 7:30 am, Room 10

CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

June 8, 2022—7 pm

Dear friends in Christ, we invite you to participate in an event dedicated to the Holy Spirit! Join us for an evening of Scripture readings, reflection, prayer, music, dance, and healing. Let us all come together to feel the Presence, the Spirit, and the Power of the Lord! Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, June 8th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.** in the church.

We'll see you then. God bless all of you!

MASS Intentions

Monday, June 6
8:30 AM (JB/TS-P) † Joan and Gene Donnelly

Tuesday, June 7
6:30 PM (JB) † For the People of the Parish

Wednesday, June 8
8:30 AM (JL) † Jack Barni

Thursday, June 9
6:30 PM (JL/TS) † Ed and Connie Meyers

Friday, June 10
8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)
8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, June 11
4:00 PM 4:00 PM (TK/TS) † Tom O'Toole

Sunday, June12
7:45 AM (JL/TS) † Nancy Suhy
10:15 AM (JB/TS) † Sam Corea

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarnienchk & Helen Herman, John Baco

Our Deepest Sympathies to the Family of:

Joan Raddell

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.

Donated Religious Items: While we appreciate everyone's generosity, we ask that you please not leave any religious articles or items in the church or on the parish grounds. At this time, we have no need for anything nor do we have a place to store additional items. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Financial Stewardship
WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK

05/29/2022 Sunday Giving.....$
05/29/2022 Maintenance.....$
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Faith Direct* 1st of May Maintenance.....$1

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

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

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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