

July 10, 2022

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time -

# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Today has a very power Gospel that really gets to the heart of what we are called to do as Christians. I believe more than ever we have to proclaim Jesus Christ to all of our friends, family, neighbors, strangers, etc. The Scriptures teach us that Jesus Christ is the **WAY**, the **TRUTH**, and the **LIFE**. It is my firm belief that the reason so many people stray and so many people make choices so contrary to what we believe is that they do not know Jesus. I believe it all starts with Jesus!



Today we hear some incredible lines:

**Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God.** So many people want to know what does God look like? I tell them He looks like Jesus Christ. The Gospels bring Jesus to life for us and I believe everyone can envision Jesus through them. We can see Jesus in the Eucharist, we can see Jesus in one another. It allows us to see a very personal and intimate Jesus who loves each of us very much and treasures us. He desires us to each recognize Him as our Lord and Savior and turn our lives over to Him 110%. We need not go it alone. He is there for us.

**He is the head of the body, the church.** I often say to the children in our day school, “who is the boss of our school?” The correct answer that I am looking for is Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ needs to be our lead in all that we do. Too many times I sense (even in my own life) that we put economics, political affiliation, comfort, prejudices, etc. ahead of Jesus. An example of this is we are hoping that the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade ushers in a *Culture of Life* from the first moment of conception. We must work to ensure a consistent ethic of life that nurtures/fosters a culture of life. For example, we need to get to the heart of why there is so much violence/killings/mass shootings in our country. How can Jesus Christ shed His Light on this to guide us to good solutions that protect each other and support each other? Bottom line: LOOK TO JESUS IN ALL THAT WE SAY and DO!

**Through him to reconcile all things for him, making peace by the blood of his cross.** As much as I would like to think that each of us will be perfect, we all struggle with sin in our lives. We all say things and make choices that we should not. The Good News is that Jesus Christ offers us reconciliation. He died for our sins and offers us the grace and new life that his blood on the cross offers all of us. He gave his Apostles the ability to absolve from sin and the Apostles gave it down the line to bishops and priests to continue this forgiveness/absolution in the Sacrament of Confession. Confession can and does Transform lives!

So I encourage you to take some time this week to really allow this Gospel reading to sink in and help set a mission for your life to bring Jesus Christ to your own life and the lives of those around you!

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John

# *Honor first responders at Lake County Captains Game*

St. John of the Cross Catholic Parish invites the community to join in honoring local first responders at a special “Blue Mass” at Classic Park on the anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Sunday, September 11, 2022

All are welcome, especially uniformed police officers, firefighters and EMS responders. Gates open at 9:45 a.m., with the Mass beginning at 10:30. A picnic lunch will be available from noon to 1:30 p.m. The St. John of the Cross Music Ministry will perform the National Anthem before the ballgame gets underway at 1:00 pm

**For tickets & more information, visit  
<https://sjceucld.com/mass-at-lake-county-captains>**

## FAITH BY THE FIRE

Please join us for an evening of faith, discussion and fun! Faith by Fire is on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at 7 p.m. by the fire pit. Feel free to bring a lawn chair.

All are welcome!!



## SPIRITUAL LIFE AND EVANGELIZATION CORNER

“From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace to you all.” (Philippians 1:2) Next to Easter and Christmas, Pentecost is the Church’s most important feast. Even though Pentecost has come and gone, we have the opportunity every day to call upon the Holy Spirit dwelling in you, who longs to care for you, guide you and lead you home to union with the Father and the Son for all eternity. We just have to invite him in to our everyday life – every day – and watch how He will guide us, if we ask for His help. Here is a prayer for you:

### **St. Augustine’s Prayer to the Holy Spirit**

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

Please join us every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month — July 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in Rm 8 of the Community Center.



**SISTERS OF  
St. Francis**

Sr. Edna, A Sister of St. Francis (Tiffin, OH) will be speaking at the Saturday, July 16 and Sunday, July 17, Masses on behalf of their missions. The Sisters

serve those who are poor, with foreign missions in Mexico and home missions in Appalachia. They share the Catholic faith and give children and families living in extreme poverty the opportunity to obtain an education plus emergency needs of food and medicine.

Please help make a difference in the lives of people suffering from poverty with your prayers and financial support.

# THEFEST

As summer quickly passes by, don't miss out on the highlight of summer – The FEST. It's an amazing day of faith, family and fun.

Join us on the campus of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe to hear the best Christian artists/bands: Rhett Walker, Micah Tyler, We the Kingdom, Phil Wickham, and Crowder.

It's going to be great to come together to celebrate our faith at Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8 pm. Get all the details for this FREE day of faith, family and fun by going to: [www.theFEST.us](http://www.theFEST.us).

## **Luke Brown's Reflection**

*Many people bring their worries to counseling to process them and to see what they can do to change what they find stressful and anxiety-provoking. In our world, we can find many things to be worried about. If we let them, these worries can take control of our lives and become the sole focus of our attention. In both my personal life and in the lives of my clients, there is an exercise that can be very helpful for reducing worry. It is called the "Locus of Control." Get a piece of paper and write down all of the things that worry or bother you. Now, go through this list and separate it into two groups. One group is things you can control and the other is things you cannot control. We can stress about the weather and we can stress about how long the grass is getting in our yard, but we really only have control over the grass. If you learn how to control the weather, please let me know how! The goal of this exercise is to learn to dedicate our time and energy to the things that we can change and control. I have met people that are worried about so many things that they cannot bring themselves to take care of the grass. If we are able to focus on what we can control, we can reduce that list of worries and make a big difference in improving our anxiety. This week, consider doing this exercise and bring your focus and attention to the things within your control instead of the things that you cannot control or change.*

Luke Brown, LPCC



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## **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
- Faith by Fire: every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, by the outdoor firepit .

### **Wednesday:**

- Community Meal: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 5:00 pm
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm

### **Thursday:**

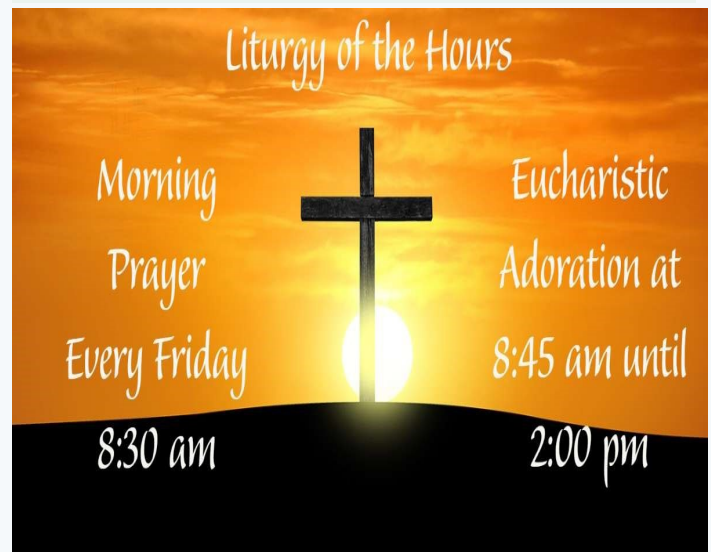
- Family in Christ Jesus: Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 8:00 pm, Gym
- Spiritual Life & Evangelization Ministry: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm -- 8:30 pm, Room 8

### **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
- Fire on the Hill Ministry every 3rd Saturday of the Month, 9:00 am, Room 8



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

## MASS Intentions

**Monday, July 11**

8:30 AM † Judy Nainiger (JL-TS-P)

**Tuesday, July 12**

6:30 PM † Mary and John Rogelj (JL)

**Wednesday, July 13**

8:30 AM † Joseph Jarc & Family (JL)

**Thursday, July 14**

6:30 PM † Dolores Vignaro JL/TS)

**Friday, July 15**

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, July 16**

4:00 PM † John and Margaret Walsh (JL)

**Sunday, July 17**

7:45 AM † Vinko and Angela Kaplan TK)

10:15 AM † Ferdinand Krecic (JB)

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

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench & Helen Herman*

**Our Financial Stewardship  
WILL BE POSTED IN NEXT BULLETIN**

7/03/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$

07/03/2022 Maintenance.....\$

Faith Direct\* Giving.....

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

O, Dear St. Jude, in our country's time of need, help to bring protection to our homeland and peace to our world.

St. Jude, St. of Hope  
Pray for Us!

### **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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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.