

August 14, 2022

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Tomorrow, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of our Blessed Mother Mary into heaven where she took her place as Queen of Heaven. Mary, since she was without sin, including, Original Sin, did not experience death the way that we experience death. Her body and soul were assumed into heaven. She is the first disciple and the first to say Yes. It is her model we are to follow and her intercession we seek to her son, Jesus. Since the Feast is on Monday, it remains a Holy Day, but not a Holy Day that obliges Mass attendance. At SJC, we will have Mass at 8:30 am and at SRW, Mass will be at 11:30 am. Both will be celebrations of the Assumption and include music.

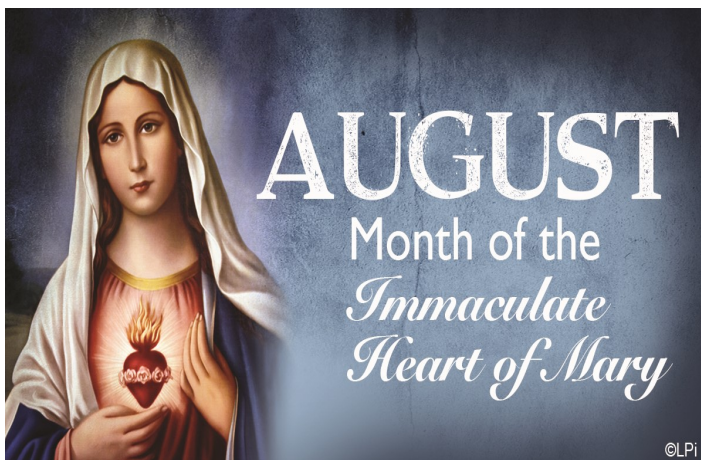


I am incredibly happy to share that after a COVID hiatus, we are bringing back our Eucharistic/Marian Procession. Tomorrow, Monday, August 15, we will process from St. John of the Cross (downhill 😊) to Ss. Robert & William (the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother on Monday, August 15). We will start at 7 pm and end with Night Prayer at 8:15 pm at Ss. Robert & William. Regretfully, Lolly the Trolley is out of business, so we will not have the trolley available this year. Please plan to join us. We will have an Ice Cream social afterwards with special Marian Ice Cream the Diocese commissioned to be made.

Towards the end of September and into early October, I plan to launch a new spiritual initiative. The initiative is simply this, a challenge for each of us in our own life and reality to reflect on and grow in our understanding of Jesus' question, *Who do you say that I am?* Who is Jesus for you? This question is so key, and I believe in so many ways is the answer to all of our struggles. Jesus is the *way*, the *truth*, and the *life*. He is the answer to all of our desires, needs and even wants. Simply put, we cannot do it without Him. I believe that if we can articulate well who Jesus is for us and testify that to the world, we can bring more souls to Jesus and bring back our world to the Christian values and beliefs we hold so near and dear. When we proclaim the truths we believe without Jesus, it just does not make any sense to most people. It just becomes noise and incites anger and division. So, I challenge you now to start thinking about the question and get ready to enter the journey this fall of reflection and growth in *Who do you say that I am?*

Make it a great week. See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John



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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MARIAN PROCESSION

This year for the feast of the Assumption we will gather at Saint John of the Cross on August 15 at 7 pm and process to Ss. Robert and William. We will then do Night Prayer at 8:15 pm followed by an Ice Cream Social with special Marian Ice Cream provided by the Diocese.



Aug 15 @ 7 pm



Ss. Robert & William & Saint John of the Cross Parish School of Religion (PSR)

PSR sign-ups are open for the 2022-2023 catechetical year!

The Parish School of Religion provides religious education and sacramental preparation for students from Kindergarten - Grade 6 who attend non-Catholic schools. Parish staff and catechists (parishioners who volunteer to teach) work with the families of these children to help the children understand their faith and to develop their personal relationship with Jesus Christ. PSR meets on Sunday mornings in the SRW school building, October – May. There is also a homeschool/online option.

Registration is open until Tuesday, September 6, 2022. Sign up via the parish website, or for more information, contact Anney Roach: aroach@srweuclid.cc / 216.731.1515, x248.

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://sjceuclid.com/mass-at-lake-county-captains>**



COMMUNITY MEALS
— LOVE IN ACTION —

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
COMMUNITY MEAL
Wednesday, August 17,
5 pm ,Drive Through**

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. Stop by St. John of the Cross to pick up a meal or two for 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



LEGION OF MARY
FOUNDED 7 SEPTEMBER 1921

Eucharistic Procession

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 3, 2022 beginning with Holy Mass at 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided. For more information please email

contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>.

Luke Brown's Reflection

Learning to communicate effectively with children is a big part of good parenting. It is difficult to remember that disciplining or praising a 5th grader can be very different than doing the same with a 7th grader even though they are relatively close in age. I have taught both ages in a school setting and I can tell you that they are very different. Parenting can be overwhelming and I always recommend that both parents and grandparents take at least one parenting class in their lifetime. I thought I knew how to communicate with kids pretty effectively until I took a parenting class and realized I had a long way to go. An example was learning to effectively praise children. It is not enough to say good job! We need to point out exactly what they did right and why it will lead to success in the future. We will never be perfect parents, but we can do our best to prepare them for a life of charity, prayer, and self-discipline if we have the right tools at our disposal. I frequently recommend that parents, new or not, either take a parenting class or gather some materials on the subject. Love & Logic is a parenting and discipline program that is extremely useful in my opinion and uses elements of our faith. You can find their materials and classes at www.loveandlogic.com. If you find yourself overwhelmed as a parent, grandparent, or guardian, consider taking a parenting class and honing your skills as a caregiver!

Luke Brown, LPCC

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:

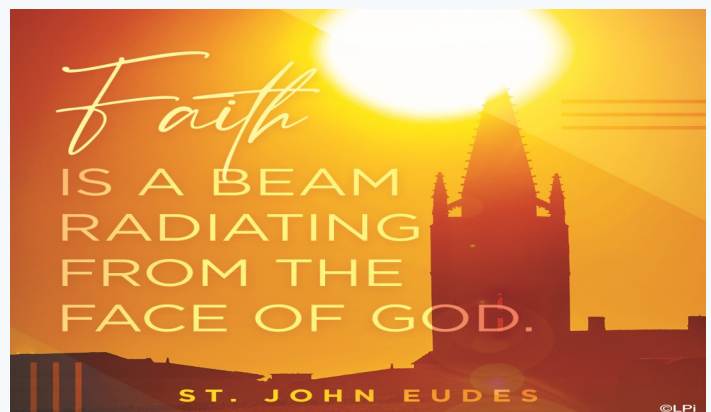
- Family in Christ Jesus: Every 1st Thursday of the month, 8:00 pm, Gym
- Spiritual Life & Evangelization Ministry: Every 2nd Thursday of the month, 7:15 pm-- 8:30 pm, Room 8

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY — wraps you with the warmth of God's love!

Next meeting is Thursday, 8/17/22 at 7 p.m. in Room 8 of the Community Center

**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, August 15

8:30 AM † For the People of the Parish (JL/TS)

Tuesday, August 16

6:30 PM † Carole Smigelski (JB)

Wednesday, August 17

8:30 AM † Wanda Nalepka (JL)

Thursday, August 18

6:30 PM † Donna Martins (JL/TS-P)

Friday, August 19

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 20

4:00 PM † Joan and Gene Donnelly (JB)

Sunday, August 21

7:45 AM † Margaret Thome (TK)

10:15 AM † Maria Nych (JL)

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

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench; Helen Herman
Fr. Edward Mehok*

Our Financial Stewardship

8/7/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$2,205.50

8/7/2022 Maintenance.....\$1,108.00

Faith Direct* Giving.....\$

Faith Direct* Maintenance.....\$

**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.