



September 4, 2022

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners:

As we welcome September, sights are set on preparing for our 2022-2023 Ss. Robert & William / Saint John of the Cross PSR year. This fall marks the beginning of our third year as a joint-parish program, a venture that has been very successful!

The pandemic altered the paradigm through which we view youth faith formation; as a result, we have made some changes, and our ministry now offers three learning formats, intended to meet the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> Century families.



MESSAGE FROM  
ANNEY

## Traditional Model

Classes meet by grade level, for one hour and fifteen minutes (9:45-11:00 AM) on Sunday mornings, in the SRW school building. A parish-based teacher instructs the classes.

## Homeschool Model

The same set-up to the traditional PSR, except parents/guardians do the teaching at home. Parents/guardians are provided with the necessary textbooks and resources.

## Online Model

A hybrid between the first two options. Instruction takes place at home, overseen by parents/guardians, but through a digital platform. In addition to the digital platform, necessary textbooks and resources are provided.

Because of the varied options we provide, families who do not call Ss. Robert & William or Saint John of the Cross “home” have found a home with us for this part of their faith journey. If you have a child, grandchild, niece or nephew, neighbor or friend who might benefit from one of our PSR options, please encourage them to join us. The more, the merrier!

This year, we are establishing a monthly PSR Mass, which is a direct result of the National Eucharistic Revival. Over the next three years, across the United States, “...every Catholic diocese, parish, school, apostolate, and family is invited to be a part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” Our desire is to have our students – and their families – in front of Jesus in the Eucharist to pray and to worship together as a community. Thus, on the first Sunday of the month, the 9:00 AM Mass at SRW, is designated as a PSR Mass.

This ministry is indebted to the generosity of the four teachers, all parishioners of SRW or SJC, who volunteer their time, talent, and treasure to bring the faith to life: Jeannie Rowe (K-1); Angela Kijauskas (2); Sarah Cox (3-4); William Knox (5-6). Each one of these individuals is filled with a desire to share the love of Jesus – and the beauty of the Catholic Church – with the young people entrusted to their care. We thank them profusely for their selfless, joy-filled efforts!

The 2022-2023 PSR year will kick off on Sunday, October 2, with 9 AM Mass. Registrations should be completed through the Ss. Robert & William website, at: <https://srweuclid.cc/register-psr>. The deadline for registering is Tuesday, September 6.

If I can answer any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to me at the SRW parish office. Please pray for our young people as they journey in faith to learn of and experience Jesus’s love for them!

Peace,

Anney Roach  
Director of Religious Education



## Fun, Faith and Fellowship By The Fire!

Join us at monthly meeting of Faith by the Fire on Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm by the firepit in the back yard at St. John of the Cross. Our discussion leader will be **Father**

**Michael McCandless, Director of the Diocese Vocation Office.** Father Michael will speak about Pope Francis' encyclical *Evangelii Gaudium*. The focus will be "Talk to Strangers: Adult Ways to Share the Faith" a four-step process with encounter, accompaniment, community and sending.

Feel free to invite your friends. Bring your own beverage and a snack and your favorite lawn chair (we'll have some chairs if you forget yours). Please join us, enjoy the conversation and be ready to pray to Jesus for a new neighbor you may meet at Fun, Faith and Fellowship By The Fire.

St, John of the Cross, 140 Richmond Road, Euclid . For more information call the parish office at 216-289-0770.

### SPIRITUAL LIFE & EVANGELIZATION MINISTRY

#### "Go and Make Disciples of All Nations"

The monthly meeting of the Spiritual Life and Evangelization will be held this Thursday, September 8 at 7:15 p.m. We will meet in Classroom 8.

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



### SRW/SJC Wednesday Morning Book Club

The next SRW/SJC Wednesday Morning Book Club will meet on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM in the SRW Parish Office Building when we will discuss *Braving the Thin Places: Celtic Wisdom to Create a Space for Grace*.

Author Julianne Stanz writes:

**"A "thin place" is where God's grace is waiting to happen.**

Your thin place might be an important threshold, a soul friendship, a fresh chapter in your own life story, a painful secret or fear, or a time of hardship. Whatever the circumstance, a thin place is where God and humanity meet in a mysterious way. These moments open us to places of rawness and beauty. When we enter into a thin place, something seems to break open inside us, and words are inadequate to describe what we are experiencing. In these moments, we feel a sense of breakthrough as we break free of the ordinary and experience the extraordinary amid our daily lives."

Drawing on her Irish-Celtic heritage, Julianne Stanz helps us explore those times and holy places of transformation. Inspired by faith and guided by spiritual practices, we can experience each thin place as a point of departure on a sacred journey to a truer understanding of who we are meant to be.

From Amazon.com)



### 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](mailto:aroach@srweuclid.cc) / 216.731.1515, x248.

### MESSAGE FROM MARTHA DODD

Do you remember taking the IOWA Test of Basic Skills when you were in elementary school? Filling in the “bubbles” to choose the correct multiple-choice answer of A - B - C - D? The students at Ss. Robert and William are assessed with a different standardized test called the MAP (Measuring Adequate Progress) Growth Test. The MAP Growth Test is administered three times throughout the school year, the first of which will happen beginning next week. All students, from kindergarten through grade 8 will take the reading and math test, students in grades 2-8 will take the ELA test, and students in grades 3-8 will take the science test. The results of these tests will provide the teachers with important benchmark data and allow them to tailor instruction to challenge every student, whether they are below, at, or above grade level. The MAP Growth student reports also provide learning goals by subject area so that students can individually see their progress and be inspired to monitor, and reach, their learning goals.

Utilizing the MAP Growth Test over the past several years has resulted in significant improvements in our students’ achievement. In fact, we were so proud to learn that when our last year’s MAP scores were compared to all Diocesan schools, Ss. Robert and William was in the upper half for showing growth, and for similar schools to ours (schools with a high free/reduced lunch percentage), SRW had the highest growth rate! In a year when many worried about “learning loss” our students showed a 23-point percentage increase! This is no doubt the result of hard work and perseverance of our students, of our outstanding and dedicated teachers, as well as our strong partnership with parents.

HOORAY FOR SRW!

*Mrs. Martha Dodd*  
*Principal Ss. Robert & William School*

### 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, 7:15 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

## *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>**



## MASS SCHEDULE ON 9/11/2022



7:45 AM  
inside the church

10:30 AM  
Blue Mass at Captains

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_



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

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Gerald Scarniench; Helen Herman  
Fr. Edward Mehok, and all those who are ill in any way.*

### **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, September 5**

8:30 AM † For All Who Labor (JL/TS-P)'

### **Tuesday, September 6**

6:30 PM † John Reigert (JB)

### **Wednesday, September 7**

8:30 AM † Sr. Miriam (JL)

### **Thursday, September 8**

6:30 PM † The Kovic Family (JL/TS)

### **Friday, September 9**

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

### **Saturday, September 10**

4:00 PM † Meghan Vaxman (GB/TS)

### **Sunday, September 11**

7:45 AM † Nancy Suhy (JL/TS) — IN CHURCH  
10:15 AM † Santina Musarra (JB) **MASS AT CAPTAIN'S  
STADIUM — NOT IN THE CHURCH**

### **Our Financial Stewardship**

8/28/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$2,403.50  
8/28/2022 Maintenance.....\$ 950.00  
Faith Direct\* First of Giving.....\$  
Faith Direct\* First of Maintenance.....\$

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