

November 13, 2022

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Mid-November! It is hard to believe that we will be entering into the holiday season and the last days of 2022. Lots of great stuff continues to happen at the parishes. This week I want to continue my recognition of the Disciples of the Week:

**Angela Kijauskas:** Angela is in her second year as a PSR catechist, and she has the special privilege of preparing our second graders to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. This is an excellent role for her because of the way she, herself, is devoted to Jesus in the Eucharist. Her lessons are creative and purposeful, always intended to lead her students closer to the heart of God. Thank you so much for all your efforts, Angela!



**Mrs. Karol Pfeifer:** Mrs. Pfeifer loves to explore the world with her students through 3rd grade Science and Social Studies. She also teaches Math, helping the students master their multiplication and division facts. For years, the third grade class has planted, cultivated, and harvested the vegetation in our school garden under the direction of Mrs. Pfeifer. This year, the students will be converting this space to be a Monarch Butterfly Garden. The students are learning that these butterflies are endangered. By planting milkweed and other plants that attract the monarchs, the students are hoping to restore and sustain the Monarch butterfly population in our area.

**Miss Skyler Hudock (Wee Angels Teacher)** Miss Skyler's caring, kind personality shines through when she interacts with her students. She meets children where they are and encourages their development in a gentle and fun way.

As we know, there have been so many cultural and societal changes in our understanding of marriage. As a church we continue to affirm, believe, and promote that marriage is biblically based. From the beginning, God made us male and female and for this reason a man leaves his father and mother, clings to his wife, and the two become one. In order to better proclaim and show our support for the men and women in our parish who live out their vows of unity and unconditional, life-giving love, we are having our annual anniversary Mass. Check elsewhere in the bulletin for details of this Mass we will celebrate next Saturday, November 19 at the 4:00 pm Mass.

I will be away this week on vacation this week. I'll see you next week when I return.

Make it a great a week. See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John



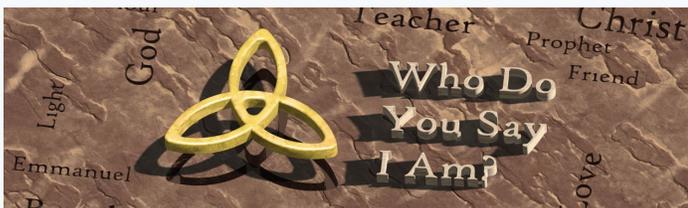
## FREE

### THANKSGIVING DINNER

*Pick-up takeaway meal on Wednesday,  
November 23 from 4:30 - 6 pm*

*Delivery is available to homes locally. Call Anita at 216-731-1515 to  
arrange delivery.*

*(NO RSVP needed except for delivery)  
Pick-up meals will take place at Ss. Robert & William  
367 260th street Euclid, Ob. 44132*



Grow in your awareness of  
"Who do you say I am?"

**Reflecting upon Jesus' earthly life, what stands out or impresses you about Him?**

**#weGIVECATHOLIC**

with the Catholic Community Foundation November 29, 2022

on **#GIVINGTUESDAY**

The Saint John of the Cross Campus is a place of tranquility, a place of contemplation and a place of worship. All are welcomed to come and pray and contemplate the words of Jesus "Who do you say that I am. (Matthew 16:15).

The Divine presence of our Lord and Savior is abundant in nature's landscape and especially when we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the 7:45 am Sunday Mass in the outdoor shrine at Saint John of the Cross. From Memorial Day to Labor Day.

If you have attended the 7:45 am Mass, you are aware that the rising sun from the east shines brightly and warmly on the altar and the center benches facing the altar. As beautiful as the rising sun is, it can also be blinding to the people sitting in the center of the shrine and on a morning that is extremely hot, some form of shade would be welcomed.

The remedy to this scenario, is an installation of a shade sail protecting the center section of benches. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to pay for the installation of the shade sail.

Donations received during We Give Catholic 2022 will help pay for the purchase and installation of the shade sail. Please consider donating on or before Tuesday November 29, 2022 Go to SJC

<https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/saint-john-of-the-cross>



**SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School teachers have been adding more student-led, problem-based learning in their classroom instruction. These units of study offer the students the opportunity to solve real world problems, master standards, learn skills necessary to think critically, solve problems, work in teams, apply STEM principles, and make presentations.

With guidance and support from TelPi (an educational consulting company committed to transforming education by leveraging the power of industry), our 5th and 6th grade students will begin a new problem-based instructional unit (PBIU) this school year.

An exciting Kick off Event took place on Friday, October 28th and several partners were on hand to meet with the students to explain how they can be of assistance in their PBIU. Some of these partners included Lou Ciralsko from Summit Construction Co., Peter Bode from Community Life Collaborative, Jakob Hamlescher and Jerad Bartley from the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, Noelle Akin from Petitti Garden Center, Gabe Kessler from Young Catholic Professionals, architect Joe Feret, the TelPi president John Miranda, and education specialist Dawn Molnar.

The big announcement was made that the 5th grade students will be designing an outdoor learning space for our school, and the 6th grade students will be designing a greenhouse for school use. Throughout the next six months, we will be partnering with these local industries and organization experts. At the end of April, students will share their proposals, and parents and community members will be invited to celebrate all that the students have learned. More details about this Celebration of Learning will follow.

**Mrs. Martha Dodd**  
**Principal**



**ANNUAL GIVING TREE**  
**Social Justice Ministry**

The Annual St. John of the Cross Giving Tree tradition begins on Thanksgiving, November 24, 2022 at the 9:00 am mass. Look for the display in the Gathering Space. Please drop off donations no later than December 11, 2022 at 12 noon.

**NEEDED:**

**UN-WRAPPED ITEMS**

**BIRTHRIGHT** (Pink Tags)

Diapers: Sizes: newborn; 3, 4, 5 and 6  
Clothing: new to 18 months, especially snowsuits & winter jackets  
Blankets and crib sheets  
Baby bottles (BPA free) & baby toiletries  
Hand- held toys and board books

**LEGION OF MARY** (Yellow Tags)

Slipper socks, chocolate bars (no nuts), word-search books and toiletries

**ST. ALOYSIUS HUNGER CENTER** (Blue Tags)

T-shirts, sweatshirts, pajamas, underwear and socks

**GENERAL GIFT CARDS** (Green Tags)

Target, Marc's, or Dave's, TJ. Maxx or Save-a-Lot

**NICARAGUA** (Lilac Tags)

Monetary donations to build a chapel in Choraseca

**THEA BOWMAN CENTER** (Orange Tags)

Gift cards: Walmart, Marc's, Giant Eagle or McDonald's

**WRAPPED ITEMS**

**ROSEMARY GROUP HOME** (White Tags)

Specific items for residents of the group homes

**AMAZON**

Gifts may be purchased from *smile.Amazon.com* to benefit SJC. You can have them delivered directly to St. John of the Cross. To view the wish list go to:

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ECC6ZEUO7695?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3ECC6ZEUO7695?ref_=wl_share)

**GIVING TREE INSTRUCTIONS:** *Attach one tag to one matching gift. Place gifts under the trees. Place the gift cards and any monetary donations in the offertory basket or drop off at the Parish Office no later than noon on Sunday, December 11, 2022.*

**PEACE TO ALL – THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY**

*Anniversary Celebration Mass*

We invite couples celebrating anniversaries ending in a 0 or 5 to a weekend Mass for a special prayer and blessing. We will also give you a small token commemorating this special event. Our celebration will be Saturday, November 19, at the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, for anyone celebrating an anniversary in 2022 that ends in a 0 or 5. In order to prepare, please email the parish office or call her to reserve your spot. Please let us know your full names and wedding date (with year). Deadline to register is November 15. If you are physically unable to come to the front of church please let us know when you reserve your spot so we know to look for you. We look forward to this great tradition to recognize Catholic marriage in our parish.

*All Souls  
2022*

*Betty Guhde*

*Our sincerest apologies for the  
omission of Betty's name in the  
previous All Souls list.*

## Luke Brown's Reflection

November 13, 2022

*In today's Gospel reading, Jesus warns us against preparing a defense before we are persecuted. I have always thought that this would be very difficult to do, since I generally do not like being persecuted and I like to have a plan for when things go wrong. From my time as a counselor, I have also learned that mounting a defense to prevent ourselves from being harmed is a natural and common practice, but it often results in anxiety. As a silly example, I remember when I asked my mom if I could take cookies out of the oven when I was very young. She said yes and I proceeded to open the oven and grab the cookie sheet bare-handed. You can probably guess that this was very painful. For the next ten years, anything involving the oven caused me anxiety, but that anxiety made me very careful and cautious, and I went a long time without being burned again. If you think about it, anxiety is often a defense against being harmed. Anxiety gives us the illusion that we are in control of things and can worry enough to change outcomes. While it is good to learn from our mistakes, we often end up very anxious about things that have not happened yet and we drive ourselves crazy worrying about things that we often cannot control. Jesus did not promise them in today's Gospel that they would not be harmed. He promised them that they would not be destroyed. To be destroyed is to be permanently ended. I think the deeper message is that even if they are hurt, persecuted, or killed, that God will be with them and they will have everything they truly need, which is eternal life. This week, consider the role of anxiety in your life and if it is helping or hurting, as well as how you can take anxiety to prayer to learn to trust more in God's care for you.*

Luke Brown, LPCC



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## MAKE UP PHOTO SESSION SCHEDULING

We will be having a make-up photo date on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 between 2 pm and 8 pm. So, if you missed scheduling your photo during our last sessions, you can schedule online. Simply go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter oh2592 in the Church Code field and enter photos in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.

**Please note: this will be the last date to schedule.**

### Our Financial Stewardship

11/6/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$2,627.00  
11/6/2022 Maintenance.....\$1,027.00  
Faith Direct\* Giving.....\$  
Faith Direct\* Maintenance.....\$

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

## MASS Intentions

### Monday, November 14

8:30 AM † George and Anita Eppley (JL/TS)

### Tuesday, November 15

6:30 PM † For all deceased members of the Legion  
of Mary (JL)

### Wednesday, November 16

8:30 AM † Antonietta & Gaudenzio Calabrese (JL)

### Thursday, November 17

6:30 PM † Frank & Agnes Potochnik (JL/TS)

### Friday, November 18

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

### Saturday, November 19

4:00 PM † Victor and Ann Urankar (JB)

### Sunday, November 20

7:45 AM † Josephine Fatica (JL/TS)

10:15 AM † Betty Neuman (TK/TS)

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

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Helen Herman, Patricia Kavulich, Fr.  
Edward Mehok,, Nancy O'Toole, M.K. Skvasik, Judy  
Schmidt, and all those who are ill in any way.*

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

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