

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! One of the many hats I wear is the Bishop Liaison for the Keeping the Faith Strategic Plan for Catholic Elementary Schools. This week the diocese will launch this plan. I wanted to share with you the major shift and the philosophy of this shift that Bishop Malesic will call for:

The mission of our parishes and schools is to provide opportunities for worship, evangelization and service that help bring every man, woman and child ever closer to Christ. **Probably one of the biggest shifts of the Bishop for this plan is that over the next few years he is asking that every parish in our diocese formally associate itself with a Catholic school.** This will look different throughout the diocese, but he believes that it will be vital for us to ensure that Catholic school education is an integral part of every parish. As we seek to align our schools under one common mission, his hope is that we seek to create a culture that collaborates, share resources and leverages talent.



Our mission will be four-fold in regard to Catholic Schools:

Our Schools are essential centers of evangelization and means of forming missionary disciples.

Certainly, our schools are about providing a quality education. However, what sets us apart is that at the core of all that we do and teach is a real encounter with the person of Jesus Christ, an encounter that transforms and shapes our entire purpose and gives meaning to our lives. We need but look around to see that our world and our children desperately need this encounter that our schools are uniquely set up to offer, the promise of fullness of life in Christ. We want to bring our children to Christ, so that they can know Him, love Him, and serve Him.

We will need to lead with zeal and without fear. To do this, we should be proactive and strategic, embrace transparency, communication, and support. It is the Bishop's expectation that every parish, school, clergy member and laity participate in this initiative in some way. It is with this zeal and boldness that we can lead the schools to even greater vibrancy and a stronger, more secure future. These changes must happen and no parish or school in our diocese can exempt itself from participating. The cost of not acting boldly to protect catholic education in the future is just too great.

Our schools are also the responsibility of the entire Catholic community. At the First Baltimore Council it was decreed that every parish should have a Catholic School. While it is no longer feasible to have a school operating on the grounds of every parish, that does not mean that every parish in our diocese cannot be associated with and supportive of a Catholic School. Investment in the Church's future nourishes and enlivens all of our parishes and institutions. So, we should deepen our common commitment to the vitality of Catholic schools and the Christian formation and education of our children.

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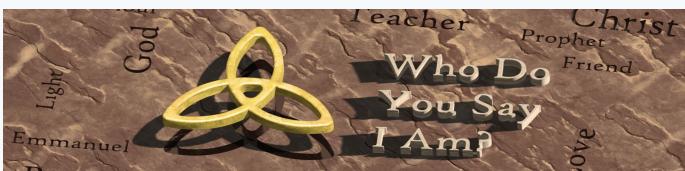
Catholic Schools Week

We are One body in Christ with a diversity of gifts and talents. We are better acting together than we are standing alone. One of the common themes that permeates all the initiatives you will hear is that we will seek to collaborate in our ministry of education, share resources and utilize more fully our diverse gifts and talents as one body. We each have something to offer Catholic Education and the Bishop believes if we are united, we can do extraordinary things for our young people and their families.

As you may remember this fall, we are in the process of transforming Ss. Robert & William School to, even better meet the needs of the students and families today. Our focus will be to form *Saints & Scholars* to know, love and serve Jesus Christ. I believe in this coming year we will work to have SJC and SRW take responsibility and oversight in supporting with our time, talent and treasure SRW Catholic School. Stay tuned for lots of great opportunities

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John



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

What is the "reward" offered to those who are "blessed?"

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"The Book of the Apocalypse: A 'New' Old Reading"

By Rev. Jerry Bednar PhD.



A new approach to the BOOK of REVELATION looks back to the oldest interpretation we have and discovers a fresh reading. Surprisingly comforting and challenging at the same time, it displays a much more Christian sense of love and mercy than often associated with the Book of the Apocalypse

Here's the key: everything in the Book of Revelation has already happened, is happening now, and will happen in the future. It's all about the perennial significance of the Paschal Mystery of Christ. Fr. Francis J. Moloney, SDB, has explored this approach in his new commentary, *The Apocalypse of John*, which forms the basis of the series which is offered in 4 parts

A fifth part might be arranged with Fr. Moloney through an internet connection. RSVP deacontom@sjceuclid.com or call 216-289-0770

TASTE OF NATIONS +

Saturday, March 4th 5:00 PM - 9:30 PM
Ss. Robert and William Catholic School Gym

Visit <https://brurl.co/SSRW> to purchase tickets.
One ticket for \$40, two tickets for \$70, or table of 8 for \$280.



Hurry! Seating is limited to 200 guests. No ticket sales at the door.

Contact Angela Casey at 216-731-3060, ext. 220 with questions.

On February 4, 5, 11, and 12, we will be in the Gathering Space at St. John of the Cross, where you can purchase tickets in-person after the 4:00 PM and 10:15 AM Masses. Otherwise, purchase online at <https://brurl.co/SSRW>. We hope to see you for this evening of food-tasting and fun!



The Spirit of Our Ministry Lives On Again and Again

January 2023

Once again, the people of St. John of the Cross and St. Mary parishes have responded in a most generous way to our Nicaragua ministry through the annual giving trees and monthly offertory envelopes. Thanks to your support, we recently sent \$9,000 to help Padre Adrian build a new chapel, San Judas Tadeo, which will enable more parishioners to attend Sunday Mass. An additional \$1,245 will allow five orphaned children to attend the Catholic parish school in Zaragoza.

Until mission trips can resume, we will work with Padre Tomás, our primary contact and adviser, to determine how best we can help him and his fellow priests serve their parishioners' many needs. We ask that you join us in continued prayers for the people of Nicaragua, most especially for:

Padre Tomás, who serves many roles – pastor of Our Lord of Miracles in Malpaisillo; head of the Caritas León charitable organization; and now as administrator of the Divine Child, Jesus parish and school in El Viejo-Chinandega, succeeding Padre Roger.

Padre Adrian as he shepherds the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus parish and Chacraseca, truly the "heart" of our ministry. Currently he is overseeing the installation of a new electrical system for his church building. This year, he is asking for additional financial support to help finish the chapel at San Judas Tadeo.

In Marie's memory and on behalf of our ministry, *muchas gracias* for your prayers and support.

Dale George
Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry

January 2023 Holy Hours
12:00 Noon to 1:00 pm
Monday's January 9, 16 & 30
Tuesday's January 10, 17, 31
Thursday's January 12, 19, 26

Every Friday, 8:30 am to 2:00 pm
beginning with Morning Prayer



On Tuesday, January 31, Bishop Edward Malesic invites the faithful of the diocese to join him at 7 p.m. for a virtual meeting. He, along with members of the *Keeping the Faith* steering committee, will present the strategic plan for our beloved Catholic elementary schools. The plan will be implemented over the next five years to ensure that our schools are irresistibly Catholic, academically excellent, operationally sound and geographically accessible. The meeting will last one hour.

To register for the meeting, please go to: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/ktparents. We look forward to sharing this exciting plan with you!

Thank you,

Fr. John

Fr. John D Betters
Bishop's Liaison for Keeping the Faith Initiative for Catholic Elementary Schools
Pastor of Ss. Robert & William Parish & St. John of the Cross Parish in Euclid, OH



Women's Fellowship

Sat, Feb. 11th
9 - 11 am in the Upper Hall

The Eucharist in Scripture
presented by
Fr. Thom Kowatch



Bring your mug!

Luke Brown's Reflection

January 22, 2023

For the past two weeks we have been discussing the discernment of spirits as taught by St. Ignatius and its relation to Satan as the accuser. When I am assisting people through mental health issues such as anxiety and depression, I often see people's symptoms begin to spiral out of control because of a negative interaction with another person, a mistake they made, etc. For example, the accusatory voice, whether it be from Satan or our self, starts small with, "You failed." Then it becomes, "You failed again. You always fail. Why can't you stop failing? What is wrong with you? No one fails as much as you do. You're always going to fail!" Before they know it, their symptoms are unbearable, and they find themselves in a dark place. Does this sound like God's encouragement for us to become holier individuals? No. This is the work of the evil one. The goals of God and Satan are exactly the opposite. One is hope, the other is despair. One is love, the other is solitude. Satan does such a good job of this however that we often feel like we are the only ones struggling and suffering. When you pray, pay close attention to the movements of your heart. If you are scared, feel hopeless, or despair, it is likely not from God and is coming from the accuser himself. If you are filled with hope, confidence, joy, peace, and love, it is likely from God and can be trusted. It takes great practice and possibly a spiritual director to learn the discernment of spirits. Keep in mind, we are barely scratching the surface right now when it comes to the teachings of St. Ignatius. If you are interested in learning more, I highly recommend "The Discernment of Spirits: An Ignatian Guide for Everyday Living" by Fr. Timothy Gallagher. I pray that you will find ways to silence the voice of the accuser in your life and better hear and understand the Spirit of God.

2023 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

If you would like to request your 2022 Offertory statement, please complete the below statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests can also be made by calling the parish office at 216-289-0770 x.100 or emailing kduke@sjceuclid.com.

Please Note:

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
 - Capital Campaign statements will be mailed automatically.
 - Faith Direct statements are generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.
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PLEASE SEND ME A 2022 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

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Our Financial Stewardship

Sunday Giving 1/15/23.....	\$3,102.50
Maintenance 1/15/23.....	\$1,056.00
Sunday Giving 1/22/2023.....	\$2,542.50
Maintenance 1/22/2023.....	\$ 555.00
Faith Direct* Sunday Giving First Half January.....	\$4,412.50
Faith Direct* Maintenance First Half January.....	\$1,308.50

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

CHRISTMAS GIVING

\$11,676.00

**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR GENEROSITY**

MASS Intentions

Monday, January 30

8:30 AM † Nancy Suhy (JB/TS-P)

Tuesday, January 31

6:30 PM † Mary Ellen and Joseph Loparo (GB)

Wednesday, February 1

8:30 AM † Virginia Previte (JL)

Thursday, February 2

6:30 PM † Josephine Pirnar (JL/TS)

Friday, February 3

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, February 4

4:00 PM † Judy Nainiger (JB/TS-P)

Sunday, February 5

7:45 AM † Michael & Frances Krainz & family (JL/TS-P)

10:15 AM † Newt and Ginny Baker (TK/TS-P)

*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, Marion
Malovasic, Judy Schmidt*

and all those who are ill in any way.