

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."

- John 6:48-50

Our Parish Mission

We are the Catholic Community of St. John of the Cross, established in 2009. Uniting the people of God as one family, we are rooted in, and empowered by, our sacramental life and Eucharistic celebrations. Living as disciples of Jesus Christ, we recognize our God given potential and challenge one another to share our giftedness, embrace our diversity, and engage in social outreach, service and education. In doing so, we seek to extend the reign of God in Euclid and the wider community.



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From Our Administrator - Fr. John Better's

Dear Parishioners,

Happy mid-August. I hope and pray all of us still are able to get a good month of summer then the beautiful season of fall. As the seasons change I think of the changes in our lives. One of the only things we cannot change is that change will occur in our lives on a fairly regular basis. When I came to St. John of the Cross I promised you all no changes for a year. I deeply regret saying that to you all. Not because I want to change anything or that I come with any personal or diocesan agenda in mind; but this was just not a realistic statement. **I believe the more sensitive and pastoral statement would be that I am committed to shepherding and moving St. John of the Cross parish forward in its spiritual journey as a faith community in the most stable and sensitive way I can.** As I have shared I have come to know an active, vibrant parish with absolutely wonderful parishioners. I witness and participate in a community of people that are focused on worshiping God, growing in knowledge of their faith and serving one another and the community at large.



With this basis, as “Administrator” (soon to be pastor), I have to lead. My role is to constantly be looking at the parish as a whole. Every decision I have to make is based on what is good for the whole parish. I often joke to people that it is “lonely” at the top because there are not a lot of people who have this same role. Ultimately, through prayer, dialogue with my spiritual director/mentors, active listening and dialogue with staff, advisory councils and parishioners I have to make decisions every day. Some are major decisions and some are minor ones. I want to assure you I take every decision quite seriously.

I would like to give a few examples:

1. In the first few weeks that I arrived at SJC a number of people asked me about adding a Mass on Wednesday's since there was not one scheduled. While in this new model of shared pastorate we are blessed not to have to make any adjustments to our weekend Mass schedule at this time; it did make sense to look at the weekday Mass schedule in light of having three priests available plus our beloved Fr. Mehok. At the same time I shared with the staff and the advisory councils that I found it difficult to celebrate **weekday Mass** in the church that seats over 600 people when only about 20 or 30 attend. I wondered if this was our best use of resources. People shared with me that when **Fr. Bober** renovated the church in 2007, he intended to do a daily Mass chapel. But because of his illness and ultimate death it did not happen. Long story short, I proposed to the Staff, Parish & Finance Council and a few daily Mass attendees a new weekday Mass schedule to include Mass 5 days a week and in the Sacred Heart Room. I received unanimous support. Not one person objected and all thought this was a positive way to grow our spiritual lives and celebrate Mass well. Yes, it was a change in the first year, but it was a positive one that met our goal of continued growth.
2. There have been some staff changes, none of which I anticipated in my first month here. For example in early June when **Kay Magri** told me she intended to retire as Business Manager I was devastated. She was an incredible Business Manager who helped us be great stewards of our resources. I had come to rely on her more than she or you all might realize. However, she had an opportunity to retire and move to Texas with her husband where her children and grandchildren live. She told me she knew the timing was not good for the parish but this was about her Vocation of marriage and what was best for her husband and family. I could not agree more. And from there we had to make some changes to accommodate this reality. Yes, it was change but people's life circumstances change and we have to adjust accordingly.

3. Recently we changed the practice of how we do the offertory collection at Sunday Mass. We stopped the practice of having an Usher bring the basket forward in the offertory procession. In May and June at our staff meetings some logistical issues kept coming up in regards to this. The practice originated when the basket would be brought forward with the bread and wine and placed in front of the altar for the rest of Mass. For safety and security reasons this practice stopped and the basket was simply brought up and then to the sacristy for placement in the safe. Since the original symbolism was gone (offering the basket at the altar) in our discussions on staff we came up with a new procedure. While lots of parishes had this practice in the past, the vast majority of parishes have stopped it and the Diocesan Finance Office strongly discourages this practice. So Kay and I came up with a procedure that was in line with Diocesan policy. It has a few kinks to work out but we continue to do so. Again, a change yes, but one that was in the best interest of celebrating Mass reverently and well and to protect our resources.

I hope these few examples help you to see that change is not being made just for the sake of change or that in any way that I am trying to change things and renege on my word to you.

I am humbly making a request to you all. **I would like to retract my statement that there will be no changes for a year. Instead I am pledging to you that I will do my best each and every day to help shepherd and lead this parish forward. I will pray and reflect. I will dialogue with the staff, advisory councils and parish in general wherever I can.**

There will be instances when decisions will be made that will you may not understand and/or agree with. I would just suggest there are two sides to every decision. When I can share, I will and other times I will ask your patience and trust. I realize trust and respect is earned and I will work tirelessly to do that. I am sure it will take a good year for this to happen but I do believe it will. I am very sensitive to the fact that this parish community has experienced a lot of change over the last 10 years and for that I am sorry. I know that while some of those changes were positive ones many were not. However, God is always in control and will always lead us. In any transition from one pastor to another there are bumps along the rode but I do believe with all my heart and soul these bumps will lead us to continue growth as long as we stay focused on Christ and his mission to us.

I can promise you that the Sacraments, most especially Mass and Confessions, will be celebrated and celebrated well. I promise good faith formation in PSR, Sacrament Prep, RCIA and adult faith formation. I promise good music ministry, good service opportunities and a focus on the wellbeing of the body, mind and soul. Some things may change in the people and ways we accomplish those promises but they will be accomplished. Frs. Tim, Thom and I take our assignment by the Bishop very seriously and we are here to serve, care with and for you.

If you ever have any concerns, questions and or comments please reach out to me I am always happy to meet and talk!

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Make it a great week. See you at the Assumption Masses!

Peace,

Fr. John

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalms 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]
Ephesians 4:30--5:2
John 6:41-51

Monday:

Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c
Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14
Matthew 17:22-27

Tuesday:

Ezekiel 2:8--3:4
Psalms 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]
Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2
Psalms 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]
1 Corinthians 15:54b-57
Luke 11:27-28
Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
Psalms 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]
1 Corinthians 15:20-27
Luke 1:39-56

Thursday:

Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalms 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62
Matthew 18:21--19:1

Friday:

Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63
Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [1c]
Matthew 19:3-12

Saturday:

Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32
Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19
Matthew 19:13-15

Next Sunday:

Proverbs 9:1-6/Ps 34:2-3, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [9a]
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 13

8:00 am

Weekday

St. John of the Cross Parish Family

Tuesday, August 14

6:30 pm

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Patricia Paglia

Wednesday, Aug. 15

8:00 am

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosemary Kraska

12:00 pm

6:30 pm

Rosemary Wallace

Joe Lonchor

Thursday, Aug. 16

6:30 pm

Weekday

Adolf Rot

Friday, Aug. 17

8:00 am

Weekday

Patrick Wolowiecki

Saturday, Aug. 18

4:00 pm

Weekday

John & Margaret Walsh

Sunday, Aug. 19

7:30 am

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am

11:00 am

William Perko

Patrick Wolowiecki

Sobocinski & Contorno Deceased Family Members

Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento

Jim Brown

Noella Burrows

Chester Campana

Jane DePalma

Constance Durrah

Mary Frain

Marie George

Margaret Hasto

John Hocevar

Andrew Jarm

Betty Kovelan

Doris Kowalski

Fr. Dennis Kristancic

Mili Lekan

Marie Lipold

Joe Matejka

Ronald Maxey

Rudy Myeress

Jeff Monger

Larry O'Donnell

John Paglia

Linda Palko

Anna Pepock

Joan Raddell

Pat Rossoll

Martha Rymer

Jerry Scarniench

Judy Schmidt

Patricia Seaman

Rose Simek

Carole Smigelski

Frank Somrack

John Tarmann

Abbie Vernon

Remember our elderly and homebound in prayer as well.

Please notify the Parish Office when a name can be removed from this list.

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-0770 ext. 27**

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Parish News & Events



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Aug. 15

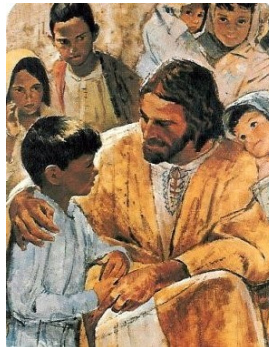
Vigil Mass: Tuesday, August 14; 6:30pm
Wednesday, August 15; 8am, Noon, and 6:30pm
5:00pm Eucharist/Marian Procession
6:30pm Mass will be at the outdoor Shrine
Picnic to follow 6:30pm Mass

Bible Study

Join **Fr. Tim Roth** for a Bible Study on Tuesday's at 9AM in Meeting Room #1 (located in the church gathering space). Come and experience the living Word of God speak to you in the context of your daily life.

Parish School of Religion Class

Our Catholic Church has always acknowledged that the parents are the primary educators in faith. The adage, **"faith is caught, not taught,"** is true especially within the family. Parents teach most effectively by example. Each family has a right to assistance from the parish community in nurturing faith in their home. For children who do not attend a Catholic School, the PSR Program has been established to help parents in this role. Our Program includes students Grades K-8 is held on Sundays, 9:15-10:45am. If you wish to register your children, please call the Parish Office.



Why Be Catholic Night

Are you curious about the Catholic faith but aren't sure where to even begin learning more? Are you Catholic and have a friend or relative who is interested in your Catholic faith? Then please join us for our **Why Be Catholic** night, **Wed., Sept 5 at 7 pm** in the Gathering Area. You've got questions ... we can show you where to find the answers. We'll also explain the process of becoming Catholic and what's involved. Is God calling you to join the Catholic faith? Let's find out together.

Parish Family Life Events

Membership

If you wish to become a member of our parish, complete the online form, visit the parish office or call us at 216.289.0770. We look forward to welcoming you!

Baptism

Expectant parents are to attend a Baptism Class prior to scheduling a Baptism. Contact the parish office to discuss arrangements.

Marriage

Wedding arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance. Contact **Fr. John** at the Parish Office.

Town Hall Meeting

The Town Hall Meeting with **Fr. John** will be held on **Tuesday, August 28 at 7 pm**. Please come to the 6:30 pm Mass and the meeting will follow. No staff will be there. Fr. John just wants an opportunity to listen to your comments, respond to your questions/concerns, and share a little bit of how we can enter into a process here to celebrate the last ten years of our parish and plan for the next 10 years.

Join us for our Outdoor Shrine Mass Sunday at 7:30am. If weather is inclement, Mass will be in Church.

More News & Events

10th Anniversary

Opening Concert will be Friday, November 30th and Opening Mass will be Saturday, December 1st at 4pm Mass, followed by a cocktail party.



The **Celebration Hospitality Committee** will be creating a **Parish Cookbook** and would love your favorite recipes! Include your name so we know who to thank. We will also be creating **SJC Note Cards** and are calling on all young artists in the Parish to submit artwork of the Church (inside/out) and Shrine. You can submit all recipes and pictures to the Parish Office/Celebration Table by August 15.



“Staying Active”

Tuesday, August 14, 9 am with **Kathy Brown** (certified low-impact aerobic instructor). This 45-minute gentle exercise and stretching routine that you can do at home, is geared toward older adults. This fun and lively class will help you improve muscle tone, maintain joint flexibility, and prevent injury. The class is open to all ages and will be held in the gym.

Great News

DROP OFFS are finished for Second Blessings Rummage Sale. We cannot accept any more items. Thank you so much for your generous donations. Second Blessings Sale is September 8th and 9th. If you have never come, this is a great time to check us out. If you have come, you know you want to come back. Tell all your friends and family. Everyone will have an enjoyable time! There is even a bake sale of homemade goodies. Volunteers are still needed for sorting, cleaning, and decorating before the Rummage Sale weekend. Volunteers are needed as sales staff the weekend of September 8th and 9th. Any time you can give is a blessing. Contact **Carla** at 216 970-0219/cfcolo@gmail.com

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving	\$4,504.15
Maintenance Giving.....	\$1,887.00
Online Giving	\$1,054.00
Online Maintenance Giving	<u>\$92.50</u>
Total.....	\$7,537.64

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

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, August 13

7:00pm Social Justice (Rm. 7)
7:30pm KofC Meeting (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, August 14

9:00 am Bible Study (MR1)
9:00 am Staying Active (G)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)

Wednesday, August 15

Masses at 8am, Noon, & 6:30pm
4:00 pm Procession Pick Up (PG)
5:00 pm Procession Begins (SRW)
6:30 pm Mass at Shrine
7:30 pm Picnic (PG)

Thursday, August 16

6:30 pm Bingo #3 (G)

Friday, August 17

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, August 18

5:30 pm Outdoor Concert (CP)

Sunday, August 19

C-Church
SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel
CP-Celebration Plaza
PC-Parish Community Center
G-Gym
Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center
SRW-Ss. Robert-William

Summer Concert Series

“Ulterior Motives” Band

Performs at Celebration Plaza
Saturday, August 18, 5:30 pm

This band that includes a member of our choir, performs contemporary classics.

Light refreshments will be served. Concert will be held in the chapel if the weather is inclement.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — August 18-19, 2018

<i>Masses:</i>	<i>Presiders</i>	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lector 1</i>	<i>Lector 2</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Servers</i>
<i>Saturday</i> 4 pm	Fr. John Better	J. Buda A. Molle	M. Freas	D. Abreo	K. Brown, F. Buda, T. Burrello, M. Malta, M. Monger, J. Monger, W. Nalepka, S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Monger J. Schmidt
<i>Sunday</i> 9 am	Fr. Edward Mehok	M. Singer C. Hainrihar	A. Dean	B. Contorno	L. Bochenek, W. Burnett, T. Davisson, E. Edelman, M. Proctor, D. Szafranski, J. Volk, R. Volk	A. Somich A. Somich
<i>Sunday</i> 11 am	Fr. Tim Roth	R. Simek D. Mallet	L. Williams	J. Solpa	J. Bretz, J. Bretz, E. Dulaney, A. Koballa, F. Koballa, J. Matlock, K. Musarra, T. Wetzel	C. Chapo E. Chapo

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
 Wednesday, August 15 **Sandy**
 Grande Pointe
 Sunday, August 19.....**William**
 Waterford
 Sunday, August 19.....**Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, August 20 **“A” Team**

Parish Staff & Office Hours

Rev. John D. Better..... Administrator
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Rev. Thomas Kowatch
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Rev. Edward E. Mehok

Rev. Tim Roth..... frroth@saintjohnofthecross.org

Rev. Mr. Charles DoerpersDeacon

Dr. Francesco Binda Director of Music
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Terri Burrello Sacristan

Anita Linsky Office Manager
 secretary@saintjohnofthecross.org

Nancy PowellBookkeeper
 npowell@saintjohnofthecross.org

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Friday 8:00 am–4:00 pm

Saturday..... 9:00 am–1:00 pm

Mass Schedule-SJC

Celebration of Eucharist

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm
 Sunday (Outdoor Shrine) 7:30 am
 Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 Monday, Wednesday, Friday.. 8:00 am (Chapel)
 Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 pm (Chapel)
 Holy Days 8:00 am, noon, 6:30 pm

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:00—3:30 pm

Weekday Mass Schedule-SRW

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 pm
 Tuesday & Thursday 8:00 am
 Saturday..... 8:30 am