

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish



September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"-that is, "Be opened!" And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. -Mark 7:34-35

Remembering 9/11



Lord of healing and compassion, May your perpetual light shine upon the poor souls lost on 9/11, and may your Sacred Heart provide comfort and peace to the family and friends of the dearly departed. Amen.

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.



From Our Administrator - Fr. John Better

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a great Labor Day weekend. While summer has a few more weeks it certainly feels like we are moving quickly into fall. This is the weekend of our Second Blessings Sale. I have to say this sale and the work and energy that goes into it has blown me away. While I have seen other parishes and groups host a garage sale or rummage sale, this is SO MUCH MORE! The care, love and devotion that is put into this really helps us to realize our call to be responsible stewards of all that God has given us. It is an opportunity for us to allow someone else to have something that was ours and to continue to use it well. It is an opportunity for those who do not have the resources to buy new to have nice things. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank each and everyone of the many disciples who work so hard to make this sale possible. Thank you to all who donated and thank you to all who supported it in anyway!



Is anyone hungry this morning/evening? Well, did you know that like our stomachs, our souls get hungry! Jesus reminds us of this hunger when He says: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" [Matthew 4:4]. That word that proceeds from the mouth of God is made available to us through Sacred Scripture and the teachings of our Catholic faith. I want to share with you a great tool to build a holy habit into your life that will give your soul nourishment every day. That tool is **FORMED**. FORMED is an amazing website with something for all ages: movies, video studies, an audio bible, audiobooks, testimonies and other inspiring talks, and e-books. And, FORMED has a app so that you can have spiritual food available with just 1 click, anytime and anywhere! All you have to do is go to srwsjceuid.formed.org to register for a free account! FORMED is awesome and will allow you to grow in your faith from the comfort of your own home!

In the next few weeks we will be ramping up for RCIA and PSR. RCIA is the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. It is an opportunity for those who have never been Baptized, those who were only Baptized and never received First Communion or Confirmation and/or those wishing to become Catholic. It is a journey for people to explore the Catholic faith to see what it is all about. The first few months is what we call the inquiry phase and it is an opportunity for people to explore the faith and see if this is something they want to peruse. We will have an evening September 25 at 7:00 pm for people to simply *Come & See* and learn more about the process of becoming Catholic. If you are interested just come that evening or call me at the parish office or email me frjohn@saintjohnofthecross.org to talk a little more about it.

PSR is our Parish School of Religion and is an opportunity for children in grades K – 8 to get Faith Formation and learn about the faith if they are attending a public or private school. It is also an opportunity for them to prepare for First Penance (Confession), First Communion, and Confirmation. I encourage if you have children or grandchildren in need of faith formation to call Anita at the parish office and let her know. She will get you more information and help you to register.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Better". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalms 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]
James 2:1-5
Mark 7:31-37

Monday:

1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Psalms 5, 5-6, 7, 12 [9]
Luke 6:6-11

Tuesday:

1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4]
Luke 6:12-19

Wednesday:

1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Psalms 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17 [11]
Luke 6:20-26

Thursday:

1 Corinthians 8:1b-7, 11-13
Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]
Luke 6:27-38

Friday:

Numbers 21:4b-9
Psalms 78:1-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]
Philippians 2:6-11
John 3:13-17

Saturday:

1 Corinthians 10:14-22
Psalms 116:12-13, 17-18 [17]
John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35

Next Sunday:

Isaiah 50:5-9a
Psalms 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 10 8:00 am	Weekday Edward Kriz
Tuesday, Sept. 11 6:30 pm	Weekday St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Wednesday, Sept. 12 8:00 am	Weekday Greg Reink
Thursday, Sept. 13 6:30 pm	St. John Chrysostom Souls in Purgatory
Friday, Sept. 14 8:00 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Bruno Kotarski
Saturday, Sept. 15 4:00 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows Robert Kravos
Sunday, Sept. 16 9:00 am 11:00 am	Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Margaret Berkopec Joseph Loparo



Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento	Betty Kovelan	Joan Raddell
Jim Brown	Doris Kowalski	Pat Rossoll
Noella Burrows	Fr. Dennis Kristancic	Martha Rymer
Chester Campana	Mili Lekan	Jerry Scarniench
Skip Casamatta	Marie Lipold	Judy Schmidt
Jane DePalma	Joe Matejka	Rose Simek
Constance Durrah	Ronald Maxey	Carole Smigelski
Mary Frain	Rudy Myeress	Frank Somrack
Marie George	Jeff Monger	John Tarmann
Margaret Hasto	Larry O'Donnell	Abbie Vernon
John Hocevar	Linda Palko	
Andrew Jarm	Anna Pepock	

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

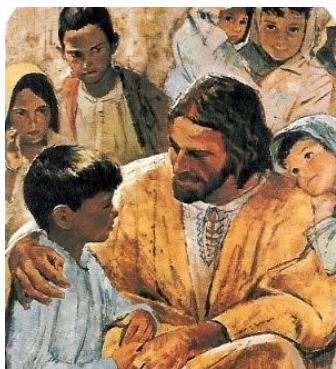
Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Parish News & Events

Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Luke will be studied beginning Monday, September 10 at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Community Center.

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 at 216-289-0770.

Woman of Faith

The Women of Faith spiritual book study group has been together for more than six years. Almost all the members, who range from 52-93, have been together from the beginning. We gather twice a month on Wednesday evenings from 7-9pm to discuss books and other items of interest pertaining to spirituality. We also hear various speakers, view some movies and visit some exhibits and/or museums in connection with our purpose. We have had the opportunity to meet some of the authors we have especially enjoyed. (Sr. Joan Chittister, Susan Muto and Fr. Don Cozzens). We are currently looking to add a few members to our "family". If this sounds like something of interest, please call for more information. **Mary Ann Pecek** at 216-486-3836

Second Blessings Sale

Saturday, September 8; 9 am — 6 pm

Sunday, September 9; 12 pm — 5 pm

Free Admission - Cash and Credit Cards Accepted

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, **Tuesday, Sept 25 at 7 pm** in Meeting Room #1. 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.

Holy Hour for the Church and Victims of Abuse

At this troubling time in the life of our Church, we wish to offer you the opportunity to come before our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist for a time of prayer for each other, for the Church, and for all victims of abuse, acknowledging His desire to heal our hearts and strengthen our faith. Please join us if you can on **Thursday, September 13, at 7PM in the church of Ss. Robert and William.**



Are you looking for good, wholesome, Catholic, content on the web?

We'll look no further because FORMED.org is here! St. John of the Cross and Ss. Robert & William has recently bought a subscription to FORMED.org for the entire Parish to use. We have found this amazing resource that we know you will love. FORMED.org has compiled the largest library of comprehensive and inspiring Catholic content. They have everything including; movies, talks, documentaries, bible studies, kids programming and so much more. From entertainment to educational material, it is packed with trustworthy Catholic resources. Visit our FORMED Community... You can visit the Community Page for Ss. Robert and William/St. John of the Cross by going to the following link <https://srwsjceclid.formed.org> to see our active discussion groups and featured content. If you are not yet registered on FORMED this same link will allow you to first set up a new account as part of our on-line FORMED Community.

Liturgical Tribute Fund

All money that is donated to this fund in memory of a loved one or friend, or a special occasion will be used to purchase items utilized in our worship and help us to do all that we can to assure that we have what we need to worship reverently and well.

Sincere thank you for your donations to our
Liturgical Tribute Fund...

In Memory of **Stephen Kavulich.....SJOC Women's Bocce League**

Sunday Scripture Reflection (SSR)

Join **Fr. Tim Roth** for Sunday Scripture Reflection on Tuesday's at 9AM in Meeting Room #1. Come and experience the living Word of God speak to you in the context of your daily life.

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.

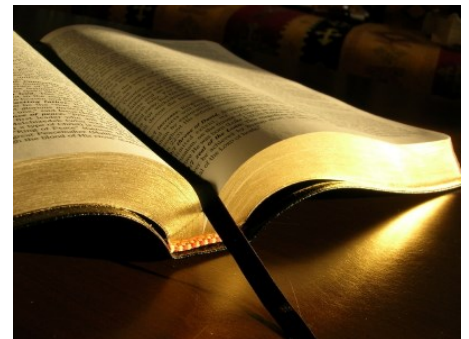
Marriage

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

Our Deepest Sympathies

Families of Nadine Lucas, Norman Stih and Mary Schutte

May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of friends, family and our parish community.



More News & Events



“Each headstone marks a life, and it marks a death. But since death is not an end, each headstone heralds a beginning, too.”

The **Ministry of Consolation** will be cleaning and decorating graves at All Souls Cemetery on **Sunday, September 16 at 1 pm.**

If you have a loved one and you would like us to clean and decorate their plot, please contact the parish office with their name, section and plot number, and if they were a member of the Armed Services. If any parishioners would like to join us, please meet us in the office parking lot of All Souls at 1 pm.
(We will be going to Fosters for ice cream afterwards!)

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School:

To foster student success, Ss. Robert and William Catholic School provides a nurturing environment focusing on faith, academics, and service.

The theme for the school year is *“Under Construction: Building a Strong Foundation of Faith and Knowledge.”* This was chosen with the anticipation of the gym renovation that is targeted to begin during the second semester. In addition to the gym being updated with a new floor and ceiling, an industrial kitchen with concession accessibility, an atrium, and restrooms will be added. This exciting initiative will allow Ss. Robert and William to hold weekly CYO basketball games as well as to host tournaments.

The fifth annual Walk-a-Thon will take place on Friday, October 5th. All SRW students will walk to earn money dedicated to the upcoming renovation. Would you like to help? Please review the bulletin insert this week with ways that families, friends, and even businesses can sponsor the Walk-a-Thon. **Thank you for your support!**

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving.....	\$5,083.00
Maintenance Giving.....	\$725.00
Online Giving.....	\$999.00
Online Maintenance Giving	<u>\$354.50</u>
Total	\$7,161.50

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

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, September 10

- 7:00 pm Art & Environment (C)
- 7:00 pm Social Justice (MR1)
- 7:00 pm KofC Meeting (PC)
- 7:30 pm Fr. Mehok’s Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, September 11

- 9:00 am SSR (MR1)
- 5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)
- 7:00 pm Parish Council (P)

Wednesday, September 12

- 7:00 pm Prayer Shawl (Rm. 6)
- 7:00 pm Women in Faith (Rm. 7)

Thursday, September 13

- 6:30 pm Bingo #3 (G)
- 7:00 pm Evangelization & Spiritual Life (Rm. 6)

Friday, September 14

- 8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, September 15

- 10:30 am Lector Workshop (C)

Sunday, September 16

- C-Church
- SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel
- MR1-Meeting Room #1
- PC-Parish Community Center
- G-Gym
- P-Parish Office
- PG-Parish Grounds
- Rm. 6-8 in Parish Community Center

Save the Date: SJC Oktoberfest— October 27

The evening begins with a Polka Mass at 4 pm followed by a tradition German feast, music and dancing! If you would like to help or need more information, please call the parish office at (216) 289-0770.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — September 15-16, 2018

Masses:	Presiders	Greeters	Lector 1	Lector 2	Eucharistic Ministers	Servers
Saturday 4 pm	Fr. John Betters	K. Brindo M. Singer	M. Monger	W. Nalepka	C. Barni, K. Brown, T. Burrello, P. Kiikka, M. Malta, J. Monger, R. Raguz, S. Thomas-Greaves	J. Monger J. Schmidt
Sunday 9 am	Fr. Edward Mehok	H. Drozin C. Hainrihar	A. Dean	G. Haritonovich	L. Bochenek, W. Burnett, L. Fulton M. Haritonovich, G. Petrof, L. Petrof, M. Proctor, D. Szafranski	R. Schultz
Sunday 11 am	Fr. Thom Kowatch	D. Mallet R. Simek	K. Musarra	T. Wetzel	J. Berquist, E. Dulaney, D. Hocevar J. Hocevar, J. Kirchmeir, A. Koballa F. Koballa, J. Solpa	S. Bray J. Ericksen

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital
 Wednesday, September 12..... **Katie**
 Grande Pointe
 Sunday, September 16..... **Eric & Jeff**
 Waterford
 Sunday, September 16..... **Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, September 17..... **“B” Team**

Parish Staff & Office Hours

Rev. John D. Betters..... Administrator
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Rev. Edward E. Mehok

Rev. Tim Roth..... froth@saintjohnofthecross.org

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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.....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 Friday9:00 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