

Saint John of the Cross


Roman Catholic Parish



September 23, 2018

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” -Mark 9:37a



Are you thinking of
becoming a Catholic?

R.C.I.A.

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.

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 Betteres

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you have had a great start to Fall. It is such a beautiful season.

I am very sorry that I had to postpone the Town Hall Meeting twice. I am so sorry.

This last time I had a family emergency I had to take care of. I rarely put anything before my priestly parish ministry but this could not be avoided. All is well now and I appreciate your understanding. In talking with the staff and advisory councils I decided to change the format up a bit for this. I really want to get to know you all better and a large group meeting I am not sure would work well. So we are going to have three "Coffee with Fr. John." These will be groups of no more than 30 people and we will share a cup of coffee and chat. They are scheduled:

Sunday, October 7 at Noon Saturday, October 13 at 5pm Sunday, October 14 at 10 am

They will be held in the community center gym. **Please call the office to sign up for one of the sessions.**

I would ask you to reflect on the four following questions in preparation for our meeting:

1. What are the greatest strengths of SJC?
2. What are the greatest challenges of SJC?
3. What hopes do you have for the shared pastorate?
4. What fears for you have for the shared pastorate?

To further focus I would like to share with you the following letter that was written by the Parish Council last April. Upon the announcement that Fr. Sal would be transferred to Holy Angels Parish the Parish Council wrote the following letter to the new pastor. It was given to me on the day I arrived at St. John of the Cross. I have read it many times and reflected upon it anytime I have to make a decision and in writing my homilies. I would ask you to read it as well and reflect on it for our gatherings.

Dear New SJC Pastor,

We wanted to share with you who we are:

We are a community of similarities and differences.

We come from near and far to worship together and to share our faith and all that our community has to offer.

We represent different generations and many ethnicities and cultures.

Many of our families were members of our founding parishes for generations, while others of us are relatively new to the community.

We treasure tradition yet understand that we must accept change over time

We are united in our strength and faith, and we are preparing to celebrate our 10th anniversary together with a full year of special activities.

We are actively engaged in our parish and community.

We live our mission and serve a unique "niche" in the community.

We are hungry to experience more of God, to evangelize, to stretch our comfort zone and to serve Him even better.

We participate in more than two dozen active ministries – ranging from service and fellowship to human concerns and outreach, and from music to spirituality enrichment – which nourish us and allow us to help others in need.

We are very proud of the significant growth in attendance and participation in activities and events, especially our "Journey of the Heart" celebrations during the Lenten season.

We embrace Social Media and have increased engagement via Facebook and our website.



We generously support our parish, its leadership and one another.

Our sustained level of monetary contributions has allowed our parish to become debt-free and live within its budget.

Our willingness to contribute our God-given talents has allowed us to create a momentum that will serve our parish well into the future.

We respond quickly and caringly to needs of those among us and those we may not know.

We love St. John of the Cross Parish and want it to continue to succeed.

We look forward to building upon the strong foundation that has been established over the past decade.

This letter is absolutely beautiful and I would suggest captures very well what makes St. John of the Cross a very special parish and it is an honor for me to serve with and for you. I look forward to sharing a cup of coffee with you and actively listening to your input about our parish and where we will be going the next decade.

Next weekend at the vigil and Sunday Masses we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This wonderful, grace-filled Sacrament is an opportunity for us to lift those up in our community who are suffering physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Because so many people in our community are affected by illness, the Church offers this Sacrament. We lay hands on them and call upon the Holy Spirit to be with them. We anoint the forehead and hands with Holy Oil in a spirit of prayer and petition to God for healing and/or acceptance of the suffering they endure. While our hope would be healing, sometimes the healing is a peace and acceptance of a chronic or terminal diagnosis. This can be very powerful! It is also an opportunity for us as a community of faith to lift up to the Lord those who are suffering, and ask intercessory prayers for those who are ill. I invite anyone who is facing surgery, anyone with a chronic illness, cancer, serious mental/emotional illness or addiction, is elderly, or has a spiritual struggle, to come forward next week for the Sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you.

Make it a great week!
See you in Church!

Peace,



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.

Anointing of the Sick

Next weekend September 29 and 30 anyone who is facing surgery, anyone with a chronic illness, cancer, serious mental/emotional illness or addiction, is elderly, or has a spiritual struggle, to come forward for the Sacrament at all Masses next weekend. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you.

Our Deepest Sympathies to the

Family of Joseph Richards

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday:

Wisdom 2:12, 17-20
Psalms 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]
James 3:16--4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Monday:

Proverbs 3:27-34
Psalms 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1]
Luke 8:16-18

Tuesday:

Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13
Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]
Luke 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Proverbs 30:5-9
Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]
Luke 9:1-6

Thursday:

Ecclesiastes 1:2-11
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]
Luke 9:7-9

Friday:

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11
Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]
Luke 9:18-22

Saturday:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or
Revelation 12:7-12a
Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]
John 1:47-51

Next Sunday:

Numbers 11:25-29
Psalms 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, Sept. 24
8:00 am

Weekday
William Carrick

Tuesday, Sept. 25
6:30 pm

Weekday
Special Intention

Wednesday, Sept. 26
8:00 am

Weekday
Norma Sedar

Thursday, Sept. 27
6:30 pm

St. Vincent de Paul
In Thanksgiving

Friday, Sept. 28
8:00 am

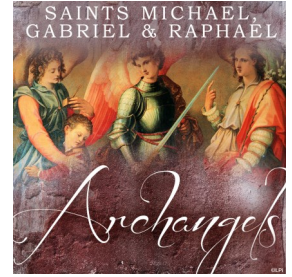
Weekday
Rose Burrello

Saturday, Sept. 29
4:00 pm

Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Joe Nalepka

Sunday, Sept. 30
9:00 am
11:00 am

Twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time
St. John of the Cross Parish Family
Ferdinand Krecic



Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

Beverley Argento
Jim Brown
Noella Burrows
Chester Campana
Skip Casamatta
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
Bob Lucas
Joe Matejka
Ronald Maxey
Rudy Myeress
Jeff Monger
Larry O'Donnell
Linda Palko

Anna Pepock
Joan Raddell
Pat Rossoll
Martha Rymer
Jerry Scarniench
Judy Schmidt
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

St. John of the Cross Oktoberfest!

On Saturday, October 27th 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 out please call the parish office. Tickets will be available Oct. 6. Join us for this fun event!



Second Blessings Sale Success

Thank you to **Second Blessings Ministry** for all their hard work. The sale raised \$16,800. for our parish, which includes over \$800. raised from the Bake Sale. Plus the early entry fee totaled \$570 and was donated to the **Euclid Hunger Center**.

Walking with Purpose

Women's Catholic Bible Study

Co-sponsored by Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, offered this fall through spring at SRW. 22 weekly group sessions are starting on October 18 from 7:30-9pm. The study will be offered free of charge this year (freewill donation accepted). Registration is required for the study but monthly Connect Coffees are open to all women. Interested in learning more? Please join us on Thursday, October 4th at 8pm for an Open House in the Lifeteen Lounge. For questions/RSVP, contact **Kristin Weisheit** at wwwpeuclid@gmail.com.

Raffle

Win as much as \$1000.00. Tickets are \$5.00 a piece or the bargain price of 3 for \$10.00. All proceeds help the Thea Bowman Community Center. The center helps with a FOOD PANTRY, SATURDAY BUFFET MEALS, GED CLASSES, CHILDREN'S COMPUTER CLASSES, CHILDREN'S TUTORING, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, and ADULT TAX PREPARATION. The Social Justice Ministry will be selling raffle tickets after all the Masses the weekend of September 29th and 30th in the Gathering Area. The drawing will be held at the fundraiser at Saint Noel's on Sunday, November 4th. Thank you for your consideration. Prayers for the clients of the Thea Bowman Center are greatly appreciated.
Peace.....The Social Justice Ministry

40 Days for Life

From Sept. 26 to Nov. 4, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm**-12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, or **Planned Parenthood**- 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts., or **Family Planning**-54 South State St. Painesville. Please help spread the word about this important community outreach. Contact **John Noall** clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for questions.

Pet Blessing

In honor of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be a blessing of pets at 9 am on Saturday, Oct. 6 in the field near the bocce courts. Let us gather to bless our pets and give thanks to God for the gift of the animals in our lives.

More News & Events

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School:



The 3rd grade teachers have instituted a “Mystery Reader” initiative this school year. The students wait anxiously to see who the mystery reader will be each Friday. Imagine their surprise when Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail opened the classroom door and entered with her book in hand! Thank you, Mayor, for taking the time out of your very busy schedule to read a story to our SRW students.

High School Open Houses

St. Edward High School Open Houses: Sundays, October 14, 11 am-1:30 pm, and November 4, 11 am-1:30 pm

Lake Catholic Open Houses: Sunday, September 30th, 1-3 pm and Thursday, November 8, 6-8 pm

Villa Angela-St. Joseph Open House: Sunday, October 14, 1 pm, Wednesday, November 7, 6 pm, and Thursday, March 21, 2019, 6 pm

Benedictine Open Houses: Wednesday, October 10, 5-7:30 pm and Wednesday, April 17, 2019, 5-7:30 pm

Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (NDCL) Open House: Wednesday, October 3, 6-8 pm and Tuesday, October 30, 6-8 pm

And they're off!

The American Zagreb Junior Tamburitzans is hosting its annual "Night at the Races" Saturday, October 6th here at St John of the Cross. This event is only open to individuals 21 years and older. Tickets are \$20 and cover the price of admission, a homemade dinner, dessert, and open bar consisting of beer, wine, and soft drinks. Doors open at 6 pm and the video horse races begin at 8 pm. Treat yourself to an evening filled with fun, friends, food, and betting! Tickets are selling fast, so please contact Julia Thornhill at 216-272-5625/Zagrebjr@gmail.com today to secure your seats.

Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week Giving.....	\$4,563.25
Maintenance Giving.....	\$677.00
Online Giving.....	\$1,530.00
Online Maintenance Giving	\$257.50
Total	\$7,027.75

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

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, September 24

7:30 pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (Rm. 6)

Tuesday, September 25

9:00 am SSR (MR1)
5:30 pm Legion of Mary (Rm. 7)
7:00 pm RCIA "Come and See" (Rm. 6)

Wednesday, September 26

7:00 pm Women of Faith (Rm. 7)
7:00 pm Choir Practice (C)

Thursday, September 27

6:30 pm Bingo #1 (G)

Friday, September 28

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 6)

Saturday, September 29

Sunday, September 30

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

Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study

The Gospel of St. Luke will be studied on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in Room 6 of the Parish Community Center.

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.

Need to Know

Ministers Schedule — September 29-30, 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 4 pm</i>	Fr. Thom Kowatch	P. Kiikka K. Brindo	S. Thomas-Greaves	L. McVoy	C. Barni, K. Brown, T. Burrello, M. Malta, P. McVoy, W. Nalepka, R. Raguz, S. Ruggeri	J. Schmidt
<i>Sunday 9 am</i>	Fr. Tim Roth	H. Drozin C. Hainrihar	D. DiMare	E. Edelman	A. Dean, T. Davisson, L. Fulton, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, L. Petrof, G. Petrof, K. Sorc	E. Somich G. Somich
<i>Sunday 11 am</i>	Fr. Thom Kowatch	R. Simek D. Mallet	L. Williams	J. Hocevar	J. Berquist, E. Dulaney, D. Hocevar, J. Matlock, K. Musarra, J. Solpa, T. Wetzel	C. Chapo E. Chapo

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

Richmond Heights Hospital Wednesday, September 26.....	Marla
Grande Pointe Sunday, September 30.....	William
Waterford Sunday, September 30.....	Legion of Mary

Counters

Monday, October 1 **"A" Team**

Parish Staff & Office Hours

Rev. John D. Betters..... Administrator
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Rev. Thomas Kowatch
..... frkowatch@saintjohnofthecross.org

Rev. Edward E. Mehok

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

Rev. Mr. Charles Doerpers Deacon

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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