

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

Our Parish Family's Lenten Journey

"Acts of Kindness"

St. John of the Cross 2020

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St. John of the Cross Parish

140 Richmond Road

4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

M, W & F, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

T & Th, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Saturday, 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

First Friday of each month,
8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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Saturday Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses

Weekday Masses

Confessions

Eucharistic Adoration

Information

Ss. Robert & William Parish

367 E. 260th Street

4:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

M, W & F, 12Noon (Church)

T, 8:00 a.m. (Church)

Th, 8:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Sat., 8:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Saturday, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

24 hours/day, 7 days/week in
Perpetual Adoration Chapel

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March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

Parish Mission

I THIRST FOR YOU SRW/SJC PARISH MISSION 2020

We thirst for many things:
for love, for God's mercy, to know that we are valued.
But can you believe that God thirsts for you?
Join us for three days that will help you to know that it is true
and how it can change your life.

MONDAY, MARCH 2
I THIRST FOR YOU

TUESDAY, MARCH 3
I THIRST FOR GOD'S WILL

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
I THIRST FOR A ROLE IN GOD'S MISSION

6:30PM – 8:00PM
Ss. ROBERT & WILLIAM CHURCH

PRESENTED BY PETER RANGE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE FOR LIFE AND JUSTICE
DIOCESE OF TOLEDO



Peter Range graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a Master of Theology with a focus in Biblical Studies in 2009. He is now the Director for the Office for Life and Justice for the Diocese of Toledo. Peter also hosts his own radio show called "Say Yes to Life".

The fifth of six children, Peter is passionate about family, service and encountering the one true God, Jesus Christ. Peter married his wife, Laura, in May of 2015. They reside in Haskins Ohio and they have four children: their son, Ignatius, who is in heaven, daughter Gianna, their son John Paul, and a baby due in April 2020.

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and their Caregivers

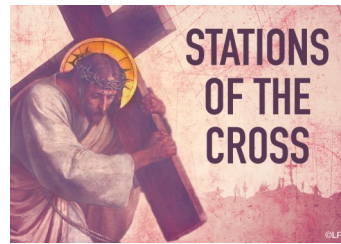
Evelyn Adamczak
 John Ballard
 Noella Burrows
 Matthew Dolenc
 Constance Durrah
 Mary Frain
 John Hocevar
 Anna Jalovec
 Nick Kaluza
 Joe Matejka
 Ronald Maxey
 Rudy Myeress
 Sheila Moore-Baka
 Larry O'Donnell
 Joan Raddell
 Pat Rossoll
 Jerry Scarniench
 Judy Schmidt
 Rose Simek
 Frank Somrack
 John Tarmann
 Abbie Vernon
 Rita Vaitkus



*Please notify the parish office
when a name can be
removed from this list.*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, March 2 8:00 am (JB)	Lenten Weekday Jim Proctor
Tuesday, March 3 6:30 pm (JB)	Lenten Weekday Lisa Kaluza
Wednesday, March 4 8:00 am (JB)	Lenten Weekday Arthur Scott
Thursday, March 5 6:30 pm (AM)	Lenten Weekday Ralph Bush
Friday, March 6 8:00 am (AM)	Lenten Weekday Jenni Antenucci
Saturday, March 7 4:00 pm (AM)	Lenten Weekday Irene Plevelich
Sunday, March 8 9:00 am (AM) 11:00 am (JB)	Second Sunday of Lent St. John of the Cross Parish Family Joseph Loparo



*We adore you O, Christ, and we praise You.
Because by Your holy cross
You have redeemed the world.*

Stations of the Cross
Every Friday, 6:30pm

March 6
 March 13
 March 20
 March 27
 April 3

**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-0770 ext. 120**

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

Parish News

Passion Bible Study

Monday's, March 9, 16, 23, 30 April 6

6:30 – 8:00 pm

All Saints Room (Gym Stage)

Fr. John will be facilitating.

This is open to both SRW & SJC Parishioners

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a five-part video series and full-length book that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. While taking this study or reading this book, you will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the Garden of Gethsemane to the Mount of Calvary. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. With these insights, Catholics can come to a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love—drawing closer to Jesus than they ever have before. To register, contact Anita Linsky 216.731.1515 ext. 221 or Alinsky@srweuclid.cc. Cost of \$30 per person includes Book & Study Guide. Scholarships are available.

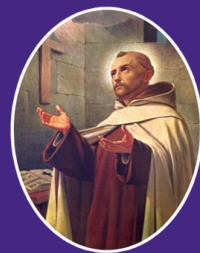


Luke Brown's Reflection

It's interesting that in today's Gospel reading, Satan is identified as "The Tempter." We've discussed in the past the various names that Satan has been given such as the accuser and how much he deserves that title and the tempter is no different. When I meet with people who are suffering with mental health issues, they often say that they do not feel hope that they can overcome their suffering and believe that they are doomed for the rest of their life to be depressed, anxious, or struggle with substance abuse. This is not the truth and the feeling of hopelessness that they experience is The Tempter's influence in their spiritual and emotional life. One of my favorite books is "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis. In the book, C.S. Lewis states that the two errors that people fall into when considering evil spirits is to either take too much interest in evil spirits or *to deny their existence all together*. We must avoid believing the latter! We must not deny that The Tempter is taking a very active role in our life by trying to manipulate us into giving up hope in Christ. We must pray constantly to know God's truth and for diligence in avoiding the pitfalls of The Tempter. There is no better time than Lent to make this a top priority in prayer. If you struggle with hopelessness, consider praying with today's Gospel reading or picking up "The Screwtape Letters" to reflect on mercy and the healing power of Christ.

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.





Lenten Almsgiving: A Request from the Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry

The Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry prayerfully asks for your continued spiritual and financial support of our growing global outreach to our friends in Christ

in Nicaragua. Inspired by our meeting with the new Bishop of León, Rene Socrates Sandigo Jiron, the primary focus of this year's Lenten Almsgiving is to assist the poorest of the poor, in the struggling parish community of The Divine Child Jesus in El Viejo, Nicaragua. Your generosity will provide funds to purchase supplies needed for our mission team to work hand-in-hand with Padre Roger's parishioners later this year to make repairs to his rectory and school. In addition, we hope to purchase additional Spanish-language Bibles for the children of Chacraseca and to assist Padre Tomás with the ever-growing challenge of keeping his school open in a difficult economy. Please keep our partnership and the success of the mission trip in your prayers during this Lenten season. For those interested in making an Almsgiving donation, envelopes will be located at the end of each pew throughout Lent. Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated. We also ask that you prayerfully consider taking a leap of faith and joining the next mission trip in late November 2020. For details, please contact Dale George at maridalegeo@msn.com or 440-343-0329.

Once again, let's show our friends in Nicaragua that we are with them, that our hands and hearts are truly united in hope and love.

Evening of Confession Wednesday, March 11; 5:00-8:00pm

***"The joy of God is the joy of forgiveness."* – Pope Francis**

God's forgiveness, Francis said, "is a sign of his overflowing love for each of us: that love that gives us the freedom to stray, like the prodigal son, but that every day awaits our return with open arms; it is the love of the shepherd who goes in search of the lost sheep; it is the tenderness with which each sinner is welcomed when he knocks at His door. And when we come back to him, he welcomes us like children into his house, for he never ceases, not for one instant, to wait for us with love. And his heart rejoices over every child who returns.

During Lent, **First Friday Adoration** will take place in the **Church** and will be reposed at 7:00 pm. If there is a funeral, however, the Blessed Sacrament will remain in the chapel on First Fridays and will be reposed at 6:30 pm.



Parish Family Life Events

Our Doors Are Open:

No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at St. John of the Cross. To become a registered parishioner, please pick up a form at the parish office or visit our website at www.sjceclid.com

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.

Soulcore

Our next SoulCore session will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 9:30 AM in Room 10 of the Community Center. **Karen Hostoffer** will lead us through an hour of SoulCore, a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. Contact **Anney Roach** at aroach@sjceclid.com for additional information.



*"I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit."*

—Jn 15: 5

Our Parish Family's Lenten Journey
"Acts of Kindness"
St. John of the Cross 2020

As Catholics, our annual Lenten observance often features sacrifices centered on depriving ourselves of life's many pleasures. Many of us have given up (or tried to) chocolate, wine, TV ... over the years. Much good can come of it. Let's do something more!

As the St. John of the Cross Parish, we want to, this year, give something back to our parish family and the community at large. *"Acts of Kindness"* is a simple yet powerful way for us to practice our faith during this important time of the year. Here's how it works:

First, take one of our prayer cards home as a reminder of your commitment to *"Acts of Kindness"* throughout the Lenten season.

Next, post this bulletin page in a prominent place in your home as a reference.

Now, throughout Lent, commit to at least one act of kindness each day of the week. You may consider participating as a family.

Add to a growing Vine and Branches picture in the Gathering Space, a grape for each act of kindness you perform to show how we at St. John of the Cross produce the spiritual fruit of kindness.

What kind of acts should I perform? *"Acts of Kindness"* can be as simple as opening the door for a stranger to visiting the homebound to being a better listener to members of your family and friends. Here is a small sample of acts to consider:

Be present for a loved one.

Invite a friend to the Friday Stations of the Cross held at St. John of the Cross.

Bring in your neighbor's garbage can.

Donate food to a food bank.

Give Alms to our friends in Nicaragua.

You can google *"Acts of Kindness"* or visit our web site at www.sjoc.com for many other ideas on different approaches.

Please join us as we make our corner of the world just a little brighter through our St. John of the Cross community's *"Acts of Kindness"* Lenten journey.

May God Bless you and our entire St. John of the Cross Parish Family.

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Your Financial Stewardship

Last Week's Giving\$5,202.50

Last Week's Maintenance Giving.....\$6,475.00

Faith Direct February, First Half.....\$2,818.50

Faith Direct February, First Half Maintenance\$1,143.50

Online Faith Direct Collections will be posted twice a month.
Thanks for your generous support toward our mission to serve God!

Parish Activities Schedule

Monday, March 2

6:30 pm Mission (SRW)

Tuesday, March 3

9:15 am Scripture Reflection (MR2)

5:15 pm Legion of Mary (MR2)

6:30 pm Mission (SRW)

6:30 pm Bingo (G)

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 pm Mission (SRW)

Thursday, March 5

Friday, March 6 *

8:30am-7pm Adoration (SHC)

6:30 pm Stations (C)

8:00 pm AA Meeting (Rm. 10)

Saturday, March 7

9:30am Soulcore (Rm. 10)

Sunday, March 8

9:15 am PSR (PC)

9:30 am RCIA (P)

12:00pm 1st Communion Parent & Child Meeting (SRW)

C-Church

G-Gym

P-Parish Office

PG-Parish Grounds

MR2-Meeting Room #2

SHC-Sacred Heart Chapel

PC-Parish Community Center

PCL-Parish Community Center Library

Rm. 10 in Parish Community Center

SRW-Ss. Robert & William

* Day of Abstinence

Visiting Eucharistic Ministers

R.H. Hospital Wednesday,
March 4.....**Marla**
Grande Pointe Sunday,
March 8.....**Legion of Mary**

Counters

Monday, March 9.....**"A" Team**