



FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK

I wish to thank you, the parish of St. John of the Cross, for all that so many of you did to make the celebration of my installation as your Pastor such a special and profound experience. I was and am truly humbled by your care, your generosity and your support. Words could never begin to express the depth of my gratitude. Be assured of my promise to do all that I can each day to build a parish that is full of the love and peace of Christ.

As you know, we had to make the difficult decision to close our preschool at the end of this academic year. This was not an easy decision for anyone and came only after much prayer, deliberation and review of the financial situation of the preschool. Know that this decision was made in the best interest of the parish as a whole given that we could no longer afford to cover the losses that were present each year. We are currently in the process of petitioning the Bishop for permission to lease the preschool building, and I am in negotiation with a very interested party who would like to open a daycare/preschool in that building next year. I believe that it could be a very positive arrangement and would still provide our parents with a solid program on our campus.

One important thing to note is that this decision is not indicative of the state of our elementary school. ***In fact, the exact opposite is true.*** We have every reason to be hopeful that we will have two kindergarten classes next year (we have one this year) and may even see the addition of students to the current kindergarten class so that we will have two first grade classes next year as well. Yes, we, more than likely, will have an increase in the number of students next year and have great plans to be sure that we are offering all that we can to support our students as they grow in faith and wisdom. For those who attended the school open house, you saw the wonderful things that are happening in our school from the wonderful administration to the teachers, staff and students, we are truly blessed. ***The bottom line is, our school is vibrant and has great potential to grow.*** We intend to take advantage of every opportunity to provide an excellent education to as many students as possible, and it is my promise to do just that.

On another note, I am sure that you have noticed that the renovations to our worship space are underway! We hope to have most of the work done by Easter. We are currently in the process of determining the exact location of the Sacred Heart mosaic since we discovered last week that in order to make the back wall strong enough to support the weight, it would cost the parish close to ten thousand dollars which we had not anticipated. While placing the mosaic on the back wall is still an option, the Worship Space Committee which came up with the original plan will be reconvening to determine the best course of action to assure that the mosaic remains a prominent part of our space. I will keep you updated as details are known.

Please be sure to take the opportunity to stop by our Ministry Fair today as we all consider the ways that we can live out our baptismal call to serve. There are so many wonderful ministries offered at St. John of the Cross and we have much for which to be thankful.

Let us continue to keep each other in prayer during these days and always.

God's peace.....Fr. Sal





**ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
PRAYER NETWORK HOTLINE
216-289-6456**

Call and leave a short message regarding your request. Let us know when your request has been answered, we can offer prayers of thanksgiving.



Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2;
 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91; Rom 10:8-13;
 Lk 4:1-13

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAITH
DEVELOPMENT**

THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM: Did you know, the Catholic Church feels it has a responsibility to shine the message of the Gospel on the issue of immigration and help to build bridges between all parties? It's important for American Catholics to persuade their Congressional representatives to create an immigration system that is just for all and serves the common good, including the legitimate security concerns of our nation. To learn more, visit www.justiceforimmigrants.org.

FR. MEHOK'S SCRIPTURE STUDY: will continue on Monday evenings at 7:30pm in the School Library through February 22nd. The subject is "The Book of Daniel".

**REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK
OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY**



Olivia & William Allender, Daniel Carter, Charlotte Farinacci, George Halgash, Andrew Jarm, Donald Justus, Cindy Kinley, Lucille Kucharski, Ruth Lamm, Dottie Maher, Ronald Maxey, Joanne Nale, Fausta Nowosielski, Jim Nolan, Mark O'Bannon, Joan Raddell, Justin Raddell, Gerald Scarniench, Norma Sedar, Henry Sepko, Tony Stepec, Edward Slavkovsky, Milton Taisey, John Tarmann, Alberta Ulrich, Richard Warman, Catherine Yert, and Jackie Zupan

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

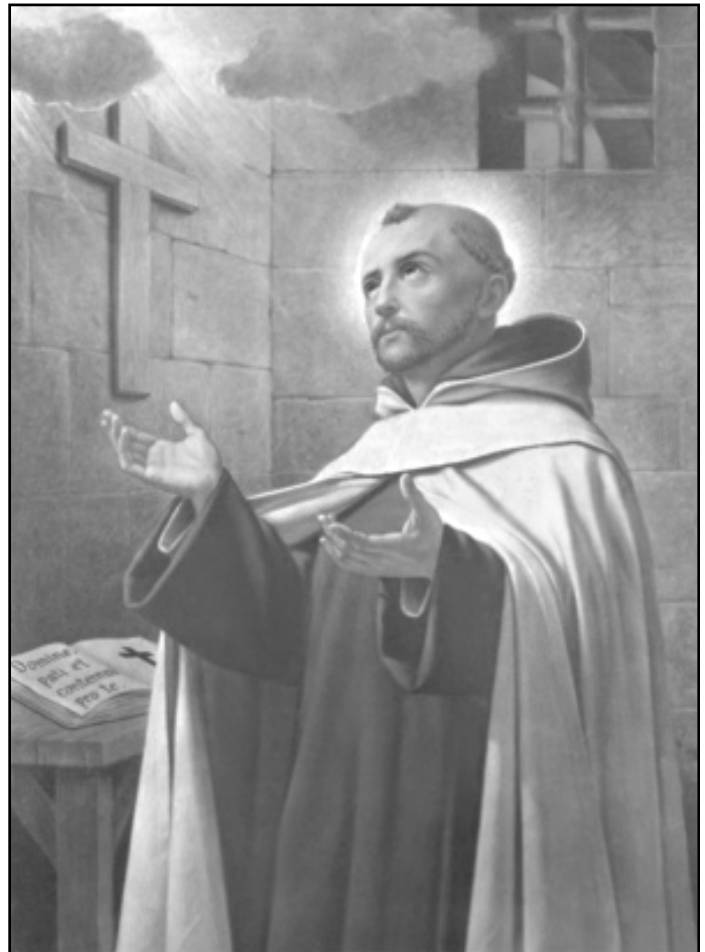
**LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!—
Ash Wednesday is Feb. 17th!**

Masses will be at 8:15am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm
 Ashes will be distributed during each Mass.

LENTEN REGULATIONS REGARDING FASTING AND ABSTINENCE: Ash Wednesday, February 17th and Good Friday, April 2nd are days of abstinence from meat and also DAYS OF FAST, that is limited to one single full meal. The other Fridays of the season of lent are days of abstinence from meat. With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however there is frequent question about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: The obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe as a whole or substantially the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard: failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics over 14 years of age. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th year until the beginning of their 60th year.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday Helen Campolieti	Feb. 15
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Mary & Robert Urbancic	Feb. 16
WEDNESDAY 8:15 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Parish Family of St. John of the Cross Ronnie Brown Helen Campolieti	Feb. 17
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Weekday John Stempihar	Feb. 18
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Weekday Bill Brown	Feb. 19
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Weekday Margaret Walsh	Feb. 20
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	First Sunday of Lent Joseph Shell Charles Henry Sharon Matejka	Feb. 21



St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us

COUNTERS

Counters for Monday Feb. 22nd....."D" Team

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb. 17....C.Hainrihar
Grande Pointe-Sun. Feb. 21...Chris B. & Dawnmarie

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —FEB. 20-21, 2010

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Sal	A. Barteld M.L. Bertsch	M. Monger	J. Monger	K. Brown, J. Chounet, L. Kucharski, J. Melvin, M. Monger, B. Pophal, K. Zigman, M. Zoul	J. Melvin R. Melvin
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Sal	C. Fornal K. Stih	D. Drasler	C. Hainrihar	S. Calderone, R. Eppich, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, P. Mastrangelo, T. Ogrinc, K. Ruggeri, R. Tepley	A. Champa L. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Timothy	A. Linek J. Pesek	M. McVoy	R. Somich	R. Apanasewicz, T. Bernardo, D. DiMare, P. Gallagher, J. Oberle, R. O'Donnell, E. Perko-Drake, C. Preto	C. Chambers A. Hocevar
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Mehok	C. Knox L. Williams	T. Gorenssek	D. Oligny	J. Bretz, R. Jezeski, J. Konchan, M. Proctor, J. Radachy, S. Thomas-Greaves, J. Vajda, D. Thomas-Greaves	S. Caruso-Taylor B. Caruso-Taylor

NEWS AT ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA:

Lighthouse Catholic Media is offering a new Lenten program of seven CDs relating to our journey through Lent. Each CD is informative and inspirational. This Lenten program has the special price of 7 CDs for \$20.00. A single CD is \$3.00 as before.

The CDs include:

Seven Pillars of the Catholic Spirituality by Matthew Kelly

The Truth by Father Larry Richards

The Healing Power of Confession by Dr Scott Hahn

The Passion of Christ in Light of the Holy Shroud of Turin by Father Francis Peffley

Glimpses Along the Way of the Cross by Father James P. Shea

The Passion of Christ Applied to Your Life by Father John Corapi, S.O.I.T.

The True Meaning of Easter by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

The weekend of February 27 and 28 Andrea Dean will be in the gathering area after all the Masses. Please take advantage of this evangelical program for your friends, family, and yourself. Many interesting CDs remain on the display stand in the gathering area. Rich Volk recommends God's Family and Ours: The Church and the Trinity by Dr. Scott Hahn. Andrea Dean recommends Why We Go to Mass: the Blood of the New Covenant by Bishop Alexander K. Sample. Thank you for remembering to put \$3.00 in the donation box for each CD taken. Saint John of the Cross parish must pay for the CDs, the postage, the display stand, and the money box.

SAVE THE DATE: 1st Annual St. John of the Cross Booster Golf Outing, June 6, 2010, at the Briardale Greens Golf Course. Get your Foursome now! Help us raise money for new athletic uniforms!! More information to follow in the coming months.

ST. FELICITAS PRESCHOOL SESSION 3 TOTS:

St. Felicitas Preschool is offering an eight week program for you and your two or three year old non preschooler. Registration begins Wednesday, March 10th from 8:00am-2:00pm. The cost is \$80.00. Call 216-732-9116 for further information.

CAREER DAY, 2010

Do you have an interesting job or know someone who does? ST. FELICITAS SCHOOL NEEDS YOU! We are planning a Career Day for our students on Friday, April 30th. The presentation sessions will be 30 minutes for students in grades 4-8. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. We would love you to spend the day with us if possible. If you are willing and available to share your experience and expertise, please call the school office at (216) 261-1240 for more information.



DEAR PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS,

Thank you for the love and support you've given to my son, Stephen Calderone. Your generosity for his upcoming mission trip to Honduras has been overwhelming and very much appreciated. When he returns from Honduras, I'm sure he'll be excited to share stories and pictures with all of you. Thank you for keeping Stephen and all of our seminarians in your thoughts and prayers.
.....Beth Huber

**5th Annual
St. Felicitas PTU Adult Benefit**

The **5th Annual Adult Benefit** will be held on **Saturday, March 13th** at the **Villa di Borally** from 6:00pm until 12:00am. **Please note the date change.** Come join the fun and support the children of St. Felicitas School. Tickets are \$75.00 per couple and include **2** main board tickets for a chance to win \$1,000.00, a sit down dinner, and open bar. Single tickets are available for \$40.00 and include **1** main board ticket for a chance to win \$1,000.00, a sit down dinner, and open bar. Dance to the music of the Freddie James DJ. Take a chance at the sideboards, silent auction, and raffle baskets too! Ticket forms are available in the Parish Office. Any questions contact Patti Mayer at 216-481-6181.

RAFFLE WINNER

Congratulations to Jack Borkey of Bratenahl, our winner of the **Week #19 PTU Weekly Raffle**. Jack Borkey was also the seller winner.
Congratulations to the Pallante Family of Willoughby Hills, the winners of the **February Monthly Drawing**.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Crossroads Hospice is looking for committed and caring people to add to their team of volunteers. They are looking for people to provide patient care visits in facilities and homes and also to assist with office work and bereavement. Learn about *The Ultimate Gift* available to their patients. To learn more about various opportunities through the Crossroads Hospice Volunteer Program, please contact Judy Sobieski, at 216-654-9157 or 1-888-603-6673.

BENEDICTINE LENTEN FISH FRY: Benedictine High School, located at 2900 M.L. King, Jr. Drive will be serving fish dinners, Fridays in Lent, February 19-March 26th, from 4:30-7:30pm, dinners are \$6.50, and \$6.00 for seniors. For more information, please call 216-421-2080, ext. 156.

SHARING GRIEF: The Catholic Cemeteries Bereavement Ministry invites you to spend some special time sharing your grief with others next week. A bereavement support group session will be held next Sunday, Feb. 21st from 3:00-4:00pm in the following Cemeteries: Holy Cross, Brookpark Rd, Calvary in Lorain, All Souls in Chardon, All Saints in Northfield, and Holy Cross in Akron.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....\$12,340.00
Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$12.00

February 21st-Black & Indian American Collection

**Thank you for your generosity.
Your support is needed and greatly appreciated.**

BLACK and INDIAN MISSIONS: Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural area and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States. For more information go to www.blackandindianmission.org
Please be generous.

**LENT 2010 RETREATS & PROGRAMS
JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE**

LENTEN LUNCHEONS: *Rebuilding the Spiritual Life*; Feb. 22nd, Mar. 8th, and Mar. 22nd., 11:30am -1:30pm. Each luncheon features an opening prayer service followed by lunch and the keynote talk. Cost is \$25.00. For more information call 440-884-9300 or visit www.jrh-cleveland.org

LENTEN WEEKEND RETREATS: Friday 6pm-Sunday 11:00am, \$150., room and board. These weekends provide much-needed time apart with God for rest, reflection, and spiritual renewal. Weekend retreats feature presentations, time for private prayer, liturgy, and spiritual direction. Men's Lenten Retreat-Mar. 5-7, *The Gospel of Luke*, presented by Fr. Carl Bonk, S.J. Women's Lenten Retreat-Mar.19-21, *Carrying the Burden, Finding the Joy*, presented by Sr. Mary Ann Flannery, S.C. and Fr. Michael Woost

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT: Daily readings and reflections; Feb. 8-April 5. Pray from your home or office computer by visiting the JRH website during Lent. Our online retreat, featuring daily readings from Scripture as well as reflections and meditations, may be found at www.jrh-cleveland.org Other prayer resources, including helpful websites and Stations of the Cross, may be found at <http://www.jrh-cleveland.org/prayeraids.html>.

LENTEN CONCERT featuring musicians from Oberlin College and St. Ignatius High School on March 14th. Come hear reflective music performed in the JRH chapel by Marilyn McDonald, professor of violin at Oberlin College. Also playing will be the Ignatius High School liturgical ensemble. The concert takes place from 3:00-5:00pm, free-will offerings accepted.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS QUOTE

***Quieting our busy, distracted souls is no small achievement, no small gift.
"Be still and know that I am God."***



C-Church
 P-Parish Office
 S-School G-Gym
 MR1-Meeting Room #1
 MR2-Meeting Room #2
 MR3-Meeting Room #3

LOOKING AHEAD

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 15th

SFS-No School
 Parish Office will be closed
 7:00pm Adult Confirmation(MR3)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)
 7:30pm Finance Meeting (MR1)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 16th

6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)
 7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:00pm Confirmation Formation (S)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 17th

Ash Wednesday-Day of Fast & Abstinence
Ashes will be distributed at 8:15am,
12:00noon, and 7:00pm Masses
 7:00pm Boosters Meeting (S)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 18th

6:45pm Bingo Team #1 (G)
 7:30pm Parish Council Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 19th

A day of abstinence

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 20th

8:30-9:30am Market Day Pick Up (G)
 10:00am-12:00pm PSR-Grade 8 (S)

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 21st

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 11:00am-4:00pm Boy Scouts Pinewood Derby (S)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22ND

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 22nd

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:30pm Fr. Mehok's Scripture Study (S)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 23rd

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)
 7:00pm Confirmation Practice (C)

WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 24th

1:30pm SFS Dismissal
 7:00pm Women's Group (MR1)

THURSDAY-FEBRUARY 25th

SFS-No School
 6:45pm Bingo Team #2 (G)

FRIDAY-FEBRUARY 26th

A day of abstinence
 SFS-No School

SATURDAY-FEBRUARY 27th

7:00-8:30am Men's Prayer Group (S)
 6:45pm Bingo Team B (G)

SUNDAY-FEBRUARY 28th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)



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