

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27;
 Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1];
 Lk 9:28b-36

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.

Lent and the RCIA Process

Throughout Lent we will be featuring weekly articles on how the RCIA process and the Lenten Rites and Scrutinies are really for the entire Church. As our Catechumens Donald, Alexander, Edward, Kandi, Brandi, and Brianna, along with Candidates Lynette and Dannielle move into the final period of preparation for the Sacraments, we the faithful have the opportunity to journey with them.

What is the RCIA Rite of Sending?

Across the entire world, Catholic bishops on this first Sunday of Lent will welcome those sent by the parish to gather together with their godparents and sponsors in what is known as the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion. The Rite of Sending, which we experienced last week at the 4:00pm Mass with our Catechumens offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish's care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church. Today these faithful join with others across the diocese at St. John's Cathedral to publicly show their desire to be one of the faithful and to accept the prayerful support of the Church.



**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.

**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.

**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.

Saint John of the Cross Ministry Fair

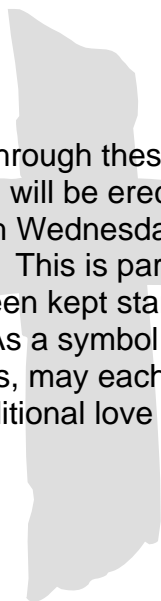
"If today you hear His voice, harden not your heart" Wow! It is truly beautiful to see the accomplishments of so many, many parishioners coming together. So many parishioners heard God's voice and said "I will be right there."

Thank you organization committee of Sandy Thomas Greaves, Cynthia Capek, Lisa Radey, and Fr. Sal. Thank you husbands, children and students who ran around and did countless errands. Thank you Jim Byrne who made and donated the professional banners. Thank you George who designed and donated the beautiful posters at the doors. Thank you Tom who set up and took down all the tables. Thank you Vi and Nancy who stapled and folded the new ministry handbooks which are still available in the gathering area and office. Thank you Anita for all the typing. Thank you bingo workers for sharing your tables. Thank you all the ministries and organizations who participated. Thank you everyone who donated all the delicious bakery. Thank you Diane for the homemade chocolates. Thank you all the volunteers who made display boards, sign up sheets, and giveaways and staffed the information tables.

Thank you parishioners and friends and visitors for attending. Whether you signed up to volunteer or found your favorite ministry or are still thinking about your way to hear God's voice here at Saint John of the Cross, know that you are appreciated. Peace always.....Andrea Dean

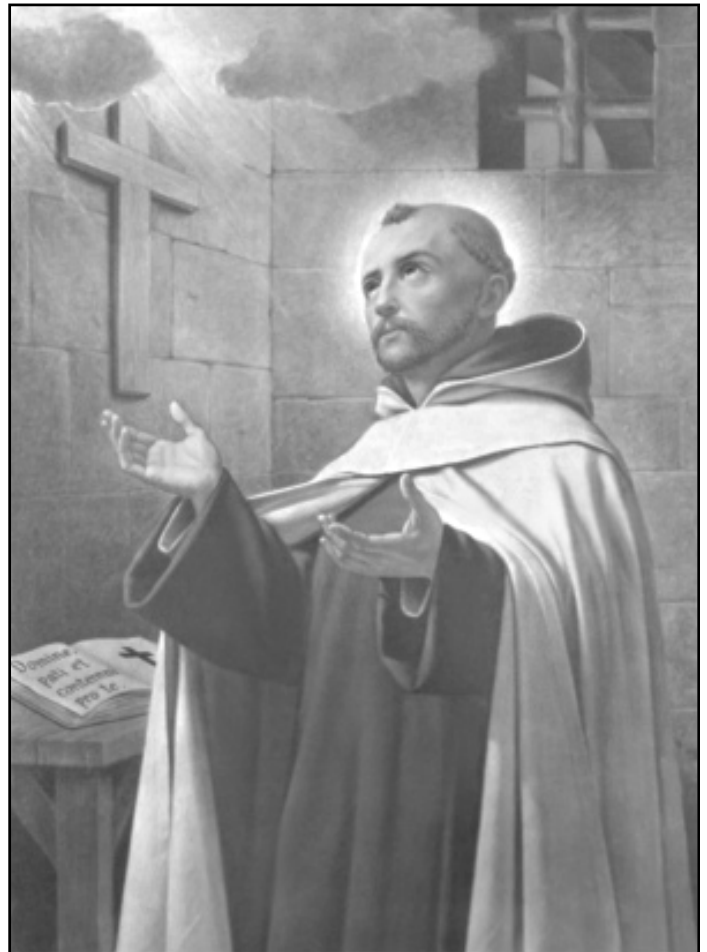
THE LENTEN CROSS

As we travel through these forty days of Lent. A lenten cross will be erected in our gathering area. On Ash Wednesday the upright beam was set up. This is part of the cross that would have been kept standing at the place of execution. As a symbol of Jesus' love and mercy unfolds, may each of us embrace the unconditional love of our savior.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 7:00 p.m.	The Chair of St. Peter Ann Opeka	Feb. 22
TUESDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Douglas Beuley	Feb. 23
WEDNESDAY	Lenten Weekday	Feb. 24
THURSDAY 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Barbara Kotarski	Feb. 25
FRIDAY 8:15 a.m.	Lenten Weekday Josephine Stepec	Feb. 26
SATURDAY 4:00 p.m.	Lenten Weekday Anthony Lemmo	Feb. 27
SUNDAY 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Second Sunday of Lent William Perko Al Arko Joann Ulrich	Feb. 28



St. John of the Cross—Pray for Us



COUNTERS

Counters for Monday Mar.1st”A” Team

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Richmond Hts. Hospital-Wed. Feb. 24.....J. Borkey
Grande Pointe-Sun. Feb. 28.....Legion of Mary

MINISTERS SCHEDULE —FEB. 27-28, 2010

MASS	PRESIDER	HOSPITALITY	LECTOR 1	LECTOR 2	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	SERVERS
Sat. 4:00pm	Fr. Timothy	J. Chounet A. Molle	L. McVoy	W. Nalepka	C. Barni, J. Barni, T. Brokamp, T. Burrello, L. Colo, T. Isabella, J. Page, D. Rymer	N. Cavotta C. Chiappero
Sun. 8:00am	Fr. Timothy	J. Buda H. Drozin	T. Hlabse	L. Miller	F. Buda, S. Calderone, L. Cooke, B. Dennis, C. Gricar, M. Gricar, A. Rodriguez, R. Smith	A. Champa S. Rosace
Sun. 10:00am	Fr. Sal	M. Singer V. Whitmore	E. Perme	D. Wagner	M. Chinchar, M. Corbo, E. Dulaney, C. Goodin, J. Kovelan, P. McVoy, J. Perme, M. Wagner	R. Corbo J. Dulaney
Sun. 12:00pm	Fr. Sal	D. Mallett R. Manning	D. Oligny	S. Thomas- Greaves	J. Berquist, J. Bretz, M. Dodd, R. Jezeski, S. Johnson, K. Musarra, J. Solpa, K. Wetzel	M. Abate J. Mello

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. St. John of the Cross parish must pay for the CDs, the postage, the display stand, and the money box.

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.


MANNA RAFFLE WINNERS: Congratulations to Adam Eble, Janice Krebs, and Andrew Apanasewicz, our winners for the Manna gift cards. Thank you for your support.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS: There are still some families who have not picked up their photographs. You may pick up your photographs at the parish office during normal business hours. The office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturday 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

DVD PICK UP REMINDER: If you ordered a DVD Memoir of St. Felicitas, be sure to stop in the Parish Office to pick it up. Thank you.

COLLECTION FOR EUCLID HUNGER CENTER: As so many of you are aware the need for the services that the Euclid Hunger Center provides is growing. To help, the Social Justice Committee will begin a weekly collection for the Euclid Hunger Center. We will be placing receptacles in the welcome area of the church and they will be clearly marked "Euclid Hunger Center." Consider giving the "Super Six:" *peanut butter, pasta, tuna, cereal, canned vegetables and stews. Euclid Hunger Center also accepts household goods and personal care items such as laundry supplies, paper products, cleaning supplies and toiletries. Thank you!*

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CARING COOKS MINISTRY: Are you or your family enduring an illness, recovering from surgery or another emergency? The "Caring Cooks" can help. On a short-term basis, the Caring Cooks will provide meals during a difficult time. Call the Parish Office for further information. If interested in joining this ministry to help your fellow parishioners during their difficult time, also contact the Parish Office.

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RAFFLE WINNER 

Congratulations to Char Harger of Aurora, our winner of the **Week #20 PTU Weekly Raffle.** Laura Madden of Euclid was the seller winner.



Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio
Saint John of the Cross
Monday, March 29, 2010
7:00pm—9:00pm
216-289-0770

Power of Living Faith

What do you say to a person who believes in God but doesn't see the need for "organized religion?" How about to the Catholic who prefers going to a Protestant Church because the preaching and music are so much better? In **Why Be Catholic**, presented by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, NY Times bestselling author, Relevant Radio, EWTN & Fox News Media personality and dynamic speaker, will lead you through his life story and how he went from a **Rock 'n Roller to a Catholic Theologian**.

Then join Dr. D'Ambrosio as he discusses the ways the Lord Jesus is truly present in the Mass with an especially clear and compelling explanation of Christ's real, bodily presence in the Eucharist. Many of the illustrations, drawn from Dr. D'Ambrosio's life and that of his family, make it clear that everyone, no matter how busy, can have a much deeper and more satisfying experience of Christ in the Mass.

Join us at **Saint John of the Cross** beginning at 7:00pm, there will be opportunity for Questions and Answers as well as wonderful fellowship and deepening of your Faith!! Please call today for more information—**216-289-0770**

Make your plans to attend and bring a friend!

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.

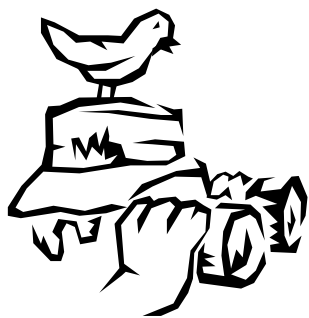
NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

OPERATION RICE BOWL: What impact is it making? Thomas Awaipo, program officer for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Ghana, Africa, will share his firsthand experience of life in the developing world and the impact of funding from CRS Operation Rice Bowl. Monday, February 22nd at 7:00pm, LSC Conference Room, John Carroll University. Contact 216-397-4777 or visit www.jcu.edu/campusministry.

COLLECTIONS

Last Week's Regular Collection.....\$10,597.00
 Last Week's Children's Collection.....\$21.00

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



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 22ND

MONDAY-FEBRUARY 22nd

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)

TUESDAY-FEBRUARY 23rd

7:00pm Legion of Mary(MR2)

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)

WEEK OF MARCH 1ST

MONDAY-MARCH 1st

6:30-7:30pm PSR (S)
 7:00pm PTU Meeting (S)
 7:30pm Euclid Cluster Meeting (MR3)

TUESDAY-MARCH 2nd

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

WEDNESDAY-MARCH 3rd

6:00-7:30pm Girl Scout Meeting (MR1)

THURSDAY-MARCH 4th

6:45pm Bingo Team #3 (G)
 7:00pm Liturgy Meeting (MR1)

FRIDAY-MARCH 5th

A day of abstinence
 7:00pm Confirmation

SATURDAY-MARCH 6th

5:30-8:30pm Boy Scouts Court of Honor

SUNDAY-MARCH 7th

10:00am Children's Liturgy of the Word(C)
 11:00am-4:00pm Boy Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet (G)