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Before the new school year began, every teacher and staff member wrote a letter to the students they will be working with at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School. The letter includes the hopes and dreams each has for the students during the 2017-2018 school year. Every week, we will share one of these very special letters.

This letter was written by our 4<sup>th</sup> Grade homeroom teacher Mrs. Roberta Kozar:

Dear 4th Graders,

Welcome to a brand new school year! I am so excited and blessed to be your homeroom teacher. You have been in my thoughts and prayers and will continue to be each and every day. There are going to be many seeds of faith and knowledge planted within you this year. Nurture those seeds well so they may grow each and every day. I am here to walk with you along your journey of discovery and growth. YOU are the reason I am here!

Each of you has been given special gifts and talents from God. Thank God by using these gifts well and be sure to share your gifts and talents with others. My wish is that you see the light in yourself and others. Always try your best and never give up. Be sure to believe in yourself as I believe in you. Ask if you need help. I will always be here for you.

Shining stars is what you are.  
Illuminate the sky!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Kozar



### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, October 16

12:00 PM (SG) Raddell Family, Special Intention by William Raddell

#### Tuesday, October 17

8:00 AM (SG) Emily Raddell, Special Intention by Friends & Family

#### Wednesday, October 18

12:00 PM (JB) † Marie Ellen Radigan and Marilyn Langer by Hoag Family

#### Thursday, October 19

8:00 AM (SG) † Connie Pierce by Brother

#### Friday, October 20

12:00 PM (JB) † James F. Monreal by Wife and Family

#### Saturday, October 21

8:30 AM (SG) For the People

11:00 AM (SG) Breanna Creegan & David Charles Wedding Mass

1:00 PM (SG) Kristin Mott & Halim Yousef Wedding

4:00 PM (JB) Connie and David Fink, 50th Wedding Anniversary, Special Intention by Family

#### Sunday, October 22

9:00 AM (SG) † Tommy Znidarsic by Family

11:00 AM (JB) † Milan Dular by Family

6:00 PM (SG) † Nancy Higgins by Joyce Family

### This Week At The Parish

#### Monday, October 16

- 6:30 pm PRS class (7&8)
- 6:30 pm Legion of Mary
- 7:00 pm EDGE

#### Tuesday, October 17

- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 6:30 pm Parents as Partners
- 7:00 pm Addicts Parents

#### Wednesday, October 18

- 2:00 pm Seniors Group
- 6:30 pm Theology of the Body

#### Thursday, October 19

- 5:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Areopagus
- 7:30 pm Walking With Purpose

#### Friday, October 20

#### Saturday, October 21

- 9:00 am Men's Group
- 10:30 am Caregivers support
- 12:00 pm Trunk or Treat

#### Sunday, October 22

- 9:30 am PSR Classes (K-6)
- 10:00 am RCIA
- 12:15 pm First Reconciliation meeting
- 7:00 pm Life Teen Life Night

#### Rosary (Ursuline Chapel):

Sunday at 8:30 am

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 11:30 am

Tuesday, Thursday at 8:30 am

Saturday at 9:00 am

## FJB's BLOG

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who prayed for those of our brothers and sisters anointed last weekend. It is always so beautiful to see the people who worship with us every week come forward to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is a blessing that they are supported by the community they pray and worship with each week. Thanks also to our school and PSR children who made cards of love and encouragement for each one to have as a keepsake.

Last week I wrote about some recent news about a group of Catholics accusing Pope Francis of heresy as it relates to his teaching on marriage. I would like to continue this reflection and expand it a bit. Pope Francis seems to be very much loved by so many people. He has a loving, compassionate and even dynamic personality. He is very passionate about the marginalized, especially the poor. However, it seems that some of the more "traditional" and/or conservative people struggle to understand some of his comments and wonder if he is giving into the "liberal" agenda of our world that challenges many of our Catholic teachings. As I said last week I certainly do not see it this way; however the way the media tends to report things he says or does it seems many times they only cling to a line or two and not to the whole teaching, homily, speech, or statement. Moreover, they tend to offer commentary and expound it more than the Pope intended. This reality can make it hard for Catholics to understand and even wonder if he is changing teachings. In addition, he is a Jesuit and one of their styles is throw ideas out there to create dialogue to get to a better understanding and/or a new approach. Again, as I said last week, as some of his words or actions are misinterpreted, I do hope and pray he can find ways to clarify.

With that said, there is an example of a statement he made that I will use to make the point of what my understanding and the understanding of most bishops and priests I know understand it to be. Several years ago he was asked about homosexuality and the possibility of "gay marriage." The media quoted "Who am I to judge?" They did not report what else he said and what he has written and continues to teach. In all that he has written and taught he has said that our approach to those with same sex attraction must change. We cannot see the person as evil or sinful in and of themselves. There is no sin in having same sex attraction. In many cases (not all), a person is born with this attraction. However, since marriage, a God given institution, can only be between a man and a woman it would not be possible for same sex marriage. In addition, the only proper and right place for sex is in a marriage; therefore sex between two people of the same sex is sinful, just as it is sinful between two people of opposite sexes who are not married. The Pope believes and teaches that we must approach people with love and mercy who are struggling with this attraction. We must meet them where they are, even if in a sinful relationship, and bring them to Christ. It is only Christ that can give someone the strength and courage to live a life of Grace. I believe he is modeling Jesus who spent time with people making sinful choices. He met them, helped them to feel loved, and then invited them to the truth of the Gospel. As far as I can tell and in all "official" teachings I have received this is what the church continues to hold and promote as truth. The Pope wants each and every human being, no matter their choices in life, to know that they are loved as a child of God and that is their identity! God is willing to walk with each of us and give us the opportunity to turn to Him during our journey of life, until the last breath we take. He desires to encounter and accompany. For many people in this "crazy" world we live in this is a journey and not an instantaneous moment of understanding. Just as God is patient, merciful, and loving with us, I think the Pope is encouraging us to be that with others. Just think about it, if you have a friend or family member who is struggling with same sex attraction, what do you think will draw them to Jesus, "You are mortally sinning" or "Who am I to judge?" I think the latter. However, once we have that encounter of love, the Pope teaches it is our call to "accompany" them to the truth, no matter how long this takes.

This is a very complex world we live in today. The dawn of social media and mass transportation has opened up the world to us. This is a blessing and curse. Please continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for our Bishop and all people as we journey towards truth and Jesus Christ.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John

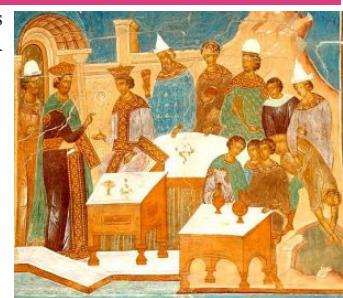
### Stewardship Bulletin Reflection: October 15, 2017

Today's Gospel from the Book of Matthew again includes parables. We have been hearing the Lord share parables with us throughout our readings in recent weeks. Interestingly, Matthew contains 23 parables (or teachings classified as parables), while Luke has 28. Mark has only nine, and John has none.

The parable we hear today is called The Parable of the Wedding Feast. In this story, shared by Jesus for our benefit, a king is hosting a wedding feast for his son. He sends out invitations and people ignore them or choose not to respond. It may seem somewhat remarkable to us that people turn down an invitation to a royal wedding feast.

Yet, the Lord invites us to join Him on a regular basis through Holy Scripture and the Sacraments. Many ignore the invitation, and in most cases are not even aware of the fact they have received it. Those who read this are aware of the invitation. The question is "How do we respond?"

What do we do after we attend a Holy Mass? What is our reaction to the reception of Christ's incredible gift in the Eucharist? We may not make light of it like some of the people in the parable, but if we merely go our separate ways, and do not strive to be active disciples, we are basically doing the same thing as those Jesus describes in this parable. In one of his first appearances Pope Francis declared, "Go make disciples of all nations." We cannot make disciples unless we are ourselves disciples. *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*





## ADOPT A KEY

We are fundraising for a new Clavinova Digital Piano!  
Please consider donating

St. Cecilia Society - SRW Piano Benefactor (4 at \$1,500 each)  
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The new piano will provide the following:

- A balance in sound
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Feel free to stop over to the Music Ministry area to see the new piano and ask our Music Director, Kyle Lorek, any questions you may have."

### Adopt a Key

We still have Donation levels available!  
Please check the box next to the donation level you would like to contribute to.

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## CYO Basketball Registration

Basketball: 3rd through 12th Grade Boys & Girls

- Fee - \$135. Registration Deadline October 20th
- If you register online, you may pay 50% now and the balance will be automatically billed to your credit card on November 1st.
- All outstanding balances with SRW Boosters must be reconciled prior to registration, no exceptions.
- Once a team is filled, we will start a waiting list for an additional team. After the October 20th deadline, registration is not guaranteed, so do not wait to register as your child may get closed out.



PHYSICAL FORMS: All players must have a current physical form uploaded to <https://ssrwwarriors.epppe.com>. You will need to set up an account and electronically sign all forms. Only the doctor-signed physical form needs to be uploaded. You may use your phone to take a picture and upload but make sure it is legible. Directions on how to use this document management system are posted on our website at [www.srwboosters.org](http://www.srwboosters.org).

Register online at [www.srwboosters.org](http://www.srwboosters.org) with a credit card.

If you are interested in coaching for the first time with SRW, please complete a volunteer application available on [www.srwboosters.org](http://www.srwboosters.org) and at the SRW School Office (contact Angela Casey at 216.731.3060).

Questions: Please contact Sheila Gibbons at 216-233-5787 or [srw-boosters@gmail.com](mailto:srw-boosters@gmail.com)



### SRW School Parent Information Session:



On Tuesday, October 24, at 6:30 PM, in the gym, Dr. Ted Raddell will share his expertise on the topic of suicide: how to approach the topic with your child, signs of depression, what to look and watch for in your child, and much more. Please plan to attend for this very relevant and timely topic.



### 40 Days For Life

Now through November 5th

St. Mother Theresa said, "the biggest destroyer of peace is abortion." She knew when a country goes against God, you are inviting disaster and we can see the lack of peace in our country today. Only by Prayer and Fasting can we end the Scourge of Abortion! Prayer is also needed to STOP PLANNED PARENTHOOD ABORTION INDUSTRY!

## SPIRITUAL

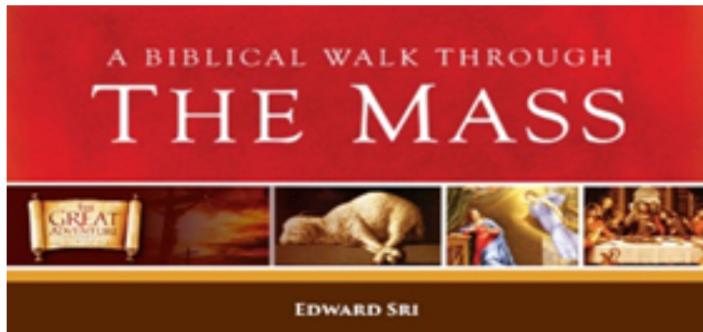
### All Souls Mass of Remembrance

November 5 at 11:00 am

November is the month when Catholics remember, in a special way, their loved ones who have died. These autumn months celebrate “the harvest” and become an opportunity for us to reflect on “the great harvest” when God will gather His faithful people into His loving arms. Each of us remembers loved ones who were called home this past year. We give thanks to God that He has blessed us with such wonderful people in our lives.

Our parish celebrates a special Mass in November in which we remember the members of our parish who died in the past year and had their funeral Masses or parlor services celebrated by one of our parish priests. Our parish has lost some wonderful people in the last year, but we pray that our loss is heaven’s gain.

The Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Sunday, November 5 at 11:00 am Mass. Please attend this Mass if you are able to do so. We will also have the Book of Remembrance out and ready for you to inscribe the names of your loved ones who have passed away.



Have you ever wondered why the priest does what he does during the Mass? Why we respond as we do? Do you understand the meaning behind the parts of the Mass? Here is your opportunity to learn more about the “Lord’s Supper.” In his video-based study, A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study you will come to know and understand the Mass as never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience.

Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, a 5-week study beginning Wednesday, November 8, through Wednesday, December 6 (no class on 11/22) from 7-8:30 PM in the Upper Hall of the school. Cost of study materials is \$20 and is payable by check (made out to Ss. Robert & William) or cash on the first night of class. For more information or to register for the study, contact Linda Shenk at 216-261-9201 or via email: lindashenk@yahoo.com.

**Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church, and school?** Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

## FAITH FORMATION



**Share the Journey**  
#sharejourney

On September 27, 2017, Pope Francis launched a global campaign called “Share the Journey” to support immigrants and refugees around the world. Our brothers and sisters often make perilous journeys, leaving their homelands because they are forced to flee to escape conflict, poverty, persecution, and violence. There are more refugees and internally displaced people now—over 65 million—than at any other time in recorded history.

### Campaign Prayer

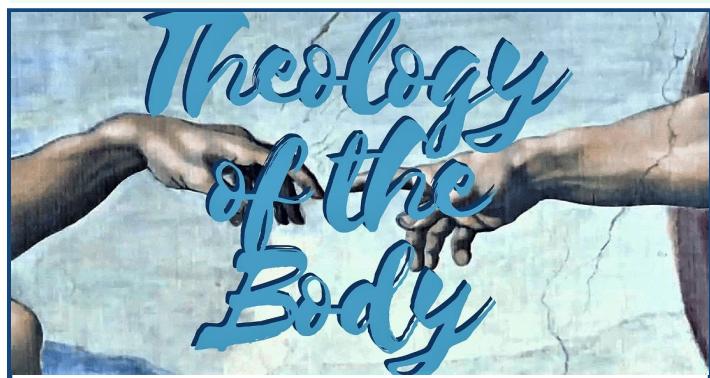
Have mercy on me, God most high. In my fear and loneliness, be my refuge. Far from my homeland, I feel lost. My heart is stirred by thoughts of the family I left behind. O God, hear their cries and come to their help! Calm the storms of anxiety and doubt raging within me. Go before me and guide my steps among a people I do not know. May their kindness and compassion assure me that You are there to welcome me. Amen.



**Walking with Purpose**  
Enabling women to know Christ through Scripture

### Walking with Purpose

WWP is a Catholic Bible study that aims to bring women to a deeper, personal relationship with Christ through personal study and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church. We will meet Thursday evenings, from 7:30-9:00 pm beginning October 19th. For more information go to [www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com) or contact Kristin Weisheit at [wwpweclid@gmail.com](mailto:wwpweclid@gmail.com).



### RECLAIMING LOVE:

Did you miss Theology of the Body on Wednesday? You can get more details at <https://srweclid.cc/reclaiming-love> and watch the livestream video recording on Facebook to catch up. Our next talk will cover the life-giving experience of Theology of the Body in family relationships. Join us Wednesday the 18th at 6:30 pm in the Church or watch it live from home on our Facebook page. Due to the overwhelming intrigue for the Bishop’s Mass, October 25th, at 7:00 pm at GESU, we have **canceled** the last installation of Theology of the Body. Thank you to everyone who has attended!

## **PARISH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

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Mon, 8:30 am – 6:45 pm, Tue, Wed & Thu, 8:30 am – 6 pm,  
Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Closed Saturday & Sunday

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The collection for October 8st was \$9052.00

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Please consider a donation to help lower our long term debt. Please call Fr. John or Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email them at fjb@srweuclid.cc or eivory@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued generosity. — Fr. John



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### **PRAYERS NEEDED**

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We thank and pray for those who serve in the **military** and **safety forces**. May God bless them for their service to our country and community.

We offer our deepest sympathy for **Rose Gallocci** and to the families who have lost a loved one. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

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