



November 21, 2021

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving Week! I love this time of year for so many reasons, the biggest reason is that it was during this week that I met with Bishop Lennon in 2009 and was appointed pastor of the newly established Ss. Robert & William Parish. It might have been one the best days of my life! While there have been tough times, there has never been a day of regret, and even those tough days were good days! It is a true honor and privilege to be your pastor and walk on our journey with Christ together.

As pastor, one of the toughest things that I must deal with is balancing the finances and facilities along with our spiritual mission. Not a day goes by that I am not blown away by the immense generosity of parishioners and other members of the community who bless the parish with their time, talent, and treasure. I have come to you several times and asked for significant support of our facilities and to help support the needs of the Catholic Church in northeast Ohio. You all have responded so well. Many people thought that we could not raise the \$2,000,000 that we did in our capital campaign in 2018 for the gym renovation and to pay down long-term debt. But we did! And you all have been so faithful in fulfilling your pledges, even amidst the struggles of COVID. Hopefully, you will notice that our \$1,500,000 loan that we took in 2012 is now under \$700,000, and we will be making a large principal payment in January 2022 that should take it under \$500,000! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I am very much aware that the COVID19 crisis and associated financial disruptions has changed personal financial security for many of you beyond your "typical" circumstances. I realize that some folks have needed to adjust their contributions to SRW until they are in a better place. I understand and respect the decisions you have needed to make. We all pray for better times ahead. We will get through this. We are people of love, faith, and hope. Thank you for your exceptional generosity to the Parish and the works of the Church.

Recently, we did share with you the *Re-Centering Christ* project. This was initiated by the significant donation that we received to relocate the Tabernacle and even get a new Tabernacle. While I did not want to do a huge push for donations to this, I did want to offer folks the opportunity to memorialize and honor their loved ones.

As you may know, our Diocese has embarked on a campaign to raise \$30 million, called the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign. This Diocesan-wide campaign seeks to raise funds to encourage vocations, support the lives of our seminarians, relieve the weight of financial burdens of the newly ordained, and provide the proper care of those who have dedicated their lives to shepherding our faith. Our parish will benefit from this effort as well. Through this effort, we have an opportunity to improve several items in our beautiful church: Funds will be used for various capital improvement projects for the Church building, including restoration of the church pews and flooring. This is phase two of the *Re-Centering Christ* project, because it will allow us to refinish the main church floor, refinish and seal the pews so they last us another 50 years. We will also get new kneelers, but that money is coming from savings.

We hope to raise \$254,612 in pledges for this campaign. For every dollar pledged up to \$254,612, our parish will receive fifty (50) percent of funds received. For every dollar raised beyond this amount, eighty (80) percent will stay with our parish for the needs outlined here. The remaining funds will go toward supporting our seminaries, retired clergy, and newly ordained clergy. I recognize that some of you are still fulfilling your 2018 parish campaign commitment, for that I am most grateful. Due to the significance and impact of this on the Church as a whole, I am asking you to prayerfully consider a pledge over three years for the *Heart of a Shepherd* campaign. Such a gift will have a powerful impact on our parish's participation in this campaign and will inspire other members of Ss. Robert & William's congregation when considering their own sacrificial gift.

As a church, we value the Sacramental life of our church. All these projects highly support that Sacramental life! We need Jesus more than ever! I am appealing especially to those of you have not participated in the campaigns of the past. A number of you for various reasons were not able to. Perhaps now is the time! If you can make pledge, please go to www.catholiccommunity.org/shepherd. Or call the parish office and we can get you a pledge card.

I hope you can join us for Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9 am. Have an awesome Thanksgiving.
See you in Church.
Peace,
Fr. John



THE FJB BLOG

Concert of Hope

**THANKFUL HEARTS,
THANKFUL PRAISE**

NOVEMBER 23RD @ 7:00 PM

50 Days of Holiday Cash

WIN \$50 A DAY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 25 THROUGH JANUARY 13, 2022.

WIN \$500 ON THANKSGIVING DAY, CHRISTMAS DAY, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY!

Purchase tickets online at <https://brurl.co/SSRW> or in the rectory

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 22

11:30 AM (TK) † Loreta White

Tuesday, November 23

8:30 AM (TK)

Wednesday, November 24

11:30 AM (JB) † Deceased Members of Barnes Family

Thursday, November 25

9:00 AM (JB) † For the Nation

Friday, November 26

11:30 AM (TK) † Joe Sterk

Saturday, November 27

8:30 AM (JB) † Deceased Members of Szmania Families

4:00 PM (TK) † Hilda Moser

Sunday, November 28

9:00 AM (TK) † William Zidar

11:30 AM (JB) † Kathleen Carey

6:00 PM (JB) † William Sajovic

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH PRAYER

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

PRAYER SHAWL UPDATE

The Prayer Shawl group will not meet in the months of November and December for the Holiday Season. They will resume meetings in January. If you would like to have a Prayer shawl please come to the rectory and request one at the front desk. -God Bless

Mass with Bishop Edward Malesic



Saturday, December 11 at 4 pm

Come join Bishop Malesic for his first pastoral visit to our parish. He will celebrate the 4 pm Mass and Bless our new Tabernacle.

After Mass we will have a reception so that you can greet the Bishop and receive his blessing.

Come help us show the Bishop what a blessed parish SRW is!

OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

Our **Bereavement Ministry** offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish Office.

Catholic Counseling— Sacred Heart Counseling can help with anger management, anxiety, marital problems, trauma, depression, self-care and more. For more info call 440-305-6192 or email lukebrown@sacredheartcleveland.com.

Community Meal program offers free hot meals the second and last Tuesday of the month at 5 pm.

The Pantry is stocked with food to assist those in need of food.

Call the **Prayer Line** at 216-300-5075 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

Over the years, we have heard of many scandals within the Catholic Church, including our priests. Witnessing the evil of these events has resulted in some people leaving the Church, losing their faith, and cursing God. Often it is priests at the center of these scandals. It is truly discouraging and heartbreaking to learn that someone we looked up to as an example, viewed as a representation of Christ, and poured our hearts out to in confession was committing such heinous acts and acting so duplicitously. We let them into our homes and hearts as guides to Christ, healers of souls, and nurturers of faith only to find that they were a wolf in sheep's clothing. It is important that if we have been abused or suffered mistreatment at the hands of a priest (or any person) that we seek professional help. But for those of us who experience the scandal more indirectly, it is worth noting a few things. The first is to remember that the church is not a place for perfect people. It is a hospital for souls that are in need of healing, and this includes priests. When taking into account the number of priests compared to the few who commit these acts, it is clear that the vast majority of our priests are good and holy men. Also, and this does not excuse any evil, but every profession and vocation has within it a minority of people who commit these same evils. The Church is both human and divine (fortunately for us, so that we can be part of it!). We must also remember that it is unfair and imprudent to judge an entire category of people (like priests) based on a few individuals. Finally, we draw hope from the fact that it is Christ who is present in the Eucharist. No matter who is consecrating it, He is still there- perfect, holy, and loving. While our experiences with individual priests may leave us bitter, hurt, or traumatized, we cannot forget the privilege and importance of the gift Christ offers us through the sacraments. A gift that is offered to sinful humanity through sinful humanity! We can be grateful that God works through all of us, even when we fall short. This week, consider spending some time reflecting on Hebrews 4:15-16. Also, please remember to pray for your priests!

Luke Brown, LPCC



Ss. Robert and William

GIFT BUYING GUIDE

Ss. Robert and William will once again be creating a Gift Buying Guide to support the businesses within our community. The Guide will be posted on the school website from Monday, November 22 until Wednesday, December 29. Any SRW Parishioner or Parent who owns/works for/sells products for a business may submit their information to be included in the Guide.

Euclid-based businesses are also welcome to fill out the form

CONTACT MOLLY LOREK AT
MLOREK@SRWSCHOOL.CC
FOR SUBMISSION DETAILS.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



December 7th @ 6 PM

FJB INVITES FAMILIES TO JOIN HIM FOR MASS IN THE GYM AT 6 PM ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION) FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN THE GYM.

PLEASE BRING A DRINK AND DESSERT TO SHARE. MAIN DISH WILL BE PROVIDED. FAMILIES OF ALL AGES ARE INVITED! RSVP TO ANITA AT ALINSKY@SRWEUCLID.CC OR 216.731.1515 EXT. 221 OR SRWEUCLID.CC/IMMACULATE-CONCEPTION



FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pick-up Wednesday,
November 24 from 5 - 6 pm
OR Thursday, November 25,
10 - 11 am
Delivery is available to a
limited local range.

SCAN ME



We are once again bringing a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner to the community. This meal comes with turkey with gravy, sweet potatoes, stuffing and a slice of pumpkin pie. This meal is open to all. Please let us know what day and how many meals you need by November 20th. You can call the office at 216.731.1515 or signup online at <https://srweuclid.cc/thanksgiving-dinner-sign-up>



THE SOLANUS CASEY MINISTRY (HOSPITALITY)

is starting a new list of volunteer bakers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call or text Karen at 216-659-3513 or Rita at 216-385-0355 with your name, phone number and email address. This is a new list, so even if you have volunteered prior, please let us know if you would like to continue. Thank you.

Dec. 10 in the SRW Gym

SRW/SJC/GAELC Christmas Party

Calling all people, young and old, families and singles, parishioners and school families, basically anyone!

We are going to PARTY!
Celebrate and have some fun this Christmas season.

Friday, December 10 6 pm – 10 pm

Pizza & Wings provided. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, and beverage to share.

Adult Beverages are fine!

Free Childcare. Our SRW LIFE TEEN & EDGE ministries will be providing childcare and activities for the young ones. Christmas Trivia with prizes worth up to \$100! Christmas Music. Meet new friends and have a great time out. Just have FUN!

While the event is free, we do ask you to pre-register at srweuclid.cc/christmas-party or call 216.731.1515 to sign up

DONUTS WITH SANTA DEC. 19 @ 12:30 PM

JOIN US FOR DONUTS, A VISIT & PICTURE WITH SANTA.
GAMES & CRAFTS.
SPONSORED BY SRW LIFETEEN & EDGE.
THIS IS A FREE EVENT. RSVP TO ANITA LINSKY ALINSKY@SRWEUCLID.CC OR 216.731.1515 EXT. 221

SIGNUP FOR THIS FREE EVENT ONLINE AT:
SRWEUCLID.CC/DONUTS-WITH-SANTA

ANNOUNCING...

LAKESHORE YOUNG ADULTS

A partnership between Our Lady of the Lake, Ss. Robert and William, St. Jerome, and St. John of the Cross.

**SOCIALS. SERVICE.
PRAYER.**

We are launching our Young Adult Ministry partnering with St. Jerome, St. John of the Cross, Our Lady of the Lake, and Ss. Robert & William called, "Lake Shore Young Adults".

We will take advantage of the coming Advent season starting with a 4 week Advent Mission called, "Journeying to Christ".

December 2nd at St. Jerome – **PREPARE**
December 9th at St. John of the Cross – **NAVIGATE**
December 16th at Our Lady of the Lake – **ANTICIPATE**
December 23rd at Ss. Robert & William - **ARRIVE**

More information to come soon. We invite all young adults ages 18-39 to come each week to prepare to receive Jesus in a fresh way this Christmas Season!

HEART OF A SHEPHERD

Building for Today. Providing for Tomorrow.

We are happy to announce that we are participating in the HEART OF A SHEPHERD campaign, an extraordinary effort to meet and serve the needs of St. Mary and Borromeo seminaries of the Diocese of Cleveland. In addition, our Parish has an exciting opportunity to raise \$254,612.00 to support much-needed parish projects, especially renovations of our worship space. We invite you to join us in realizing a new vision for SS. Robert & William Parish.

You can give online at www.catholiccommunity.org/Shepherd



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The Collection: for November 14: \$6,463.00
Faith Direct November First Half, \$13,234
October Collection Total: \$59,145.83 | Weekly Average: \$11,828.17
Loan Balance: \$679,870.00
Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign	\$1,966,126.54
Total of pledges	\$1,730,646.19
Total received/posted	561
Total donors	

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

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for... Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Tom
Brickman, Barbara Deister, Marianne Ellul, Jean Feiten, Parker
Fine, Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Helen Herman, Jeanette
Hocevar, Tony Hocevar, Geraldine Hoffert, Patricia Johnston,
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Varga, Linda Wojno, Stansa Zitnik, Esther Zobec, and all those
who are ill in body, mind, or spirit.

We thank, pray, and ask for God's blessings for those in the
military and safety forces serving our community and country.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of Lou Melito,
and all 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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