November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Thanksgiving Week! While this is an "American" holiday, it is truly a wonderful Catholic notion to give thanks for all the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Both SRW and SJC have a Mass scheduled at 9 am this Thursday (Thanksgiving) and we will be offering this Mass in thanksgiving for all the many blessings we have received as a parish community. I hope you can attend and start your day with Mass. In this season of gratefulness, know that I give such praise and thanks for being able to serve as your pastor.

I read an article the other day about someone proposing a COVID amnesty statement of sorts. While I did not get many details, I got the sense it was a political motivation and probably not the greatest of intentions. For me, it got me thinking of all of the broken relationships and hurt feelings within families, within communities, within parishes and schools, within workplaces, etc. We all know that COVID is very real. I am sure for many years to come, we will debate within various circles the approach and beliefs we had during the pandemic. Moreover the current political unrest, the continued extremes in how to bring an end to various racial and ethnic struggles, the overturning of Roe v Wade, etc. There is no denying the sharp divisions in our human race.

For us as Catholic Christians as followers of Jesus, I invite us to reflect on broken relationships and the hurt that has been caused. How we can get past that and focus on forgiveness and healing? I believe for all of us, starting with me, we will have to let our ego and pride go, and focus on humility. I often think that too many times we associate forgiveness and healing as suggesting that the person that we are seeking to reconcile with was right and we were wrong. Reconciliation in the Christian context is never about that, but it is about healing and restoration of relationship. On November 13, the Gospel had these lines in it:

> *"Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony… You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."*

I am suggesting that as we enter this holiday season and seek "secure our lives by perseverance" that we reflect in our own individual lives if there are relationships that are in need of healing and reconciliation. Let the past be the past, and focus on how you can love the person, the person created in the likeness and image of God. I encourage you to seek to find middle ground with people. Try to focus on what you can agree on and focus on what is right and good about each person. Above all, seek to love each person. Christ calls us to love everyone, that does not mean we have to like and/or agree with people, or even say what they do is okay. But how we can reverence each human being the way Christ is calling us to. This is not easy, but certainly worth the pursuit.

Make it an AWESOME holiday week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

I will never forget what one of my professors in graduate school said, "If we measure in small enough increments, everyone is getting better." He was referring to clients attending counseling services and how slow progress can be at times. Now that I am out of graduate school and in the field, I see what he means. It is easy to get frustrated with ourselves and with others when we do not see the results that we desire or expect. We likely all know people where a change seemed to happen overnight, but it is important to remember that this is not the norm. When we are struggling with something such as depression, anxiety, or addiction, it is important to remember that these problems have sometimes been present for years or even decades. Imagine for a moment that you have been a front desk receptionist at a hospital for thirty years and the boss says to you, "Congratulations, you've been promoted to brain surgeon. Your first surgery is in twenty minutes." The decades you have spent as a receptionist have made you very proficient at thinking, acting, and behaving in a certain way, but you are not prepared at all for brain surgery. It would take a lot of practice, education, and effort to move into that position and the same is true for our mental health. Years of self-defeating thoughts, worry, and stress have shaped us and changing things up will be difficult. It is easy to get discouraged when we do not make those changes overnight or we are not a brain surgeon after a week, but it is important to be patient with ourselves. If we keep pursuing Christ and are working to improve our mental health, we will always be able to see progress, no matter how small, if we look closely enough.

FALL FOR JESUS

He never leaves

During the month of November we invite you to stop by the fall tree display in the gathering space and enjoy quotes from Jesus.

If you have a favorite Jesus quote, send it to rbarber@srweuclid.cc and we will include it in our fall display.

OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

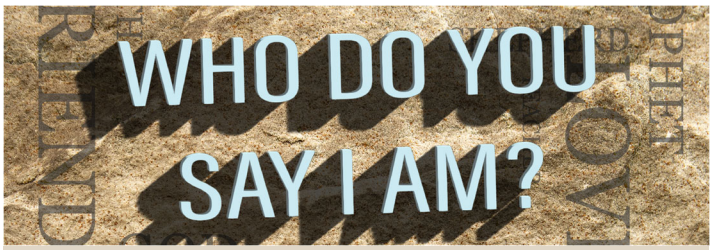
Our **Bereavement Ministry** offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the Parish Office.

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 216-331-5075 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.



Grow in your awareness of "Who do you say I am?"

What does Jesus say about his coming again in glory?

The windows in our classrooms are glass block and very old. Because of this, they are not energy efficient, are drafty, don't provide much light, and often-times the classroom temperature makes for a less-than-pleasant learning environment. Our goal is to replace all the glass block windows in the school building to improve the look and feel of each classroom.

Donations received during We Give Catholic 2022 will help pay for window replacement costs. These donations are in addition to the over $28,000 raised from our Walk-a-Thon this fall and from grants we hope to be awarded.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 21
11:30 AM † Silvia Beaupain (TK)

Tuesday, November 22
8:30 AM † Slavica and Marija Corazza (TK)

Wednesday, November 23
11:30 AM † Clement Joseph Roach (JB)

Thursday, November 24
9:00 AM † For the Nation (JB/TK)

Friday, November 25
11:30 AM † Brian LeQuyea (TK)

Saturday, November 26
8:30 AM † Joseph Langa (TK)
4:00 PM † Pauline Galyas (JB)

Sunday, November 27
9:00 AM † Brian LeQuyea (TK)
11:30 AM † Michael Adams ((JB)
6:00 PM † Maddy Coughlin (TK)

GUARDIAN ANGELS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The staff at the Guardian Angels Early Learning Center are constantly developing our curriculum and classroom set-up in order to meet the needs of our students.

Last year, after many families vocalized stressors related to regulating behavior and emotions after Halloween, Miss Roberts and Mrs. Lorek planned a "Sensory Exploration Day" for the Toddlers. Due to the success of this activity, it was expanded to a full-building project this year!

Each classroom, infants through preschool, engaged in activities that used each of their senses. This allowed students a quiet, calm environment and assisted them with "checking in" on how their body was feeling.

Many of the activities planned this year are easy to replicate at home and were exciting, engaging, and interesting for our students. Some of our favorite activities are listed below.

Touch: shaving cream spread on the tables, touch boards of different types of fabrics, frozen water beads, painting with feet

Smell: Scented rice, scented playdough, "guess the smell" game

Sight: disco lights, flashlights with colored filters, projected images on the ceilings

Hearing: "guess the sound" shakers, exploration of different types of instruments, using household items to create sounds

Taste: donuts and juice provided by Fr. John!

Looking for a way to support GAELC this holiday season? Visit www.srwschool.cc/early-learning-center/giving.cfm for information on our classroom wish lists!

Growing with you in faith,
Mrs. Molly Lorek, GAELC Director

Advent Giving Tree

Please consider making Christmas a bit more joyful for someone else. Our Advent Giving Trees are filled with opportunities to offer a gift to someone requesting assistance or in support of parish outreach programs. We seek to care for those living in our parish area and those areas served by parish programs.

This Christmas we will seek to support:

15 families asking for assistance
Labre Ministry to the Homeless
Gospel in Action Ministry
Residents of Mary Mavec Center
Embassy of Euclid Rehab Center
Regent of Euclid Assistant Living

Gifts may be wrapped and gift card values should not exceed $25 per card. Your gift donation can be placed in the Ushers Room or dropped off at the Parish Offices. For timely distribution, please bring your gifts by Sunday, December

Euclid Life Teen & EDGE

HOLIDAY HAM SALE

Fill your table with the most delicious Raddell's Christmas Hams, Sausages, and much more, all while supporting the youth program. All orders must be submitted by December 15. Pick-up will be from 4-6 pm on December 23.

SRW/SJC/GAELC Christmas Party

Dec. 9 in the St. John Of The Cross Gym

Calling all people, young and old, families and singles, parishioners and school families, basically anyone! We are going to PARTY! Celebrate and have some Christmas fun.

Friday, December 9
6:30 pm – 10 pm

Pizza & Snacks will be provided. Please bring a dessert, and beverage to share. Adult Beverages are fine! Christmas Trivia with prizes worth up to $100! Christmas Music. Meet new friends and have a great time out. Just have FUN! Please call 216.731.1515 or go to www.srweuclid.cc/christmas-party to RSVP

FREE
THANKSGIVING DINNER

Pick up take away meal on Wednesday, November 23 from 4:30 - 6 pm

Delivery is available to homes locally. Call Anita at 216-731-1515 to arrange delivery.

(NO RSVP *needed except for delivery*)

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with the packing and distribution of Thanksgiving Meals on Wednesday, November 23. Drivers to deliver meals are also needed. If you can assist during some part of the day, please call the parish office (216-731-1515) to sign up.

Santa's Pancake Breakfast

December 18th at 11:15 am
in the Saint John of the Cross Gym.

This family event is sure to put you in the yuletide spirit. Enjoy a morning of freshly-made pancakes, Christmas activities, and a visit from Santa himself. Hosted by our Life Teen and EDGE program and the Knights of Columbus.

EDGE

SRW/SJC 55 and Over

An Artistic Tour of the Life of Christ at the Cleveland Museum of Art

Originally scheduled for July has been rescheduled for Thursday, December 8, 2022

Leaving Ss. Robert and 9:30AM – Returning at 1:30PM
$15.00 per Person for Transportation
for those who were not registered for the July tour
Checks should be made payable to Ss. Robert & William Parish

See Ten Works of Art

Call 216-731-1515 for reservations.
Tour is limited to 20 participants.
Includes time for lunch and exploring the museum on your own.

Please Note:
Some walking will be required on this tour. Small canvas stools will be available to use as we move around the museum. The Coat Check is currently closed so it is recommended that large bags and any unnecessary items be left at home.

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The Collection: for November 13 was $7,182.00
Loan Balance: $573,901.00
Monthly Loan Payment: $8,362.00
October monthly total was $55,518.84
Faith Direct November First Half, $13,528.

HONOR OUR PAST FUND OUR FUTURE

Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	$1,966,126.54
Total received/posted	$1,856,901.51
Total donors	560

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, Kenn Brickman, Margaret Campbell, Marianne Ellul, Parker Fine, Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Helen Herman, Jeanette Hocevar, Victoria Hodnik, Geraldine Hoffert, Patricia Johnston, Jela Katavic, John Kirk, Karen Long, Dolly Luskin, Betty Mailander, Alice Martincic, Ann Monreal, Bernard Novotney Sr., Ryan Parker, Kathleen Pavicic, Paul Pavicic, Kathleen Pfahl, Carl Phillips, Sheila Reese, John Smith, Kathleen Smyth, Roberta Szmania, Glenn Terrell, Rosemarie Terrell, Jean Toth, Evelyn Troha, Laverne Varga, Linda Wojno, Peggy Yapel, Stansa Zitnik, 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 Margaret Campbell, and all 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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