



February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISH | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

This week we celebrate Valentine's Day. A day of Love. While this is a secular holiday, love is a very Christian reality. In fact it is one of the Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope & Love). St. Paul tells us that it is the greatest of all. Regretfully, the word love has been so overused and secularized in our society. The greatest definition of love is to look at the crucifix and see Christ hanging on the cross. He gave his life so that we may have life, life eternal. Love is centered on others and love always points us to Christ. So, as we celebrate love this week, I encourage you to reflect on Jesus Christ and His love for each of us.

Lent is coming up and starts on Wednesday, February 22 with Ash Wednesday. We will be mailing out a newsletter that lists all of our Lent happenings and schedules. This year we did a joint newsletter between the two parishes. Lots of great things are happening at both parishes.

SRW will be hosting Taste of Nations on Saturday, March 4 at 5 pm. This wonderful event features lots of great foods from Germany, Eastern Europe, United States and Mexico. It will include a cigar tent and wine and beer flights from around the world. Lots of great games of chance with prizes. Most importantly, great opportunities for fun and friends! Check out the www.srweuclid.cc website for more information and to order tickets.

As we continue our Disciple of the Week:

Howard Frain is an SJC parishioner and a regular at the 10:15 am Mass. Howard is an Usher, on the Finance Council, and a collection counter. He always greets everyone with a smile and is always looking for ways to make sure Mass is celebrated reverently and sacredly. He is good at helping to keep our finances in order so we can be good stewards of our treasure. Always a pleasure to talk to!

Erica Roberts is the Admin Assistant at Guardian Angels Early Learning Center. Erica is a true hero in GAELC. Originally hired as a part-time Toddler Aide, Miss Erica has served as a lead in several classrooms, and filled in scheduling gaps whenever/wherever needed. In her current role as the Administrative Assistant, she keeps our building organized, efficient, and upbeat!

Pamela Schenk is the vocal music teacher at SRW. What a blessing she is to our school! She has a beautiful voice, is a talented musician, and has a true passion for her craft. Our students are learning how to read and play notes as well as develop an appreciation for the large variety of music and musicians exposed to in her weekly classes. Mrs. Schenk is "instrumental" in planning, preparing, and presenting student performances at Christmas time and in the spring.

Thanks for being great examples!

Make it a great week. See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John



LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

Maybe it is just me, but this week's Gospel often makes me feel guilty and convicted. To know that even thinking about a sinful act is already a sin is terrifying. I am not alone in this because I have encountered many people struggling with scruples, anxiety, and depression citing this exact Gospel passage as the cause. However, this passage is often misunderstood by many, including me. I think that Jesus, knowing our hearts and minds so well, is teaching us that we cannot entertain sinful thoughts that may be vicious and lustful while, at the same time, remaining "sinless" because our actions do not break the letter of the law. This is what the Pharisees were guilty of! They may have been going through all the motions of what a holy person would do, but their hearts were not transformed. It is not enough for our actions to be pure; our thoughts must be pure as well. Also, there is always the risk that our inner thoughts eventually manifest themselves in very harmful actions. When people have the discipline to not act in sinful ways but then entertain sinful thoughts frequently, it is usually just a matter of time before their actions begin to reflect their thoughts. To avoid scruples, anxiety, and depression with this Gospel passage, I think it would be helpful to reflect on the fact that God is not simply condemning, but more so, encouraging us to allow our inner thoughts to be transformed by Him. If you are truly trying every day to be closer to God and be free from sin in heart and action, this passage does not mean that you are condemned for every sinful thought that crosses your mind, but that you are doing exactly what He wants you to do.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 13

11:30 AM † Earl Cipriani (TK)

Tuesday, February 14

8:30 AM † John "Bobby" Piskur (TK)

Wednesday, February 15

11:30 AM † Anna & Andrew Poklar (JB)

Thursday, February 16

8:30 AM Ralph Weir (JB)

Friday, February 17

11:30 AM † For the People of this Parish (TK)

Saturday, February 18

8:30 AM † Ana Mejak (JB)

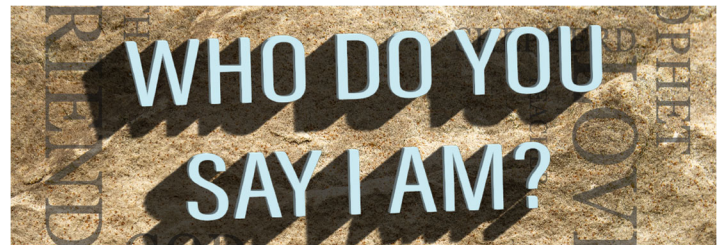
4:00 PM † John and Margaret Walsh (TK)

Sunday, February 19

9:00 AM † Carole Smyers (JB)

11:30 AM † Art Pavis (TK)

6:00 PM † Adelmo & Margherita DiFranco (JB)



Grow in your awareness of

"Who do you say I am?"

What does Jesus teach? When is it difficult to accept those teachings?

The next SRW/SJC Wednesday Morning

Book Club will meet on February 15th at 10:00 AM in the SRW Parish Office Building when we will discuss *All Shall Be Well: Readings for Lent and Easter*, Michael Leach, James Keane, and Doris Goodnough, Editors. *All Shall Be Well* features writing from fifty-four authors including Thomas Merton, T.S. Eliot, Pope John XXIII, Dorothy Day, Howard Thurman, and Gerard Manly Hopkins. And many more! It will "...enrich every day of the Lenten season, through Easter and beyond." (from Orbis Books) *All Shall Be Well: Readings for Lent and Easter* are available at Amazon. Note: Be sure to choose the book with the subtitle, *Readings for Lent and Easter*, and the above editors. There are several books entitled *All Shall Be Well*.

The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal

will take place next weekend in our parish. This year's appeal theme is "A time to heal. A time to help." Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 18-19. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail.

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.



GUARDIAN ANGELS EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The students at the Guardian Angels Early Learning Center have been working their way through a study on buildings. From garages to castles, we have been learning all about the uses for different types of buildings, the materials needed to complete them, and the jobs that are involved with building structures.

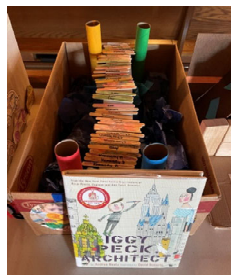
5 of our classrooms recently chose a storybook related to buildings and used their creativity to bring the book to life. The Baby Angels read "The Three Little Pigs" and learned that some materials are stronger than others. The Toddler Angels read "Gus's Garage" and spent lots of time with their favorite toy-trucks! The Wee Angels investigated tree houses with "Pete the Cat and the Tip-Top Tree House". The 3-year old preschool class read "Iggy Peck Architect" and tried to create their own bridge. The 4-year old preschool class learned how they play relates to how buildings are made with "Building Up". Several students in this class chose to recreate a building from the book!

Students works were displayed at Mass during a "Building Expo" over the week-end of January 28.

It is always wonderful to see learning in action!

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Mrs. Molly Lorek
Director



40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

From February 22 – April 2 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** – 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at Our Lady of Mount Carmel gym, 29850 Euclid Ave, Wickliffe, 44092. The Keynote Speaker is Sr. Dierdre Byrne. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysfor-life@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more info.

WEBSITES:

www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland



TASTE of NATIONS+

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH 5:00 PM – 9:30 PM

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

* VISIT [HTTPS://BRURL.CO/SSRW](https://brurl.co/ssrw) OR SCAN THE QR CODE.

* AFTER WEEKEND MASSES
FEBRUARY 4-5 AND FEBRUARY 11-12 AT SRW AND SJC.

ONE TICKET FOR \$40, TWO TICKETS FOR \$70, OR TABLE OF 8 FOR \$280.

SEATING IS LIMITED. NO TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR.



MARDI GRAS GATHERING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21
AT ST. JOHN THE CROSS

Join us for 6:30 pm Mass, then come to the SJC Gym for Food, Beverage and Fellowship.

The Catholic Watchmen are men challenging men, "as iron sharpens iron" (Pr. 27:17), to live out the seven disciplines. It is not an exclusive club, but a movement; not a product, but a prayer men offer together for the Church. The Catholic Watchmen is led by Fr. John and supported by parishioner leaders. It encourages men of the parish to unite in prayer for our world, our parish, our families, and each other. We are called to be leaders of prayer. All men are welcome!

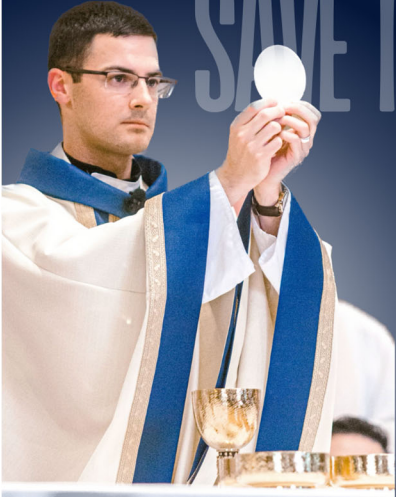
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PARISH MISSION** 

SAVE THE DATE

**MARCH
19 & 20
7 PM**

@SJC CHURCH

WITH FR. MARTY DOBER



**BRICK BY BRICK
HELP
KUDA BUILD**



Lenten bags have become a tradition at SRW and have helped encourage and enrich our prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You will find the burlap Almsgiving bags for Kuda, Nigeria in your parish Lenten bag. Please use these to collect alms throughout lent. Keep them in a prominent space in your home, car, or at work so they can be a visual reminder of the charitable heart fostered by almsgiving.

These Lenten bags will be set out in church for you to pick up on Ash Wednesday. We hope they help bring you to a fuller understanding of the Lenten Season.

NOW ENROLLING



- EdChoice Scholarship Provider
- Cleveland Scholarship Provider
- Financial Assistance Available
- Religion Class Taught Daily
- Breakfast and Hot Lunch Available

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

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FISH FRY DINNER
20  23
Volunteers Needed



We need volunteers for February 22, 24 | March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 | April 7

We need three volunteers for set-up from 2 – 5 pm.

We will need 8 people for serving/dishwashing from 4 – 7 pm

If you are able to help one day or all please contact Anita
Phone: 216.731.1515 or Email: alinsky@srweuclid.cc



Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

February 22, 24, • March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, • April 7 [4:30 pm - 6:30 pm]



- Baked batter dipped Alaskan Pollock
- Baked Atlantic Cod • Breaded Shrimp (\$18)
- All Meals include:** • Fries
- Mac-n-Cheese • Coleslaw
- Dinner roll • Homemade Desserts
- Add Clam chowder soup for just a dollar.

Take-out, dine-in, and curbside pick-up are now available.

\$16

367 East 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132
Order online at: srweuclid.cc

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PARISH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Monday—Friday: 8:00 am— 4:00 pm

Closed Saturday & Sunday

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The Collection: for February 5 was \$7,880.14

Loan Balance: \$561,479.88

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign

Total of pledges \$1,910,888.74

Total received/posted \$1,882,284.22

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, 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, 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 families of Anthony Seri,
Marge Sidak, 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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