

April 2, 2023



# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Holy Week! This week we enter into the most sacred week of the entire year. We enter into the week in which we celebrate the core of our faith. We observe and celebrate that once we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, we accept the gift of Salvation he won for us. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection he opened up the gates of heaven and won for us our salvation. I strongly encourage you to come to Church often this week and attend the great holy days of our faith. Also, if you have not had a chance to go to confession, one of the great ways to do this is to experience the mercy and forgiveness of God in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession) this week. I encourage you to take advantage of the extra times available for you to receive the Sacrament. See elsewhere in the bulletin for the times at both parishes.



This coming Saturday we welcome five new Catholics at the Easter Vigil at St. John of the Cross. We welcome these people into our church. They each have a unique story, but they all have one common theme. They were influenced and invited by a Catholic person. We rejoice in this moment of evangelization and are inspired to continue evangelizing all those we encounter, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ. I strongly encourage you to invite a family member or friend who is not Catholic or who has not attended in a while to come to Church with you next Sunday, Easter. Bring someone to the Lord!

Make it a great week. I hope to see you all week long in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John

Palm Sunday of Lent



# ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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## HOLY WEEK Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2

Vigil Mass SRW & SJC 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses SRW 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 6:00 pm

SJC 7:45 am, & 10:15 am

Tenebrae April 5

Service of Lights 8:00 pm at St. John of the Cross

Holy Thursday, April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper SRW & SJC 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm at SJC and 11:00 pm at SRW (Ursuline Chapel)

Good Friday, April 7

Stations of the Cross SRW 12:00 noon

Passion Service SRW & SJC 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross SJC 5:00 pm

Living Stations SRW 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 8

Blessing of the Easter Food SRW & SJC 1:00 pm

Easter Vigil SRW & SJC 8:45 pm

(No 4:00 pm Mass on this day)

Easter Sunday, April 9

Masses SRW 9:00 am & 11:30 am

(No 6:00 pm Mass on this day)

SJC 7:45 am & 10:15 am

Grow in your awareness of

“Who do you say I am?”

What does Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on a colt tells us about Him?



## **SJC MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 3**

SJC 8:30 AM † Joan and Gene Donnelly (JB/TS)

**Tuesday, April 4**

SJC 6:30 PM † Minka Kmetich (JL)

**Wednesday, April 5**

SJC 8:30 AM † For the People of this Parish (JL)

**Thursday, April 6**

SJC 7:00 PM Past and Present Priests of St. John of the Cross (GB/JL/TS )

**Friday, April 7**

**Saturday, April 8**

SJC 8:45 PM For the People of this Parish (JB/TS )

**Sunday, April 9**

SJC 7:45 AM For the People of this Parish (JL/TS )

SJC 10:15 AM For the People of this Parish (TK)

## **Join us for a Men's Retreat this April...**

From time to time, many men think about making a retreat. Maybe this April is your time to do it! The Men of Praise Prayer Group is honored to invite you, to spend some time together, to share our faith, and grow in Christ. The group has been conducting retreats for over 35 years and have experienced the Lord's blessing every time.

The year's theme... *Created for This Moment!* See Ephesians 1:11 and 2:10.

**When:** April 28<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. Friday evening until Sunday Noon.

**Where:** Stony Glen Camp and Retreat Center in Madison. See [www.stonyglencamp.com](http://www.stonyglencamp.com)

There will be talks and discussion on the theme. A time for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship with like-minded men. The surroundings offer a beautiful setting to get away, reflect, rest, and energize. Meals will be abundant. At night, you should find accommodations more than adequate and quite pleasant.

All men, 18 and over, are invited. The cost of \$140 for the entire weekend is an excellent value. Contact Frank Mokris at 216.233.3563 for more information.

We look forward to seeing you there. It won't be the same without you!



# FREE



## EASTER DINNER

*Pick-up Holy Saturday,  
April 8 from 12 noon - 1 pm  
Limited local delivery is available by  
calling 216.731.1515.*

**367 E. 260th St. Euclid Ohio 44132**

Volunteers are needed with preparation and distribution of our take-away Easter meal on Saturday, April 8 from the hours of 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. The hour long shifts include preparing individual meals, packing, and handing meals to those who drive up. Volunteers to make home deliveries in the Euclid area are also needed. Contact Anita Linsky at 216.731.1515.

## **SIMPLE SUPPERS**

You are invited to our Simple Suppers during the season of Lent. It is an opportunity for all who seek practical wisdom to apply to this world's challenges and long to be closer to Jesus. The reflections will be based on the book "Rescued—The unexpected & Extraordinary News of the Gospel" by Fr. John Riccardo.

The Supper consists of soup, salad, bread, and a beverage. Please RSVP so we can have a count for the meals. Call the SJOC office or email Deacon Tom at [deacon-tom@sjceuclid.com](mailto:deacon-tom@sjceuclid.com).

Good Friday, April 7th 4:00 pm

## **FINANCIAL PEACE University**



You work way too hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money, and that starts by taking a *Financial Peace University* class. Visit [fpu.com/1161845](http://fpu.com/1161845) to join a nine-week class starting on **April 17, 2023** and learn how to make your money work for *you*.

Sessions are Mondays @ 7pm  
- Room 101 in the School



## **SJC LENTEN ALMSGIVING APPEAL**

Lent is a season which gives us the opportunity to refocus our lives. So, as we enter this Lenten season, let us consider how we might recognize more fully the life and dignity of the human. By alleviating daily anxieties about shelter and food we embrace Catholic Social teaching by caring for God's creations. Here, at St. John of the Cross, these daily concerns are alleviated through the work of The Social Outreach Fund. So, it is with a humble heart, we are asking that your Lenten almsgiving be directed toward this fund.

**St. John of the Cross  
Social  
Outreach Fund**

## OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

The SRW Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the SRW Parish Office at 216.731.1515.

**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](mailto:lukebrown@sacredheartcleveland.com).

**Community Meal** program offers free hot meals at both SRW and SJC. At SRW meals are on the second and last Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm. SJC has a monthly meal every third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm.

**The SRW 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.



*Do you love to cook??? Are you looking to live the Gospel and help out those less fortunate??? Then the SRW Labre ministry is looking for your help!!! Labre brings food to the homeless every other Saturday morning and is looking for individuals to help with food preparation prior to their Saturday Outreach.*

*We are looking for 5 or more people who would be willing to make egg bakes and sausage on early Saturday mornings. Ideally there will be a rotation of individuals with a commitment of once every 10 weeks. All supplies would be provided to you by the Labre Ministry. All that would be required is the preparation of the items, which can be easily discussed. Pickup would be around 7:30 AM. Contact Jeff Pesek at [jepesek@yahoo.com](mailto:jepesek@yahoo.com)*



Join us for the 10th Annual Euclid Life Teen Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 2nd. After the 11:30 am Mass, children can search for eggs, make some Easter crafts, and take their picture with the Easter Bunny. Adults must accompany children at all times. Donations are accepted. Please go to our website for sign up and photo release.

SUNDAY APRIL 2, 2023 | 12:30 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT [SRWEUCLID.CC/EASTER-EGG-HUNT](http://SRWEUCLID.CC/EASTER-EGG-HUNT)

## LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

It is Palm Sunday and there is only one week left of Lent! I pray that all of you have had a grace-filled Lent and find yourselves closer to the Lord through sacrifice and prayer. Speaking of prayer, this week I wanted to discuss *silence*. In today's world, silence is undervalued and sometimes hard to find. I found myself frustrated the other day when I fueled up my vehicle and the gas pump was even playing advertisements. As our world becomes more and more inundated with technology, accessibility, and immediate gratification, the amount of silence in our lives shrinks. I believe this is one of the reasons anxiety has increased dramatically in the last 20 years. Fear of missing out, constant availability via smartphone, and never ending entertainment at our fingertips are just a few things that have become a part of daily life for most people. If you do not have any silence in your life, I would encourage you to try a few different things. Driving with the radio off is a good way to start. Maybe try praying in a quiet part of your house and leave your phone in a different part of the house where you cannot hear it buzzing or beeping. If we do not take time for silence and we are constantly distracted, we lose our connection with God and with ourselves. It is often in the silence that we come to know God and ourselves. During this last week of Lent, consider making time for silence so that you can be better prepared to take in all that God has in store for you as we celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

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APRIL 21, 22, 23

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC PARISH

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From the diary of a young Polish nun, Saint Faustina, a special devotion to the mercy of God is spreading throughout the world. The message is a reminder of what the Church has always taught: God is merciful and forgiving and we too must show mercy and forgiveness. A special novena of prayer begins on Good Friday and continues through the Sunday after Easter.

Sunday, April 16 at Ss. Robert & William

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

after the 11:30 am Mass until 2:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:45 noon - 1:45pm

Closing Prayer Service and Benediction at 2:00 pm

## SRW MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, April 3**

SRW 11:30 AM † Kenneth Osborne (TK)

### **Tuesday, April 4**

SRW 8:30 AM † Wanda Betters (TK)

### **Wednesday, April 5**

SRW 11:30 AM † Myrtle & Vincent Galyas (JB)

### **Thursday, April 6**

SRW 7:00 pm Past and Present Priests of Ss. Robert & William (JB/TK)

### **Saturday, April 8**

SRW 8:45 PM For the People of this Parish (TK)

### **Sunday, April 9**

SRW 9:00 AM For the People of this Parish (JB)

SRW 11:30 AM For the People of this Parish (JB)

## **LADIES NIGHT OUT**

Join us for a night of shopping, raffles, fun, and friends! Also, we'll have a Chinese auction, 50/50, and a big raffle. All Proceeds benefit the students of Ss. Robert & William School. The event is Saturday, April 29, 2023, from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM. Admission is \$5.00. You can purchase tickets online at: <https://brurl.co/LadiesNightOut2023>. Light refreshments will be provided. Outside food and/or drink are permitted. A variety of vendors with plenty of cash and carry items will be on hand that evening. Ladies Night Out will be held at St. John of the Cross Gymnasium, 140 Richmond Rd., Euclid, OH. Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets now!



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are happy to announce that *Thomas W. Ward* has petitioned the Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic for Diaconate Ordination. It is the responsibility of the Church to present to the Bishop suitable candidates for ordination. It is the Bishop's responsibility to weigh the recommendations of those in charge of formation as well as the larger Church community.

Through this notice, you are given the opportunity to offer your personal input on the suitability of this candidate for ordination to the Director of Diaconate Formation Office (440-943-7652).

Your relationship to this man during his years of formation gives your input a special importance. We ask for your prayerful support during these final days of discernment and preparation.

Deacon George P. Malec  
Director of Diaconate Formation

## **WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**

The next Wednesday Morning Book Discussion will be on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM in SRW's parish office building. We will be discussing *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

"When Harold Kushner's three-year-old son was diagnosed with a degenerative disease that meant the boy would only live until his early teens, he was faced with one of life's most difficult questions: Why, God? Years later, Rabbi Kushner wrote this straightforward, elegant contemplation of the doubts and fears that arise when tragedy strikes. In these pages, Kushner shares his wisdom as a rabbi, a parent, a reader, and a human being. Often imitated but never superseded, When Bad Things Happen to Good People is a classic that offers clear thinking and consolation in times of sorrow."

Amazon.com review

The Wednesday Morning Book Discussion meets on the third Wednesday of the month.

Join us for coffee and great conversation!

## **CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT**

We continue to offer FREE life coaching for women in crisis pregnancies. We meet on Tuesdays from 7-8pm EST all online.

In addition to the 7 Catholic life coaches we have 2 Catholic licensed counselors. If your WWMIN group would like to offer our program as a resource, here is our site:

[www.CrisisPregnancySupport.com](http://www.CrisisPregnancySupport.com)

## **Couples Night Out**

### **Living the Sacrifice**

**Ss. Robert and William Gym**  
**April 15, 2023**  
**6 pm to 9 pm**

Free dinner of salad, pizza, wine, and cheese.

An informative and reflective presentation by Counselor Luke Brown. He will share his reflections and insights on how to grow together as a married couple in prayer to facilitate greater compassion, sacrifice, and emotional intimacy.

# Planting the Seeds of Growth

Second grade students studied a unit on time, focusing on the past, present and future. They studied how life was long ago, the use of candles for light, handwashing clothes, and one-room school houses, and compared it to life today. They found that many things have changed over time, such as transportation, schooling, and everyday life.

During this unit, students also began thinking about the future. What will it look like? Will it be different than life now? Students were asked to consider how life would change in the next 30 years. They discussed how transportation has vastly changed over time and were asked to think about what the future of transportation would look like.

Students brainstormed ideas and created many different modes of transportation that they thought we would use in the future. Some included robot airplanes, flying cars, and energy-powered boats. Students then put their thoughts into action and created their forms of transportation using recycled materials collected throughout the month. The students presented their futuristic transportation ideas to the class and displayed them for all to see.



We want to pass along the news from Kuda Nigeria, the building process is underway! We have received videos of the work going on and have posted them on social media and added to our TVs. The people of Kuda have been hard at work creating the foundation of the hospital. In this video, you will see the construction of the cinderblock wall and more trenches being dug. A few workers stop to say hello :). We have raised over \$3,000.00 since the beginning of Lent. Lets keep up the great work.

We will display the donation total on the vestibule TVs as Lent progresses. We hope that seeing this will inspire you on your Lenten journey to grow in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.



## 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

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Order online at: [srweuclid.cc](http://srweuclid.cc)

### FRIDAY FISH FRY

**\$2.00 OFF**

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Expires 4/8/23

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### **Parish Office Hours:**

Monday—Friday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm  
Closed Saturday & Sunday  
367 E. 260th Street Euclid, OH 44132  
216.731.1515 216.731.0300 (Fax)  
info@srweuclid.cc www.srweuclid.cc



The SRW Collection: for March 26th was \$6,462.60

Loan Balance \$548,329.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,887,139.17

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



### **SJC Financial Stewardship**

Sunday Giving 3/26/23.....	\$5,538.00
Maintenance 3/26/23.....	\$8,098.00



## PARTH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Fr. John D. Betters**, Pastor  
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Monday, Tuesday 8:00 am — 4:00 pm  
Closed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday &  
Sunday

**140 Richmond Road, Euclid, OH 44143**  
**216-289-0770 | sjceuclid.com**

SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

Call and leave a short message with your request.

We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

## PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for..., Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Kenn  
Brickman, Eileen Chase, Marianne Ellul, Parker Fine,  
Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Jeanette Hocevar,  
Victoria Hodnik, Geraldine Hoffert, Patricia Johnston, Jela  
Katavic, John Kirk, Karen Long, Dolly Luskin, 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, and Stansa Zitnik



Evelyn Adamczyk; Helen Herman, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy  
O'Toole, John Riley, Mary Rot, M.K. Skvasik, Marion  
Malovasic, and Judy Schmidt

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 Marie  
Christopher, Mildred Major 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.