

April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday



# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



# ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Divine Mercy Sunday! This might be one of my favorite Sundays of the year. A day to recognize the incredible love and mercy that God extends to all of us unconditionally! I don't know about you, but in my heart of hearts, from the depth of my soul I desire to do good and right. Yet, no matter how hard I try, I seem to fail when I try to do it on my own. My real success in overcoming sin in my life has been when I have come before the Lord on my knees (literally and figuratively) asking for His Love, Mercy, and Grace. As we as a parish continue to reflect on the question *Who do you say I am?* I encourage you to reflect on Jesus' as a great font of mercy and love and a font of grace for all who call upon Him in prayer, fasting and charity.



One of the great acts of charity that I want to share with you is that in the last year or so, both SRW and SJC have been blessed by much charity. So many people so willingly give of their time, talent, and treasure. Earlier in the year, someone anonymously sent \$25,000 to St. John of the Cross for improvements to the outdoor shrine. With this money we will be able to install concrete to replace the stones that are there, so it is more level for people to walk on. Another person gave St. John of the Cross \$10,000 to use however we see fit, just to show his love for the parish. Mary Ellen Fellenstein left Ss. Robert & William \$5,600 in her estate to pay on the principal of the loan we have with Farmers Bank for the church roof we replaced in 2012. Ss. Robert & William is the recipient (we have not received yet) a gift of \$100,000 from the estate of a gentlemen who attended 4 pm Mass every week and passed away in 2022. Joann Thomas, a regular at SRW, left us her condo and through the sale of the condo we received \$47,000. All of this allows us to continue to secure the future of the parish. I highlight some large donations, but every day **ALL OF YOU** continue to amaze and humble me with your generosity. There has never been a time that I have brought a need to you, and you all have not responded with the utmost generosity. Whether it be few dollars or hundreds of dollars, you all give from the depth of your heart. But the recent gifts remind me to invite you to *Leave a Legacy*. With all the craziness of our economy now, I realize the anxiety and fears associated with financial security. However, I encourage you to consider leaving a legacy gift to the parish once you pass from this world to the heavenly kingdom. When you make plans to leave a gift to the Church, you demonstrate your gratitude to God for all the gifts with which God has blessed you. You also give witness to family and friends as to the importance of your faith, at the same time blessing the lives of those who will benefit from your generosity. Whether you make a gift to continue a ministry at your parish, to help sustain the good works of Catholic Charities, to provide a Catholic education to students, to ensure the formation of priests, or to help another ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland, you are passing along the tradition of our Catholic faith. Your gift to the Church is part of your legacy. For more information or to talk about how to do this, give me a call or email.

Don't forget at SRW next weekend (Friday & Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon) is the *Lamb of God* performance. Check elsewhere in the bulletin for details. This beautiful musical and dramatic presentation is not to be missed! Thank you to Kyle Lorek for leading this. I promise you a "spiritual" experience like none other.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John



## **SJC MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 17**

8:30 AM For the People of this Parish (JB/TS)

**Tuesday, April 18**

6:30 PM † Shannon McBride (JB)

**Wednesday, April 19**

8:30 AM † All Souls (JL)

**Thursday, April 20**

6:30 PM For the People of this Parish (JL/TS)

**Friday, April 21**

**Saturday, April 22**

4:00 PM † Ferdinand Krecic (JL/TS)

**Sunday, April 23**

7:45 AM † Victor Kmetich (TK/TS)

10:15 AM For all parishioners celebrating an April birthday (JB/TS)

## **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.

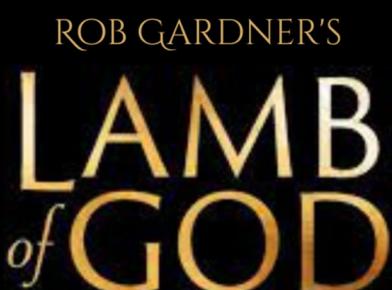
**When:** April 28<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> 2023. Friday evening until Sunday Noon.

**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!



**A POWERFUL MUSICAL WORK ABOUT THE  
PASSION AND RESURRECTION OF  
JESUS CHRIST**

DIRECTED BY  
KYLE LOREK

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - 7:30 PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - 7:30 PM

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 2:00 PM

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC PARISH  
367 E. 260TH ST.  
EUCLID, OH 44132

*A freewill offering will be accepted*

## **LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS**

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday which makes it a great day to reflect on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As we know, sin cuts us off from God's sanctifying grace. Although our sin may cut us off temporarily from sanctifying grace, it can always be regained through an honest and authentic reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Often, I hear people say that they are not deserving of God's love because of their sinfulness. While none of us deserve God's love, it is granted to all of us as a gift. I often meet people who believe that their sin is "different" and "worse" than the sins of their neighbor and thus feel worthless, inferior, and despairing. While there are different levels of sin and some are worse than others, we cannot get trapped in the mindset that our sins cannot be forgiven or that we are somehow special or unique in our sinfulness. If we do this, we are really doubting the amount of God's love, which we know to be infinite and without limit. This is simply pride in a different form since we are implying that our sins are so grand and severe that even God cannot forgive us. Sins of any kind are a drop in the ocean compared to God's love, mercy, and grace. If you believe you are a sinner, you are correct. However, take heart in God's love and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation whenever you feel as if you have sinned. After you do, commit to trying harder, praying more, and move on. If you do this regularly, I will wager that your mental health will improve!

## OUTREACH TO THOSE IN NEED

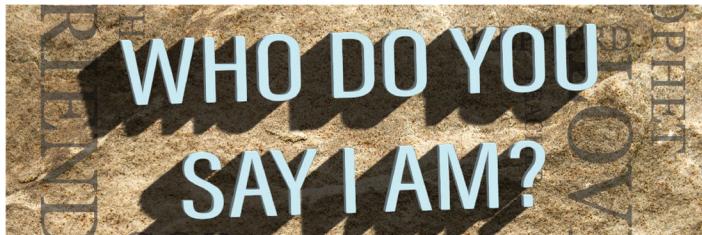
The SRW Bereavement Ministry offers assistance during your time of grief following the death of a family member. Please call the SRW Parish Office at 216.731.1515.

**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.



Grow in your awareness of

“Who do you say I am?”

[How have I encountered the Risen Lord?](#)

**Junior Kindergarten**  
NOW ENROLLING

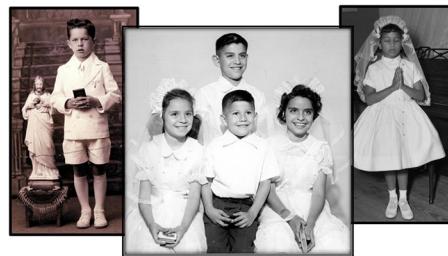
Junior Kindergarten at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is a full-day program designed to prepare your child for Kindergarten and beyond in a nurturing, one-on-one, small-size classroom environment.

Junior Kindergarten will run Monday through Friday from 7:45 am - 2:45 pm, mirroring the elementary school hours. This program is open to children turning 5 between October 1 and November 30. Students may also be placed into this program based on family interest, assessment information, social-emotional development, and kindergarten screening results.

Let our dedicated faculty and staff help your child take the next step in his or her education journey.

FIND OUT MORE AT: [WWW.SRW SCHOOL.CC](http://WWW.SRW SCHOOL.CC)  
OR CALL 216-731-3060.

## We Want to See You on Your First Communion Day!



May is the month of First Communions and we want to see yours! Bring us your First Communion picture (with your name on the back) and we will display them throughout the month of May. Pictures can be dropped off at the rectory between 8AM and 4PM Monday thru Friday or bring it to Mass with you on the weekend and leave it at the information desk. If at all possible, please scan the original.

### Ss. Anne & Joachim Prayer Group

Calling all grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles -- anyone who cares about children!! The Ss. Anne & Joachim Prayer Group will meet on Tuesday, April 25, at 7 PM in the Ursuline Chapel of Ss. Robert & William Church for prayer and reflection. The world is in a sorry state and our children and grandchildren need the protection of our prayers for them. Please join us!! Any questions? Contact Linda Shenk at [lindashenk@yahoo.com](mailto:lindashenk@yahoo.com) or 216-261-9201.

**Coca-Cola GIVE:** Thank you to all who turn in their Coke product codes to help support the school. Unfortunately the Coca-Cola Give program is ending on June 30th. No details have been given on the replacement program at this time. Please enter your codes online at <https://us.coca-cola.com/give> before then or turn the Coke caps in to the church vestibule or the school before the end of the school year so SRW can earn \$0.05 for each cap (larger packs up to \$0.35). If you have any questions, please contact Eileen Reed at 216-469-8793 or [ecoop07@jcu.edu](mailto:ecoop07@jcu.edu).



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)

## SRW MASS INTENTIONS

### **Monday, April 17**

11:30 AM † Ziggy & Loretta Wojtowicz (TK)

### **Tuesday, April 18**

8:30 AM † Joseph Sternad (JB)

### **Wednesday, April 19**

11:30 AM † Kenneth Davis (JB)

### **Thursday, April 20**

8:30 AM Betters Family (TK)

### **Friday, April 21**

11:30 AM † Fr. Jerome Lukachinsky (TK)

### **Saturday, April 22**

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

4:00 PM † George Pavis (TK)

### **Sunday, April 23**

9:00 AM † Brian LeQuyea (JB)

11:30 AM † Connie Benedum (TK)

6:00 PM † Jimmy Mitch (JB)

## **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



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



## **WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION CORRECTION**

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 reading *When All You Ever Wanted Isn't Enough* by Rabbi Harold Kushner.

Why is it that, after attaining many of our goals, we are left with a sense that something vital is missing? In his deeply inspiring bestseller, Rabbi Kushner shows us how to live as human beings are meant to. He guides us to a heightened sense of joy, purpose, and meaning, and helps us to redirect our energies toward goals that will bring us lasting happiness and true fulfillment.

Amazon.com review

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

Join us for coffee and great conversation!

## **GRANDPARENTS FOSTER CARE PROJECT**

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month in the United States and the SRW Grandparents are again teaming up with their grandchildren to be the face of Christ for those most in need.

At our March Grandparents Group meeting, licensed social worker Mary Urdics spoke to us about the issue of child abuse and the many needs of children entering the foster care system. Mary is currently an assistant administrator in the Children and Adult Services Division at the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services and gave us a list of items we could provide to help ease the transition of children moving into a foster home. (See below)

Our Grandparents Group is asking all parishioners to shop for one or several of the items on the list and bring them to Mass next week. Grandparents are especially encouraged to share this project with their grandchildren:

- Have a conversation with them about Jesus' care for those in need and our responsibility to follow his example.
- Explain the project and, if possible, take them shopping to choose one or several items to donate.
- On Saturday, April 29th, 10:00AM, in the school gym, bring your grandchildren to help organize the donations and learn more about the needs of children in foster care.

Foster Care Comfort Kit ideas:

Deodorant | Feminine hygiene products | Bath sponge/puff  
Body wash | Body lotion | Toothbrushes/toothpaste | Combs/  
hairbrushes | Chapstick | Socks/Underwear (varying sizes- especially for older children/mens'/womens' sizes) | Small toy/  
fidget toy/books | Activity pad, card games, drawing pad, journal | Small monetary gift cards (McDonald's, Dunkin', Chick-fil-A, etc.)

For more information on SRW Grandparents Group call 216-731-1515 Ext. 262

# Planting the Seeds of Growth

## Today's Seed CSI - Mrs. Novak

Beginning the week of Ash Wednesday, and continuing throughout the Lenten season, students in grades K-2 will be putting the R back into STREAM! Students will be completing a series of Bible STEM challenges. These lessons will remind students of Bible stories or gospel readings, then incorporate a problem to solve using the engineering design process. Students have already discussed the problem with the Tower of Babel and created their own group towers as well as constructed their very own Walls of Jericho.

Our 3rd - 6th grade students have been focusing on technology. In 3rd grade, students have been learning how to use Google Slides to create a stop motion video. This takes an enormous amount of patience, practice, and perseverance to hone these skills. They are excited to see their hard work come to fruition. The 4th grade has been attending a virtual field trip, learning all about the traditions of Mardi Gras. They are looking forward to forming their own "krewe" to design a parade float which will incorporate some old Mardi Gras traditions as well as some new ideas. Both 5th and 6th grade students have learned how to properly utilize a new tool designed to create a floorplan for their Project Based Instructional Units. They are using this website to create scale model floor plans of the designs they will propose be built by our industry partners.

The 7th and 8th grade students are focusing on math and engineering skills, creating 3D models using Lego Bricks. They will be challenged to create designs, compute the number of bricks as well as area of the model, document the data, and share their work. Using the data shared, others will be challenged to recreate the SAME model. Students will discuss what worked, the challenges they faced, and how they would improve their data communication to be more successful in the future.



Dear Parishioners (Parents, etc.),

The Angel Scholarship Fund is back for tax year 2023. This tax credit scholarship program, known in the Cleveland Catholic Diocese as the Angel Scholarship Fund, is an initiative that will benefit Catholic schools and their students, whereby individuals may receive a 100% tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability, with a maximum credit of \$750 or \$1,500 for married couples filing jointly.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Angel Scholarship Fund in 2022. Ss. Robert and William Catholic School received contributions totaling over \$53,000, which will provide tuition assistance for our students in the 2023-2024 school year.

As Tax Day approaches, we'd like to remind you to mark your calendars, plan, and prepare to contribute to the Angel Scholarship Fund. We suggest you speak to your tax preparer now in preparation for the December 31, 2023 credit deadline. To make things even easier, you can stretch your contribution into smaller, monthly payments. Register for monthly contributions at [www.catholiccommunity.org/angel](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel) or call the Catholic Community Foundation office for assistance at 216-902-1312.

For information, go to <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview>.

Peace,  
Fr. John Betters

## COMMUNITY EASTER MEAL

On Holy Saturday, the Parish Community of Ss. Robert and William served 345 Easter dinners to area residents. Thirty-four volunteers from both Ss Robert and William and St. John of the Cross parishes assembled, packed, and distributed the meals. The packaged meal consisted of ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, an orange, and roll. Also included was an "Easter Basket" of candy made possible by the donations of so many parishioners from both parishes. Kris and Lisa Khoenle baked, decorated, and packaged cupcakes for dessert. Thank you to all who made this community outreach project such a success!





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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  
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info@srweclid.cc www.srweclid.cc



The SRW Collection: for April 2nd was \$3,460.00

Loan Balance \$536,615.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,891,195.19

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@srweclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

~Fr. John



### **SJC Financial Stewardship**

Sunday Giving 4/2/23.....	\$2,116.00
Maintenance 4/2/23.....	\$710.00



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Monday, Tuesday 8:00 am — 4:00 pm  
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**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..., Phil Beebe, 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, Donna Lavdis, 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, 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, Don Wagner

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 Dennis McCormack 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.