

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter



# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM



# ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you had a great April and are looking forward to May. May brings so many great things for our two parishes. We have First Communions, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Priestly/Deacon Ordination Anniversaries and more. This year, St. John of the Cross will host Confirmation. The bishop has a strong desire for our young Catholics to be confirmed by a Bishop. However, with just two Bishops (Bishop Malesic & Bishop Woost) they just do not have the time to schedule 185 (the number of parishes in our Diocese) Confirmation Masses. So, he has asked us to "cluster" together for Confirmation. We are clustered with Our Lady of the Lake, Sacred Heart of Jesus (South Euclid) and St. Clare. Bishop Woost will be at St. John of the Cross on May 21 to confirm. It'll be great to host at SJC. We do have one candidate from SJC, so I know he is excited to have it at his parish.



With May having a special focus on Mary, our Blessed Mother, and "Motherhood"; I wanted to draw your attention to something very scary that is happening right here in our State. There is a group of lawmakers and citizens trying to add an amendment to our Constitution in Ohio that would guarantee the right to Abortion. This blows my mind! I have seen the group working on this blasting social media, having signage placed all over and encouraging petition signing. Simply put...ABORTION IS WRONG and EVIL! It can never be acceptable. God is the author of life and life begins (the soul enters the forming body) at the moment of conception, PERIOD! This is not a political issue – I don't care if you are a Democrat or Republican or some other party. This simply cannot happen. We must stand up for the protection of the unborn. The right to life, from conception to its natural end, is the condition for the exercise of all other rights and, in particular, implies the illicitness of every form of procured abortion and of euthanasia. ([Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church](#), # 155). Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person — among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life. [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#) (#2270). On February 28, the Bishop's of Ohio issued this statement:

"...In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protection for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children. Our Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development" (Gaudete et Exsultate, no. 101). Our commitment to protecting and promoting life includes providing resources and accompanying women during and after pregnancy through our numerous social service agencies, schools, and parishes. This commitment also includes rejecting abortion expansion, which only perpetuates a throwaway culture that does not value human life..."

I will be working with some people to form ways for our parish to educate and advocate against this atrocity. But I wanted to bring this to your attention now so that if you see anything about it, you have the correct information. Stay tuned for much more and let's storm heaven with our prayers that this never sees the ballot and if it by chance it does, that it is defeated BIG TIME!

Make it a great week. See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

## SJC MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 1**

8:30 AM † Jacob Pike (JB/TS)

**Tuesday, May 2**

6:30 PM For the People of this Parish (JB)

**Wednesday, May 3**

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

**Thursday, May 4**

6:30 PM Katy Berquist (JL/TSP)

**Friday, May 5**

**Saturday, May 6**

4:00 PM † Rose Ann Tepley (JL/TSP)

**Sunday, May 7**

7:45 AM † Mary Ellen & Joseph Loparo (TK/TSP)

10:15 AM † Donna McLaughlin (JB/TSP)

## 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.

**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.



## Faith by the Fire is back May 9th at 7:00 pm

A n E v e n i g o f F A I T H , F U N ,  
& F E L L O W S H I P !

What to bring:  
A comfortable chair  
A snack to share or not  
Your favorite beverage  
A friend

An evening  
to relax  
and  
build  
new  
relationships.

On the campus of St. John of the Cross  
140 Richmond Rd, Euclid

## LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

In today's Gospel, Christ speaks about the ability of His sheep to hear his voice and follow Him. This is an interesting lesson that we can use not only for deepening our relationship with Him, but also the people that we care about the most. In order to know and understand the people around us, including Jesus, we need to spend time listening to them and getting to know their hearts. For God, this is spending time in prayer and getting to know Him and His work in our lives. With couples and friendships, this is spending quality time together. Too often, I hear from couples in therapy that they have lost sight of each other and feel like strangers. When I ask about the quality time that they spend together in the form of date nights, they often say, "What date nights?" The quality of a date night is not in the food that we eat or the glamor of the restaurant but in the quality of conversation that takes place. For this same reason, a date night can happen at home with a pot of mac and cheese! Whether it is a date night with a spouse, a donut run with a child, or a night out with a friend, we need to engage in intentional conversation with each other. It is easy to think that we fully know someone and we stop asking questions like, "What do you want to accomplish in this upcoming year?" or "When have you been the happiest in the last week?" While I love talking about the Browns on occasion, we need to engage in intentional conversations about what is going on in the hearts of the people closest to us. This week, consider having a few intentional conversations with your loved ones with the goal of learning more about the deeper areas of their heart!

## SRW MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, May 1**

11:30 AM † Palascak Family (TK)

**Tuesday, May 2**

8:30 AM † Wanda Betters (JB)

**Wednesday, May 3**

11:30 AM † Marion Andrews (JB)

**Thursday, May 4**

8:30 AM † Jo Ann and Dick Floyd (TK)

**Friday, May 5**

11:30 AM † Paul & Ruth Kowatch (TK)

**Saturday, May 6**

8:30 AM † Jim Szmania (JB)

4:00 PM † Chuck and Dorothy Vidmar (JB/TK)

**Sunday, May 7**

9:00 AM † Phillip Hodous (TK)

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

6:00 PM † John "Bobby" Piskur (JB)



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

What are qualities of a “Good Shepherd?”

# **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.**



## **MAY CROWNING**

Please join us in honoring Mary, our mother, in a Catholic tradition of placing a crown of flowers on her statue in the month of May. The Rite of Crowning will begin at 12:45 pm on Sunday, May 7, in the church. We honor the blessed mother of Jesus and give her thanks for bringing our Savior into the world.

**MAY 7 @ 12:45 PM**

## **WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION**

The next Wednesday Morning Book Discussion will be on May 17th at 10:00AM in SRW's parish office building. We will be reading *Rescued: The Unexpected and Extraordinary News of the Gospel* by Fr. John Riccardo.

How can we believe and be transformed by the gospel? Once we understand that the gospel is not merely good news but explosive, life-changing news, we will never be the same again. And in response to God's work in our lives, what part can we play in recreating the world for his good plan? In this powerful book, Fr. John Riccardo helps us to see the world through God's lens, with a clear vision of the future. (Amazon Review)

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

Join us for coffee and great conversation!

## **MEAL KIT FUNDRAISING EVENT**

Order your Meal Kit Fundraiser and Moe's will donate 20% back to your organization. Use the Jotform link to place your order today.

**Moe's Southwest Grill Fundraiser:** SRW Parent Association has teamed up with Moe's Southwest Grill for a Taco Kit Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 16th. Family taco kits include 2 proteins and all the fixings including chips and salsa. Family taco kits are big enough to feed 4-6 people and the cost is \$39.99. All you need to do is place your order online by May 15th and drive-thru the SRW Parking lot between 5:30 PM – 6:00 PM on Tuesday, May 16th to pick up your hot and ready dinner! Ordering is open to everyone so please pass the word! A flyer with all the details will be sent home in backpack mail. Parent Association receives 20% of all Taco Kit sales from this event. To place your order, click here: <https://form.jotform.com/210194661315147>



Scan here to place  
your order now!

Support Ss. Robert William School.

<https://form.jotform.com/210194661315147>

Pick up on May 16th, 5:30-6pm, in the school parking lot.

351 E. 260th St, Euclid, 44132

Order cut off is May 15th at 10pm.





# DONATED EASTER FLOWERS

WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THE MANY PARISHIONERS OF ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS WHO GENEROUSLY DONATED EASTER FLOWERS TO THE CHURCH IN 2023. Thank you! Please remember these people in your prayers. Easter Flowers were in Honor and Memory of...

Marlene Beckwith

Steve Belas

Bestvina Family

Birthday Fund

Barbara Blazi

Fr. Richard Bober

Darlene Brokamp

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Marianne Butler

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George & Margaret Tumbry

Lucija Valetic

Sam Ventura

Nicholas Wolowiecki

Patrick Wolowiecki

Yakubic Family

# Planting the Seeds of Growth



## Today's Seed Grade 7 - Mrs. Kozar and Miss Williams

The 7th graders had the opportunity to explore the Earth's biosphere with a focus on the atmosphere and hydrosphere. Students participated in various lessons and activities on the overall structure and composition of each of the layers of Earth's atmosphere, which included the unique characteristics of temperature, pressure, and density. They analyzed how thermal energy is transferred from space and results in atmospheric heating. The transfer of thermal energy was further explored and analyzed during our "Melting-Ice Model" inquiry, in which the students made predictions, conducted an experiment, and then calculated the average time it took for ice to melt on metal and non-metal objects using the class data set. Students then designed and conducted their own experiments on the best method for keeping a can of pop cold once it is removed from the refrigerator.

The concept of thermal energy was further explored as it relates to the causes and effects of winds on Earth - both local and global. Analysis of winds on Earth led to the study of ocean currents. Students created a unique digital journal /photo album of their global sailing trip around the world using only surface ocean currents and the wind. The journey then took the students deeper into investigating the causes and effects of deep ocean currents. They participated in a hands-on experiment in which they wrote hypotheses regarding the effects of temperature and salinity on the density of ocean water, which results in the "global conveyor belt". The students gathered both visual and written data, analyzed the data, and formed their final conclusions.

Students in Math 7 learned about proportional relationships, while those in Pre-Algebra worked on identifying and interpreting linear functions using the slope and y-intercept. Together in groups, both classes took the content learned from classroom examples and created their own real-world application. They were required to write a story that demonstrated a graph they created representing two variables in a relationship as a linear function, which also demonstrated a proportional relationship. The students presented their projects to their peers, in which they were given the opportunity to share, discuss, and analyze their group's function.

In March, students in both classes celebrated Pi Day. Students in Math 7 completed a scavenger hunt in order to investigate the history of pi, how it is used and expressed in mathematics, and why it is celebrated vastly across the world.



Ss. Robert & William School  
Now Hiring

## Current Openings

Grade 3 - Homeroom teacher with concentration in ELA  
Grade 4 - Homeroom teacher with concentration in ELA  
Grade 4 - Homeroom teacher with concentration in MATH  
Grade 6 - Homeroom teacher with concentration in 5/6 MATH  
Grade 7 - Homeroom teacher with concentration in 7/8 MATH  
Instructional Technology teacher for grades K – 8.

We are transforming education with innovative and creative ways of learning. If you would like to be a part of our exciting staff please send your resume to our Principal, Martha Dodd at [mdodd@srschool.cc](mailto:mdodd@srschool.cc).

Women's Fellowship

"Let His Light Shine!"



Sat. May 13, 2023

9 – 11 am

Upper Hall

Bring your mug!

MAY 13 @ NOON

## AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA

Join us for our next rosary event, on May 13, at noon in front of the Marian statue on the corner of Forestview and E. 260th Street. May is the month of Mary, we will honor and revere our Blessed Mother.

## Mourning to Morning

is an informative and prayerful program to help people move *through* the grieving process and *forward* in faith. Sessions begin Saturday, May 20th, 10:30AM in Ss. Robert & William Parish Office Building

There is no fee but registration requested.  
Contact Renée Barber 216-731-1515 Ext. 262

# We Are HIRING

## Custodian (Full-Time, Year-Round )

Competitive Pay ●

High-Energy Work Environment ●

Benefits Available ●



Send a resume to  
[fjb@srschool.cc](mailto:fjb@srschool.cc)



## PARTH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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The SRW Collection: for April 23rd was \$8,236.23

Loan Balance \$536,615.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00

Faith Direct April Second Half, \$5,017



### 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@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued  
generosity.

~Fr. John



### SJC Financial Stewardship

Sunday Giving 4/16/23.....	\$2,294.75
Maintenance 4/16/23.....	\$755.00



## PARTH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Closed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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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, 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 Montreal, Bernard Novotney Sr., Ryan Parker, Kathleen Pavicic, Paul Pavicic, Kathleen Pfahl, Carl Phillips, Sheila Reese, Charlotte Roberts, 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 **David Sheehan, Christine Humberson, Ana Bujaj, Lelamae Seckel, Lucille Pink, Patricia Rossoll** 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.