

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy First Communion Weekend for the 23 children from Ss. Robert & William. We have two children from St. John of the Cross who will make their First Communion on May 13 and May 21. First Communion is one of my favorite Sacraments (in all honesty, all the Sacraments are my favorite!). It is an honor and privilege to witness a child receiving Jesus for the very first time. I once saw a sign in the Sacristy of the church that encouraged the priest to celebrate each Mass as if it was his first Mass. I encourage all of us to think about our First Communion, the first time we received Jesus and approach every opportunity to receive with the same joy and excitement! Please keep our young people in prayer this month.



As we enter into the month of May and think of our Blessed Mother and the beauty and gift of motherhood, I am so distraught over the disrespect for the beauty and sacredness of motherhood and the beautiful vocation God entrusts to women. There is a lot we can do and should do. One of the things that I would like to do as two parish communities is to support women (and men who are the fathers) who find themselves with a newborn and do not have all the resources to support their newborn. So, what does this ministry look like? I would like it to be threefold:

Prayer support. First and foremost, to have a group of people in the parish that can gather and pray with and for parents who are pregnant and parents with newborns. Especially pray with those struggling with their pregnancy or birth for whatever reasons. I envision a weekly prayer meeting.

Baby Things they need. At St. John of the Cross, I would like to set-up an area we can stock with diapers, wipes, formula, clothing, blankets, toys, etc. All the things that one would need to help care for a newborn. I would like to set it up like a small store (no charge though) where parents have a sense of empowerment to select items. I would hope parishioners would help provide the items for the store and/or money to keep the stock. Moreover, we would need parishioners to stock the store.

Emotional & Educational Support for new parents. A place where parents could come and talk with "seasoned" parents and/or grandparents to feel support and learn how to parent.

Lots to think about and develop here. Right now, I am looking for two things:

I need someone to lead this ministry. I can support, but I do not have the skillset or time to devote to it. Surely, someone in our parish (s) could lead this ministry.

I need people to serve on the committee that oversees and supports this ministry.

Email me or call me at the parish office and we will set up an organizational meeting and begin to develop this new ministry as a joint ministry between SRW and SJC.

Make it a great week!

See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 8

8:30 AM † Margaret Berkopec (JB/TS)

Tuesday, May 9

6:30 PM Francis Holaus (JB)

Wednesday, May 10

8:30 AM † Nancy Suhy (JL)

Thursday, May 11

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

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

4:00 PM For All Mothers (JB/TS)

Sunday, May 14

7:45 AM For All Mothers (JL/TS)

10:15 AM For All Mothers (TK/TS)

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.



A rule of etiquette --in business, at the dinner table, at the barbershop and elsewhere—is “never talk about religion or politics.” These subjects can be extremely contentious and usually lead to a heated argument, more than a civil dialogue. This phrase has been around since the mid to late 19th century.

Keeping to this rule of etiquette may keep the peace around the dinner table, and water cooler at the office, but it is only a superficial peace that keeps the human race from uniting with one another.

In the Christian faith it is Jesus who gave of himself for the good of all, so all may be united as one human race. It is when we break bread with a stranger, we are not just sharing the same meal, it is a sharing of our human experience, our joys, our sorrows, our frustrations.

In this divisive political climate today, we have forgotten how to dialogue with civility. So, you are invited to a Dinner and a Fight / Dialogue.

Democracy is rooted in disagreement. And let's face it, most of us are not very skilled at constructive disagreement. So, a 2.5-hour event called Dinner and a Fight (Dialogue) is designed for 30 to 60 people to experience a really disagreeable topic in a very constructive way. The event is hosted on Tuesday, May 16th at 5:45pm, at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church at 140 Richmond Road in Euclid. The event has several co-sponsors, inviting diversity of thought for the dialogue. Find out more about how the event works at www.Fighting-To-Understand.us.

Or reach us by email at FightingToUnderstand@gmail.com. Fighting To Understand, a local non-profit focused on citizen involvement. Our founding principle includes the belief that “everyday” people of goodwill, paying attention while interacting with life, can act as a jury or a group of scientists in search of holistic understanding.

If you would like more information about this topic, contact Ted Wetzel at the above contact information or Deacon Tom Shetina at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 216-289-0770 or deaccontom@sjceuclid.com.



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

An Evening of FAITH, FUN,
& FELLOWSHIP !

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

WOMANKIND BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Mothers Day weekend begins our parish's support of Womankind through their Baby Bottle Fundraiser. Womankind Maternal and Prenatal Care Center's mission is “to provide hope, help, and possibility to any pregnant woman by offering comprehensive, integrative care in a loving, nonjudgmental environment.” Their services are free and made possible through donations, and the Baby Bottle Fundraiser is a great way to offer your support. Bottles will be available at the main doors of the church. Take one home and fill it with change, write a check and place it in the bottle or use the QR code to donate. Please return bottles by Sunday, June 18th. For more information about Womankind go to womankind-cleveland.org

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 8

11:30 AM † Marge Marzano (JB)

Tuesday, May 9

8:30 AM † Carl Brown (JB)

Wednesday, May 10

11:30 AM † Rosemary Link (JB)

Thursday, May 11

8:30 AM † Carol Chappel (JB)

Friday, May 12

11:30 AM † Mary Ellen Quinn (JB)

Saturday, May 13

8:30 AM † Thomas Gudgeon (TK)

4:00 PM For All Mothers (TK)

Sunday, May 14

9:00 AM For All Mothers (JB/TW)

11:30 AM For All Mothers (JB)

6:00 PM For All Mothers (TK)

CATHOLIC WATCHMEN

GOD, GUARDIANS & GRILLING

TUESDAY, JUNE 6
STARTING WITH 6:30 PM MASS
AT ST. JOHN THE CROSS

Catholic Watchmen are men living a faith-based discipline whose aim is to encourage our brothers in Christ to grow closer to God. On Tuesday, June 6th, we will do just that by celebrating Mass, grilling, talking, and listening to the Guardian's game at SJC. To find out more about Catholic Watchmen go to: srweuclid.cc/catholic-watchmen

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!

WE MUST REAFFIRM COMMITMENT TO HUMAN LIFE

God alone is the Author and Lord of life. Therefore, the intentional taking of innocent human life, no matter the circumstances, is intrinsically evil and must always be opposed. Any position to the contrary is inconsistent with the constant teaching of the Catholic Church because it is inconsistent with the nature of life itself.

AN EVENING OF PRAYER FOR THE SERIOUSLY ILL AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

Monday evening, May 8, 2023

6:30PM

Ss. Robert and William Church

Someone once said, "Be kind always. Everyone you meet is fighting a battle you know nothing about." One of the greatest acts of kindness we as Christians can show another is to pray with and for them. Please take time out to join with others in praying for those in our community battling serious illnesses as well as those who journey with them. Prior to the service, we will gather names of those who seek prayer and their names will be read during the intercessions.

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?

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
OR CALL 216-731-3060.



Congratulations to the First Communicants of 2023! God bless, we pray for you as you go forth in your faith journey.

Mattelynn Louise Barner

Theodore Peter

Cernansky *May 13, 2023

Liam Michael Cox

Anthony John DiCicco

Alasdair James Ewing

William Charles Fetsko

Joseph William Ficzner

Elaina Charlotte Grandt

Trinity Eve Hawkins

Isabella Rae Infield

Charlotte Diane Jindra

Amina Rose King

Tegan Marie Long

Abigail Astrid Luikart

Izabele Ava McCarthy

Charlotte Rose Minchak

Thomas Joseph

O'Linn III

Jude Thomas Raddell

Julia Marie Reed

Zelie Therese Romano

Ellie Margaret Sindelar

*May 21, 2023

James Veeti Stanek

Dominik Vlajic

Zander Dennis Yeckley

Giada Rose Zappitelli



An update from the Hands United in Hope & Love Ministry

FACING NEW REALITIES IN CHANGING TIMES

Recognizing that the Catholic Church in Nicaragua has increasingly become a political target, it is with deep regret that we have chosen to suspend Hands United in Hope & Love as an active ministry of our parish.

We are eternally grateful to the people of St. John of the Cross and St. Mary-Chardon for their prayers and financial support. Since 2014, you have generously provided approximately \$125,000 to make our efforts possible. That support has helped create and repair worship spaces, school facilities and rectories; provide rosaries and Spanish-language children's Bibles; supplement tuition and teacher salaries; obtain emergency medicines, food and supplies; become prayer partners with families in Chacraseca; and much more. ¡Muchas, muchas, muchas gracias!

Direct personal contact with the beautiful people of Nicaragua has always been vital to our ministry. Over the years, nearly a dozen mission trips have allowed members of our parishes to visit the country and see firsthand how important the church is in people's lives. However, such trips have been unwise or impossible for the past several years – first because of political unrest, then the pandemic and, more recently, government threats against some Catholic leaders. Even JustHope, a well-established organization we partnered with for many of our trips, recently ended its operations in Nicaragua.

Fortunately, we have remained in close contact with Padre Tomás, who has always been our primary partner in Nicaragua. Through his responsibilities with his diocese's Cáritas (similar to our Catholic Charities), he has helped identify unmet needs and ensure that the money we raise goes where it can help the most. We hope to maintain this relationship and perhaps reach out to our parishes for occasional appeals. In addition, St. Mary School's partnership with Divine Child Jesus School in El Viejo, Nicaragua, will continue under the leadership of Mrs. Teri Merkle.

Again, thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at maridalegeo@msn.com. As many of you know, my dear wife Marie was the heart of our ministry in many ways. In her memory, **may our hearts remain united in hope and love** with the dear people of Nicaragua. —Dale George

NOW HIRING

Custodian (Full-Time, Year-Round)

Competitive Pay ●

High-Energy Work Environment ●

Benefits Available ●

Send a resume to
fjb@srweclid.cc



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.

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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@srwschool.cc.



St. John of the Cross

Planting the Seeds of Growth



Today's Seed Grade 4 - Mrs. Azzano and Mrs. Davis

Fourth grade is such a unique time in a student's school career. During this time, they aren't quite young enough to be considered elementary students and aren't yet ready for middle school. They are being taught newfound independence in their learning and foundational skills, that they will take with them into middle school and beyond!

In fourth grade, the students do various exciting and educational activities in and out of the classroom. One of their favorites is the yearly PBL. The fourth graders have a chance to be historians and paleontologists as they look deeply into Ohio's vast history and learn how significant events have affected the animals and other living creatures that are native to Ohio. To prepare for this activity, the students had a chance to visit the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. There, they explored some Ohio species that live at the museum because of injury, illness, or domestication. This gave the students a closer look at their diet, behaviors, and habitat. They were also lucky enough to get close and personal with some animals and learn even more about how human activities have impacted their environment. They were even able to examine some prehistoric creatures, learn about them, and understand why they are extinct. The students will take their learning and research to the next level by explaining and illustrating the information during the SRW Learning Expo in May!

Math looks different in fourth grade, as well. The focus is on center activities used to differentiate instruction and meet the needs of the students. Through various activities, the students can be in charge of their learning, pace, and capability to work in groups or individually. In this way, the students can be successful, work at their own level, and at the pace they need.



LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

This week's reflection is provided by physician assistant Leah Moretz who is passionate about holistic health and a certified FEMM educator. You can find out more about her work at naturaleah.com.

Working in the traditional medical field as a physician assistant, I have seen firsthand how patients are often told that certain medical problems arose from "bad luck". They are told that there was nothing they could have done differently to prevent the problem. Understandably, this often results in problems related to mental health and spirituality. While there are certainly many instances where unfortunate health circumstances arise, patients have a right to know what is happening with their bodies and what can be done to improve or resolve the situation. This thinking regarding holistic health, and getting to the root cause of problems, is what led me to become certified as a FEMM educator. FEMM is a fertility awareness-based method that uses a woman's cues throughout the cycle to assess overall health and fertility. God has beautifully designed the human body to allow us to be so in tune with our markers of health, if we know what to look for. To give an example, if a woman unfortunately has a miscarriage, the traditional medical approach is to say that there was probably a genetic abnormality. Per this approach, no further testing should be done until a woman has three or more miscarriages. When women learn how to chart their cycles with FEMM, there may be signs in their chart of low progesterone. When we know there are possible hormonal abnormalities, we can offer solutions to the problem beforehand to hopefully avoid negative outcomes. Additionally, when charting the cycle, hormone imbalances can be discovered that are often linked with anxiety and depression, which is why a holistic approach that takes into account mind and body is so important. While there are certainly benefits to the traditional medical system, it is also imperative to be active participants in our own healthcare and look at the person as a whole. Treating the root cause of a problem will generally be a more effective method compared to covering up the problem with a quick fix. God made us with mind and body, and we need to give attention to both in a holistic way!

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



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The SRW Collection: for April 30th was \$6,335.37

Loan Balance \$536,615.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign

Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,895,295.58

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.....	\$2,904.00
Maintenance 4/16/23.....	\$1,000.00



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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 **Georgia Ann Drury, Caroll Nicola, Daniel Latessa** 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.