

August 27, 2023

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



ST. JOHN OF THE

Dear Parishioners,

I am really excited about school starting this Monday! I am sure the parents are as excited as me and the students, maybe 😊. Please keep our students and faculty in your prayers for a great year as our students seek to continue to become the *Saints and Scholars* they were created by God to be.

Fr. Scott and I are going to the Holy Land! JOIN US! We will be doing a pilgrimage to the

 Holy Land that follows the chronology of Jesus' earthly ministry. The pilgrimage will be from September 3-12, 2024. As you travel through the stunning landscape of the Holy Land, Bible stories will come to life before your eyes. Imagine witnessing Jesus' first miracle in Cana, where he turned water into wine at a wedding feast. Visit the Blessed Mother's humble home, where she received the news of her divine mission. Stand where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount and gaze upon the breathtaking views of the Sea of Galilee that inspired Him. A down payment of \$300 is needed to reserve your spot. Scan the QR code to find out more information and/or to register. Reach out to eddie@trinitytourtravels.com for more information.



One of the realities that we are facing as a Catholic Church and especially here in the Diocese of Cleveland is a shrinking pool of priests and an aging congregation. I sure wish it were different but it is the reality we face. In the next few years over 60 priests will reach retirement age. Retirement age for a priest is 75. The Bishop has asked that each parish reflect on its Mass schedule and to reflect and implement a realistic schedule in the realities we find ourselves. We are blessed to have both Fr. Thom and I serving both parishes. This is the exception, not the rule these days. We are also very blessed to have the ministry of Fr. Loya and Fr. Bednar to help us as well. However, I think it is prudent for us to begin planning. One of the most important things is that we do Mass "well." We need to have enough ministers to help (Servers, Lectors, EMHC's, Music Ministry, etc.) Another issue we are facing is that the four Sunday morning Masses are just too close together. With Fr. Thom and I serving both parishes and now a shared music director – we need to allow at least an hour and half between Masses so we are not as rushed if we have to get to the other parish for Mass. **So here is what I know,** I'd like to make a change to our Mass schedule starting the first week of Advent. I know that the weekday schedule as is, is fine and very manageable moving forward. I know that both parishes can easily support the 4 pm Saturday Vigil. I know that SRW will continue to have the 6 pm Sunday evening Mass. **So here is what I do not know,** I do not know how many Masses each parish needs on a Sunday morning and what time (s) those Masses should be. This is where I need your help. I am hosting two Town Hall Meetings at the end of September. One will be Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm at St. John of the Cross and one will be Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm at Ss. Robert & William. You can attend either one. I will spend some time sharing some of the realities that we find ourselves in and some of the principles that we need to use to make good decisions. I will then spend most of the time just listening and receiving your input. My plan would be to then reflect on the input I hear from all of you, along with the parish staffs and parish councils, with the intention to make a decision by mid-October with implementation the first week of Advent (right after Thanksgiving). So, please start praying and reflecting. And plan on attending a Town Hall meeting.

Make it a great week! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John

SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

8:30 AM † Wanda Betters (JB/TSP)

Tuesday, August 29

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

Wednesday, August 30

8:30 AM † Justin Poffenberger (JL)

Thursday, August 31

6:30 PM Kathy Inteso Abualsundos (JL/TS)

Friday, September 1

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 2

4:00 PM † Mary and Felix Polsak (JB)

Sunday, September 3

7:45 AM † Fr. Edward Mehok (JL)

10:15 AM † Gerald Scarniench (TK)

SJC WOMEN'S GROUP

The topic for this month's Women's Group meeting at St. John of the Cross Church is "**Mercy and Life**". On **August 28th**, from **6:30 – 7:30 pm**, we will view an interview with Maria Gallagher, author of Mercy's Power, in which she lovingly shares her experiences and thoughts on ways we can further the Culture of Life. Prayer and action, little and big, show us ways to help the most vulnerable. We will also hear from a **40 Days for Life** volunteer on what this ministry does and accomplishes. Questions and discussion will follow.

Science TESTS Faith

Presented by
Tim Francis

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH,
FROM 6- 8:30 PM
MONDAY, SEPT. 11TH,
FROM 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living Flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? What does science have to say?
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney, and a famous TV Journalist witnessed a statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

You don't want to miss this amazing presentation on some of the most mystical parts of our faith. We all ask these questions; Are these claims real? What does the church say about these events?

What does science have to say?

Join us either night, Sunday, September 10th from 6 – 8:30 pm or Monday, September 11th from 6:30 pm—9:00 pm.

St. John of the Cross 140 Richmond Rd. Euclid, OH 44143

For a detailed itinerary go to

www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/StJohn

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

Tuesday, September 12 at 7 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

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 28

11:30 AM † Carol Chappell (TK)

Tuesday, August 29

8:30 AM Humphery & Celine Mulenga & Family (JB)

Wednesday, August 30

11:30 AM † Rosemary Link (JB)

Thursday, August 31

8:30 AM † Carol Chappell (TK)

Friday, September 1

11:30 AM † Bryan Duke (TK)

Saturday, September 2

8:30 AM † Tom Brenkus (JB)

4:00 PM † John "Bobby" Piskur (TK)

Sunday, September 3

9:00 AM † William and Mary Planisek (TK)

11:30 AM † Joseph Wutchiett (JB)

6:00 PM † Ellen and John Joyce (JB)

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions are available year round, 18-months from the date of scheduling. Remember, we can schedule no more than 3 Masses per year for the same person. Mass intentions can be for the living or the deceased. The suggested donation is \$10.

WE HAVE OPENINGS!

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Now Enrolling!

WE ARE CURRENTLY TAKING STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN,
FIRST, THIRD, FOURTH, AND FIFTH - GRADE.

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

Contact Angela Casey at acasey@srwschool.cc
to learn more about our openings.



FALL OPEN HOUSE

See the beautiful renovations to the school classrooms, mobile smart panels, the Relaxation Station, the Outdoor Learning Space, and new student and teacher desks and chairs.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School
351 E. 260th Street, Euclid
216-731-3060 / srwschool.cc

Attention Young Adults!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, September 27

7-9 pm

ABO'S GRILL

in Lyndhurst

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**Blessed Beyond Measure:
Embracing the Joy of Priesthood
with Fr. Josh Cochrac**

**What does joy and humor
have to do with our
vocation?**

@totcleeast

\$5 under 21 | \$7 21 & over

Scan to Register:



**Guardian Angels
Early Learning Center**

**WE ARE TAKING APPLICATIONS
FOR 3 AND 4-YEAR-OLD LITTLE LEARNERS.**

**CONTACT MOLLY LOREK
[MLOREK@SRWSCHOOL.CC](mailto:mlorek@srwschool.cc)
WITH ANY QUESTIONS.**

351 East 260th Street,
Euclid, OH. 44132
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LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

Matthew 16:13-20 offers a timeless lesson on humility, reminding us of the profound connection between self-awareness, faith, and mental well-being. As Jesus questions his disciples about his identity, he prompts them to explore their understanding with humility, a virtue that opens the door to spiritual growth and emotional balance. Just as Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ, we are called to recognize our own limitations and embrace the humility of knowing that we are part of something greater than ourselves. This realization is crucial in the context of mental health, where the pressure to appear flawless can lead to stress and anxiety. Embracing humility allows us to acknowledge our vulnerabilities, fostering an environment where seeking help and support becomes a strength rather than a weakness. St. Teresa of Calcutta once stated, "Humility is the mother of all virtues; purity, charity and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted, and ardent." These words illuminate the transformative power of humility in nurturing authentic relationships with both ourselves and others. When we approach our mental well-being with humility, we pave the way for genuine self-care and the ability to extend compassion to those around us. The passage also highlights the concept of the "rock" upon which Jesus builds his Church, underscoring the stability that humility brings to our lives. Just as a solid foundation provides a sense of security, humility anchors us in the face of life's challenges. In our pursuit of mental well-being, may we heed the lesson of Matthew 16:13-20, embracing humility as a guiding light. Through humility, we foster self-awareness, build meaningful connections, and create a foundation of strength to navigate the complexities of our inner worlds with grace and resilience.



WITNESS JESUS' REAL PRESENCE



You are invited to be part of renewing the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Our parish will be participating, with all the parishes in our Diocese, a year long **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**. This program will highlight the real presence of our Eucharistic Lord and His transforming power in our lives. Each month we will explore the meaning of "REAL PRESENCE."

THERESA OF LISIEUX

"Do you realize that Jesus is there in the tabernacle expressly for you- for you alone? He burns with the desire to come into your heart... don't listen to the demon, laugh at him, and go without fear to receive the Jesus of peace and love."



Women's Fellowship

Sat. Sept., 9, 2023

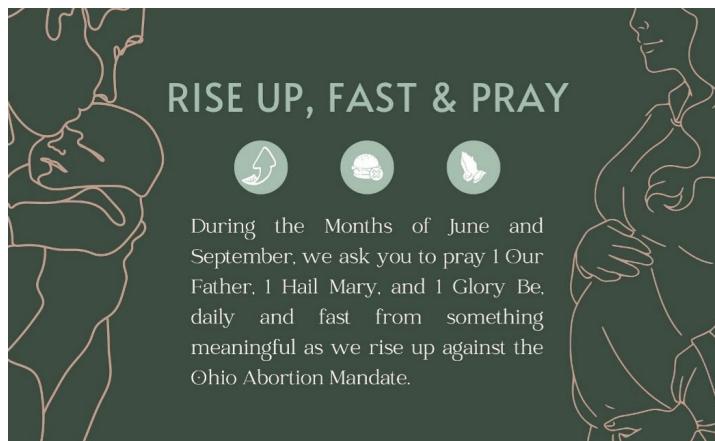
Upper Hall

9 – 11 a.m.

Bethany Fine

*I can do all things
through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13*

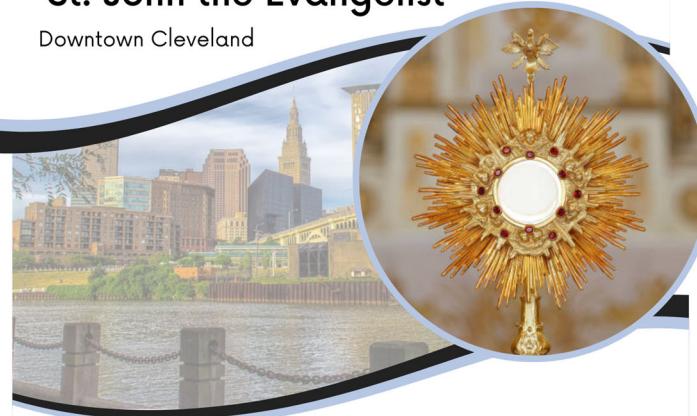
Come and hear Bethany tell her story. Please bring your mug!



EUCARISTIC PROCESSION

Cathedral of
St. John the Evangelist

Downtown Cleveland



1007 Superior Ave. • Cleveland • OH 44114

SEPT

2nd

11:00AM

Holy Mass Celebrated
by Fr. Kevin Estabrook



All are invited

EUCARISTIC PROCESSION

Legion of Mary of the Diocese of Cleveland invites you to a traditional Eucharistic Procession on Saturday, September 2, 2023 beginning with Holy Mass at 11am at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Cleveland. The event consists of Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Kevin Estabrook, Legion of Mary Spiritual Director, a procession through the streets of downtown Cleveland while singing hymns in honor of our Eucharistic Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary, and a return to the Cathedral for the recitation of the Rosary and closing prayers. RSVP is not required and all are welcome to attend. Worship Aid is provided. For more information please email contact@legionofmarynorthernohio.org or <https://www.facebook.com/legionofmarynorthernohio/>.



EUCARISTIC REVIVAL THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCARIST IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

— AMERICAN BISHOPS

The reality that, in the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ without ceasing to appear as bread and wine to our five senses is one of the central mysteries of the Catholic faith. This faith is a doorway through which we, like the saints and mystics before us, may enter into a deeper perception of the mercy and love manifested in and through Christ's sacramental presence in our midst. While one thing is seen with our bodily eyes, another reality is perceived through the eyes of faith. The real, true, and substantial presence of Christ in the Eucharist is the most profound reality of the sacrament. "This mysterious change is very appropriately called by the Church transubstantiation."



From Sept.-June

Fr. John and Fr. Thom will be offering a Home Mass at someone's house each month. To sign up to host a Mass, please contact Anita at alinsky@sruweclid.cc or call her at 216.731.1515.

All you have to do is host and invite. Fr. John or Fr Thom will bring all they need for Mass. You can invite anyone but please focus on people who have fallen away from the church or are looking for Faith. Help us bring Jesus to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Marriage and Family Office is bringing Red Bird Ministries to the Diocese of Cleveland. Red Bird Ministries is a non-profit, Catholic grief support ministry serving individuals and couples who have experienced the loss of a child. This may be the loss of a pregnancy, infant, child or adult. Red Bird helps ordinary families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry. Founders Kelly and Ryan Breaux will facilitate this day-long retreat at St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Parma, on Saturday, September 23rd. The day will include personal witnesses, time for reflection, spiritual direction, and lunch. We will end the day with Mass at 5:30 PM. There is a questionnaire that will be emailed to registered couples to help us prepare for the day. To register go to the Cleveland Catholic Diocese website. Click on Events and scroll down to September 2023. Then continue to scroll down to *Bereavement Retreat for Parent*. Cost is \$10.00 person.

RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

Saturday, September 23, 2023 at St. Bridget of Kildare Parish in Parma.
8:30AM – 5:30PM

A day for parents who have suffered a loss of pregnancy, infant, child or adult.



PARISH SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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Confessions on Saturday at 2:30 pm



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@srweuclid.cc www.srweuclid.cc



The SRW Collection: for August 20 was \$6,851.51

Loan Balance \$524,299.00

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,901,940.72

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 8/13/23.....\$3,828.66
Maintenance 8/13/23.....\$330.00



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Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 pm

Parish Office Hours:

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

PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for... Phil Beebe, Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Kenn Brickman, Caesar Campanaro, 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, James Molnar, Ann Monreal, Jim Moriarty, 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, Connie Cinkole, Helen Herman, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy O'Toole, Rudy Perme, John Riley, Mary Rot, M.K. Skvasik, Marion Malovasic, Judy Schmidt, Don Wagner, and Marcie Williams

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 all those 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.