

September 24, 2023

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

It is hard to believe it is already the end of September. Time is flying by! As we continue our Eucharistic revival, we have some great evenings planned in October. They are the first three Tuesdays of October at 7 pm and will be at Ss. Robert & William in the Church. The first speaker is Bishop Woost. You will not want to miss this! I had Bishop Woost as a professor in Seminary and have heard him speak many times on the Eucharist. He is simply amazing. You will be blown away by him!

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, September 25

8:30 AM † Fr. Edward Mehok (JB/TS)

Tuesday, September 26

6:30 PM † Wanda Betters (JB)

Wednesday, September 27

8:30 AM † Adolf Rot (JL)

Thursday, September 28

6:30 PM † Ferdinand Krecic (JL/TS)

Friday, September 29

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, September 30

4:00 PM † Joan and Gene Donnelly (TK)

Sunday, October 1

7:45 AM Marion & John Malovasic Wedding Anniversary (JL/TS)

10:15 AM Ike Dulaney (TK/TS)



COMING SOON! WOMEN OF GRACE® FOUNDATIONAL STUDY

Women of Grace is a “journey of discovery and transformation as you explore the great call and gift of your femininity.”

Women join together to meet two women saints, receive wisdom from Holy Mother Church, unpack Holy Scripture, and discover how the Blessed Virgin Mary is our model of “discipleship and the pathway to her Son, Jesus Christ, and the heart of the Father”.

The 17-week journey begins Thursday, **November 2nd**, at **7:00 p.m.** held also in the Sacred Heart Chapel of St. John of the Cross Church. (No meeting will take place the week of Thanksgiving and during the Christmas Holiday.) For questions, call Nancy Powell at 216-401-3605 or send an email to nepowell40@gmail.com.

SJC WOMEN'S GROUP

The topic for September's Women's Group meeting at St. John of the Cross church is "The Adventure of Journaling". On September 25 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., three women will share their experiences of how journaling works in their lives. Come join us to hear their stories and participate in discussions on this beautiful way of encountering the Lord.

WATCH OUR PRO-LIFE VIDEO

Faith & Healing, Part 1



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.

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 25

11:30 AM † Dorothy Beckstrom (TK)

Tuesday, September 26

8:30 AM † Richard Gorsha (JB)

Wednesday, September 27

11:30 AM Iris Herr (JB)

Thursday, September 28

8:30 AM † Bozic Mario Josep, Emilo & Lino (TK)

Friday, September 29

11:30 AM † Edward Eckart (TK)

Saturday, September 30

8:30 AM † Barbara and Edward Kovacic (JB)

4:00 PM † Wanda Betters (JB)

Sunday, October 1

9:00 AM † Bev Ussai (TK)

11:30 AM † Lawrence J. Rudden (JB)

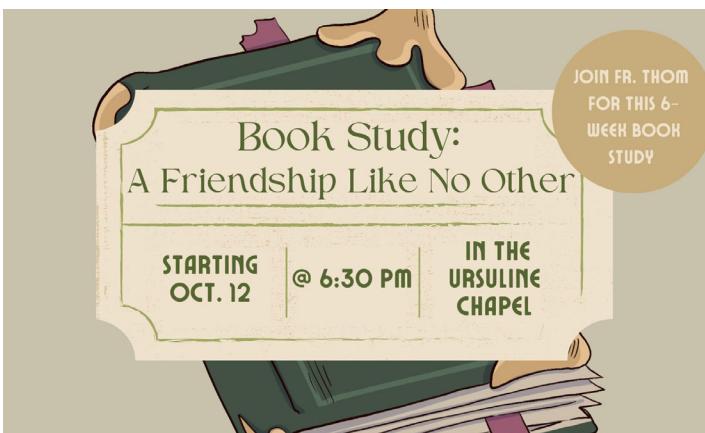
6:00 PM † Richard Joseph Harwood (JB)



FALL IN LOVE

Married Couple's Night Out
Oct. 21, 2023 | 6:00 -10:30 pm
Catered dinner by Tavcar - \$25 per couple
McGill Entertainment will provide music and dancing
Salad/roll, roast beef, pork chops, vegetable medley, red-skin potatoes, and assorted desserts. BYOB
Presented by Fr. Wally Hyclak
RSVP to the Parish Office at 216-731-1515

Our students have teamed up to design possible layouts for the year-round greenhouse. Here's one of their concepts.



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@srweclid.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.

TURN YOUR TAXES INTO TUITION



It's not too early to plan your contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund. Speak to your tax preparer now in preparation for the December 31, 2023 credit deadline.

OR

Stretch your contribution into smaller, monthly payments.

Learn more at www.catholiccommunity.org/angel

*With this tax credit, individuals may receive a 100% tax credit against their Ohio income tax liability for gifts up to \$750 (\$1,500 for married couples filing jointly).

BECOME AN ANGEL

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

What do you think of when you hear the word normal? This weekend's Gospel reminds me of our tendency to view ourselves favorably or negatively by comparing ourselves with others. It is very common to look at the norms that we perceive in our environment and then compare ourselves to them. When we do this, we often see ourselves as being abnormal, falling short, or failing to live up to expectations. In some ways, it is good to look to others as an example. We have Christ, saints, and role models to look up to as inspirations for values or virtues that we admire and want to cultivate in ourselves. However, someone serving as an inspiration to us is very different from being a source of comparison. When we make comparisons, we see deficits. When we see deficits, we experience feelings of failure, sadness, and frustration. When we are experiencing all the negative emotions and thoughts involved with failure and deficits, it inhibits our growth and motivation. If we radically accept who we are and are mindful of the present day, it allows us to focus our energy on growing in a healthy way. A way where we do not compare ourselves to others, but to the person we were yesterday. This also allows us to take our attention away from our deficits and refocus it on the values and virtues that we desire to cultivate in the present moment. This is a practice of living in the present moment with Christ because God is always radically loving and accepting of where we are today. If you find yourself comparing yourself to others, take a moment to sit with Christ and reflect on who He wants you to be.

PANTRY NEEDS YOUR ASSISTANCE

The pantry is in need of items such as toilet paper, dish soap, clothes soap, hand soap, household cleaning supplies, deodorant, toothpaste and shampoo.

Our neighbors who request food assistance continually ask for these items. Please bring to the parish office or church.

Town Hall with Fr. John

**Tuesday, September 26 at 7 pm at SJC
Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm at SRW
Both in the Church.**

Come talk with Fr. John about the Sunday Mass schedule and the opportunities and challenges we are facing. Come dialogue with him.

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."

POPE PAUL VI

"The unique and indivisible existence of the Lord glorious in heaven, is not multiplied, but is rendered present by the sacrament in the many places on earth where Mass is celebrated. And this existence remains present, after the sacrifice, in the Blessed Sacrament, which is, in the tabernacle, the living heart of each of our churches. "



New student applications are now available for the 3 & 4-year-old preschool and Junior-K programs!

Visit srwgaelc.cc
for more information



**ST. FRANCIS
PET BLESSING
OCT. 4TH AT 6:00 PM**

Bring your scaled, furry, and feathered friends to the SRW parking lot for our annual pet blessing.





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.

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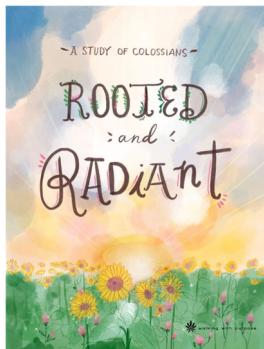
- Paid Time Off
- Paid Professional Development
- Employee Discount

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Send your resume to
Molly Lorek at mlorek@srwschool.cc



Guardian Angels Early Learning Center
351 E 260th Street
Euclid, Ohio 44132



WALKING WITH PURPOSE

Rooted & Radiant

Thursday, October 19th – 7:00-8:30pm in the SRW Upper Hall

The study is available at no cost, they are originally \$20.00. Any Good Will donations towards the cost of the books and program is greatly appreciated.

Please join us for the 6 week study starting on October 19th with our first Connect Coffee! "Introduction to Colossians"



30TH ANNUAL SILENT LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, Oct. 12 1:30 pm

You are invited to Lake County's 30th Annual Silent Life Chain. This is a chance to "speak" for those who have no voice because everyone deserves a lifetime. We will come together at the intersection of Route 20 Mentor Ave. and Route 306 (Reynolds Rd. in Mentor.

Attention Young Adults!

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, September 27
7-9 pm
ABO'S GRILL in Lyndhurst

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

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

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outside **Preterm** - 12000 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland, 44120 or **Planned Parenthood** - 25350 Rockside Rd, Bedford Hts, 44146, or **Family Planning** - 54 South State St, Painesville, 44077.

Join us at the Kickoff Rally at St. John Vianney on Monday, September 25, at 7pm, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, 44060. The Key-note Speaker is Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost. Please contact John Noall at clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com or 216-245-9744 for more information. **WEBSITE:** www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland

From September 27 – November 5 you are invited to join with other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray anytime between 7 am to 7 pm during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way



Scan to Register:



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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
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The SRW Collection: for September 17 was \$6,075.50

Loan Balance \$515,856.94

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00



Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,902,502.72

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 9/10/23.....\$2,817.50
Maintenance 9/10/23.....\$2,360.00



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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

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, Doreen Kirk, 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.