

October 22, 2023

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

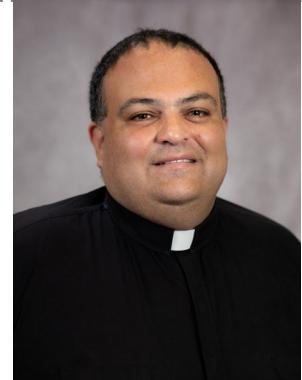
CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



# ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the beauty of Fall. I want to thank Fr. Thom, Deacon Tom, and Renée Barber for the incredible three-week series for the Eucharistic Revival that they planned and facilitated. Bishop Woost, the Chavez brothers, and the parishioner witnesses were incredible. If you were not able to attend one of the talks, they are on the [www.srweuclid.cc](http://www.srweuclid.cc) website under Livestream videos. At the heart of what these talks were about were to ignite, reinvigorate, and continue to grow your relationship with Jesus Christ. Jesus loves each of us so much and desires to have a very personal and intimate relationship in which He is our Lord and Savior. Second, it is the Mass that is the *Source of Summit* of our faith that we are able to unite ourselves with Jesus Christ and continue to fall in love with Him. My hope is that all who attended and those who were able to view it online will continue to embrace these goals/hopes.



As we continue to work hard to spread the message of the Sacredness and Beauty of all Human Life, I implore you to pray for the conversion of hearts and minds of even those who support and advocate for abortion and so called “reproductive freedoms”. That they will begin to know they are so loved by God. If we are able to show others love and grace, we may be able to open the door of transformation. So that they ultimately come to know Jesus and have a conversion of their heart and mind. They were created in the likeness and image of God and He wants to remove whatever is getting in their way of knowing this and advocating and supporting human life. I believe the movement that supports the culture of death is from the Evil One. It is the Evil One that is causing people to fall into the sin, but at the core of it, people are good, and we need to help them know that, and experience the grace that God offers us. An image I use in my understanding is there is dark veil/cloud of evil that is preventing people from seeing the Truth of Human Life and the only thing that has the power to remove that veil/cloud is Jesus Christ. Help our sisters and brothers remove that veil/cloud through prayer, fasting and charity. Help them remove that veil/cloud by examining your own life and making sure your own relationship with Christ is blessed and grace filled. Help them come to the Truth of Jesus’ Way, Truth and Life that will lead us to Eternal life.

Don’t be shy in proclaiming truth, we know the value of life given to us by our creator. Let them know it would be a grave sin, and objectively a mortal sin to vote Yes for Issue 1. Of course, we are never to judge a person, only actions, but we are not looking to judge them. We are looking to show the harm this issue can create and the hope and love that Jesus offers. Our loved ones need to know that supporting a law that would remove all restrictions on abortion up to the point of birth and thus killing innocent human life is about as sinful as you can get! Yes, there are 9 other Commandments but the killing of innocent, vulnerable human life is never okay! Once we get that straight and remove the evil of this lie, I believe we can once again begin to build a society that values the Culture of Life! If this message is said in love and charity, I believe we can help win souls back from the evil one and help ourselves and others accept the wonderful gift of Salvation that Jesus won for us on the Cross!

Let’s continue to lift each other up in prayer as we battle the Evil One and not allow him to get a hold of our great State!

Make it a great week.

See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John

## SJC MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, October 23**

8:30 AM Jason Reigert (JB/TS)

**Tuesday, October 24**

6:30 PM † Ferdinand Krecic (JB)

**Wednesday, October 25**

8:30 AM † James Snyder (JL)

**Thursday, October 26**

6:30 PM † Rose Burrello (JL/TSP)

**Friday, October 27**

**8:30 AM Morning Prayer**

**Saturday, October 28**

4:00 PM † Darlene Brokamp (GB)

**Sunday, October 29**

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

10:15 AM For all parishioners celebrating an October  
birthday (TK/TSP)

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>**, 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 nebpowell40@gmail.com.



## **SJC WOMEN'S GROUP**

The topic for October's Women's Group meeting at St John of the Cross Church is "Model's of Female Sainthood". On October 23 from 6:30 - 7:30 pm., we will share 3 women saints who left a huge impact on the Church and in the lives of the faithful. Come join us to hear about their holy vocations and participate in discussion on ways to imitate their lives.



## **APPLICATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS ASSISTANCE**

We are looking ahead...to Christmas. **Loaves and Fishes Advent Giving Tree** is a joint effort between St. John of the Cross Parish and Ss. Robert and William Parish to offer Christmas assistance to those in need. Do you anticipate needing assistance for your family this Christmas and would like to be considered as a recipient of food, gifts, or gift cards? Do you know of a family living in Euclid or Richmond Heights in need of assistance for Christmas? Applications for Christmas Assistance are available now through October 31 at either parish office. The availability of gifts is dependent upon the generosity of Parishioners of both parishes.

## **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, October 23**

11:30 AM † Mitz and Ed Eckart (TK)

**Tuesday, October 24**

8:30 AM † Marty Milo (JB)

**Wednesday, October 25**

11:30 AM † Alice Slokar (JB)

**Thursday, October 26**

8:30 AM † John Kobotitsch (TK)

**Friday, October 27**

11:30 AM † Brian LeQuyea (TK)

**Saturday, October 28**

8:30 AM † Esther Zobec (TK)

4:00 PM † Ogreen Family (TK)

**Sunday, October 29**

9:00 AM † Henrietta Monreal (TK)

11:30 AM † James Smolik (JB)

6:00 PM † Stephen Strauser (JB)

## **CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Thursday, November 2, 2023, at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Room at Ss. Robert & William Parish 367 E. 260<sup>th</sup> St. Euclid, OH. Please join us to learn more about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and savings certificate. Reservations are appreciated but not required. RSVP to the Pre-Planning Department at 216-539-7943 or email bdejohn@clecem.org.



## **GRANDPARENTS' GROUP**

The next meeting of our Ss. Anne & Joachim Prayer Group is scheduled for Tuesday, October 24, 2023, at 7 PM in the Ursuline Chapel of Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish.

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of every other month, alternating with the Wednesday morning meetings of the Grandparents' Group. Our grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews, etc. all need our prayers. Join us as we lend them our spiritual support. Hope to see you on the 24<sup>th</sup> and bring a friend!! Please contact Linda at 216-261-9201 or [lindashenk@yahoo.com](mailto:lindashenk@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This will be the last grandparents' prayer meeting for 2023. There will be no meeting in December because of Christmas. Our next meeting will be February 27, 2024.

Please join us at

**Saints Robert & William Catholic Parish**

367 East 260 Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132

as we welcome

**Greg Dunne**

of Dublin, Ireland

**Sunday, October 29th, 2023**



In 1998, after an incredible act of forgiveness toward his abusive father, Greg had an encounter with the Lord. Jesus taught Greg for 20 years before introducing him to Frances Hogan, a world renowned Bible scholar and teacher who leads the Divine Will groups in Ireland.

Since 2019, Greg has shared his personal testimony of encounters with God, forgiveness, and living the fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer — "Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven."

With his knowledge and experience of living in the Divine Will, Greg shares his story with both sincerity and humor.

The presentation will immediately follow the 11:30 Mass in the "Upper Room" of the parish school.

Coffee, pastries and donuts will be served.

## **REGISTRATION**

Karen Hurley 806-786-3575 or [hurleystick17@aol.com](mailto:hurleystick17@aol.com)  
Joan Gallagher: 440-442-4426

## **ATTENTION**

Due to a formatting error these two sections were missing and/or cutoff from the SRW Parish Report.

## **FUNDRAISING**

2022—2023

Parish

(Amounts are NET of Expenses):

Youth Ministry (Ham Sales): \$341

Fish Fry (2023): \$3,733

Brick Pavers: \$420

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$4,494

School

(Amounts are NET of Expenses):

Festival (2021): \$60,199

Taste of Nations: \$11,801

50 Days of Holiday Cash: \$29,190

Walk-a-Thon (2021): \$25,501

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$126,691

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR AMAZING SUPPORT!!!**

**TOTAL SCHOOL SURPLUS**      15,544      79,249      6,055

## LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

In my line of work, I have met many people who describe experiences of counseling that were not productive or helpful and that left the person thinking that counseling was a waste of time. Whether it is an individual, couple, or a parent bringing a child, some people leave with a bad experience that makes

them want to write off the entire counseling field as unhelpful. I am not writing this to criticize those experiences or to place blame on people who were seeking help and found none. Counseling is a field full of diverse counselors that do not always hit the mark when people come to them seeking

healing and guidance. We as counselors can have very different approaches to helping people and some are not the right fit for the person seeking help. It is worth mentioning as well that we are human and can have bad days where we feel burnt out, tired, or overwhelmed, which inevitably impacts our ability to be working at 100%. When people have had this experience, I often encourage them to give counseling another try. Finding the right counselor can be difficult, but it is possible. If you have a bad experience with a counselor, you

have several options. You can give them a little bit more time, ask the counselor for a referral, or keep looking on your own for a different counselor. Websites like [psychologytoday.com](http://psychologytoday.com) and [catholictherapists.com](http://catholictherapists.com) can give you an idea of the counselor's approach to see if they are the right fit for you. Counseling can open many doors to healing and greater wellbeing. It is important to not let one bad experience prevent you from gaining all that counseling has to offer.

This year's We Give Catholic fundraising will go to build a Green House Learning Space.



NOV. 28TH #weGIVECATHOLIC  
with the Catholic Community Foundation on GIVINGTUESDAY  
Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Parishioners of St. John of the Cross and Ss. Robert William Parishes are invited to be part of a steering committee to plan Outreach Services of both parishes. This committee will be exploring the scope of assistance and formulating the mission statement of our Pantry, Advent Giving Tree, Labre Program and Hot Meal programs. If interested in being part of this formation meeting, please email Deacon Tom ([deacontom@sjceuclid.com](mailto:deacontom@sjceuclid.com)) or Fr. Thom ([frkowatch@srweuclid.cc](mailto:frkowatch@srweuclid.cc))

## 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."

## THOMAS MERTON

"But the Eucharist leads us not only into contemplation, but into community. For the Body of Christ in the Eucharist is a single whole with the full Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church."

## Election Day Bake Sale

Tuesday, November 7th

We are in need of homemade cookies, sweet breads, and candies.

Drop off baked goods on Monday, November 6th during the school day to the front office.

All proceeds from this bake sale support student field trips and programs.

Contact Xylina Allender @ [xmallender@gmail.com](mailto:xmallender@gmail.com) with questions.

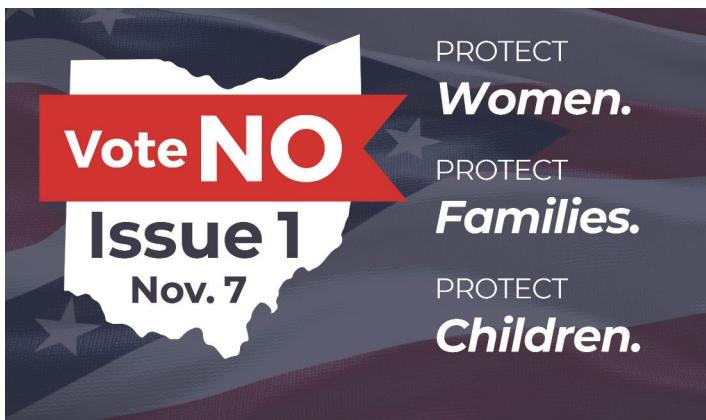


Celebrity Servers - @ Mama Catena Vino e' Cucina



Wed.  
Nov. 29,  
4 - 8 pm

Be a part of our Fundraiser Dinner and be served by Fr. John, who will be managing the dining room. The full Mama Catena menu will be available. All Tips will be given to the Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross Giving Tree. Reservations are Required. Call the Restaurant at (216) 261-1168 for reservations.



**YOUR VOTE IS NEEDED TO  
SAVE THOUSANDS OF LIVES  
FOR YEARS TO COME!**

An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot that:

- Risks the health and safety of women
- Threatens parental rights
- Allows abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy

Learn more at:  
[ohiocathconf.org/protect](http://ohiocathconf.org/protect)

Find all voting  
information at:  
**VOTE OHIO.GOV**



Paid for by: Catholic Conference of Ohio

## JOIN US FOR A 1-DAY, MEN'S RETREAT...

From time to time, many men think about making a retreat. Maybe this October 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 40 years and have experienced the Lord's blessing every time.

Our Theme: *Now is an Acceptable Time!*

When: Saturday, October 28, 2023

Arrive at 8 - 8:30 AM

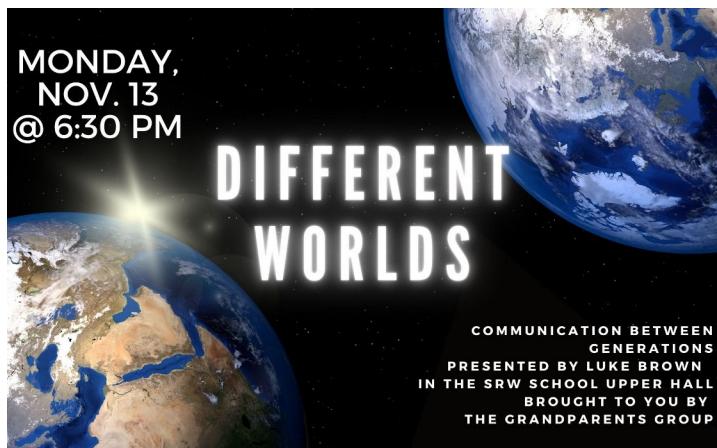
Close with Mass at 5:15 PM

Where: Ss. Robert and William – Community Center (Gym)  
367 E 260th Street in Euclid, Ohio 44132

There will be talks and discussion on the theme. A time for praise and worship, prayer, and fellowship with like-minded men. The setting offers a time to get away, reflect, and energize. Snacks and lunch will be provided.

All men, 18 and over, are invited. We are asking a donation of \$20 to cover costs. 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!



**TURN YOUR TAXES INTO TUITION**



**ANGEL**  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND

*Turning taxes into tuition*



Our families are excited about the Angels Scholarship Fund. We asked a member of the parish who donated last year, to tell about their experience and what this fund means to them.

*When my wife and I first learned about the Angel Scholarship Fund Tax Credit we were a bit skeptical. After learning how it works, we were more than excited to participate. Using our tax dollars to support Catholic education was a win-win for us. Money that would have gone to state taxes went to the Angel Scholarship. The best part was that we were able to name Ss. Robert and William Catholic School as the recipient of this money. The Angel Scholarship Tax Credit directly impacts families desiring a Catholic education for their children through tuition assistance. Donating to the Angel Scholarship Tax Credit was easy, and we received the full amount back when we filed our taxes! Making this contribution will be a yearly practice, just like filing taxes!*

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or email [response\\_services@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org).



## 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  
216.731.1515 216.731.0300 (Fax)  
info@srweuclid.cc www.srweuclid.cc



The SRW Collection: for October 15 was \$6,189.30

Loan Balance \$512,463.21

Monthly Loan Payment: \$8,362.00

Faith Direct October First Half .....\$15,565.50



Capital Campaign	
Total of pledges	\$1,910,888.74
Total received/posted	\$1,903,489.72

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 10/15/23.....\$2,301.00

Maintenance 10/15/23.....\$993.00

Faith Direct October First Half .....\$6,061.00



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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, Helen Herman, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy O'Toole, Rudy Perme, John Riley, Mary Rot, Marion Malovasic, Judy Schmidt, Rita Vaitkus, 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.