

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Advent



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



Dear Parishioners,

Happy 4th Sunday of Advent. This year the fourth week of Advent is very short, because Christmas is on a Monday. However, there is still some time to help prepare and reflect on the message of the fourth week of Advent. The Fourth Candle the “Candle of Peace” reminds us that Jesus comes to bring peace to the world and to people's hearts. Without Christ, there is no peace in this world.

I would like to welcome anyone who is visiting with us over the Christmas holidays. It is so great to have you here with us in our parish. Please know we appreciate you being here and we are honored to worship with you.

Many thanks to all who have supported the Angel Scholarship Fund (ASF). Your generosity made it possible for us to raise more than \$53,000 for Ss. Robert & William students in 2022, and to award 400 Angel Scholarships in 2023/2024! Our hope and prayer is that more of our families will participate in this wonderful scholarship tax credit program by making a “no-net cost” donation for the 2023 tax year, and that we will be able to secure \$100,000 for our Angel scholars in 2024/2025. **Your donation of up to \$750 is then used as a credit towards your tax liability for the State of Ohio Taxes. It is so easy and so simple!**

There are multiple ways to donate:



Contact the ASF office for more information on how to **“Be an Angel!”** 216-902-1312 / asfinfo@catholiccommunity.org.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas with your loved ones! We look forward to a beautiful celebration here!

The SRW Parish Office and SJC Parish Office will only be open on Wednesday of this week to give our staff some extra time with their families. As always, our answering service can get a hold of us at anytime.

Make it a great Christmas! See you in Church.

Peace,

Fr. John



SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 25

9:30 AM For the People of this Parish (JL/TS)

Tuesday, December 26

6:30 PM † Doug DeBiase (GB)

Wednesday, December 27

8:30 AM Petra Santiago (JL)

Thursday, December 28

6:30 PM † Barbara Baucco (JL/TSP)

Friday, December 29

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, December 30

4:00 PM † Darlene Brokamp (JL)

Sunday, December 31

9:30 AM † Deceased members of the Kaplan-Dejak Families (JB)

MASS CORRECTION

Attention, There will NOT be a Vigil Mass on December 31 at 4 pm at either SRW and SJC.

January 1 is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Therefore I am cancelling the Vigil Mass. We will have Mass at 10 am on Monday, January 1 at both SRW & SJC. Fr. Loya has SJC and Fr. Thom has SRW. Please note, there was a misprint in the mailing. Also note there is NO 6 pm on December 31 at SRW.



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.

Christmas Mass Times

SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm (CHILDREN'S MASS) 10:00 pm

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
8:00 am | 11:00 am

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Sunday, December 24
Christmas Eve
4:00 pm

Monday, December 25
Christmas Day
9:30 am

A UNIQUE PROGRAM TO STRENGTHEN AND HEAL YOUR MARRIAGE

– Beginning January 26, 2024

The Retrouvaille program is designed to help married couples develop improved ways of communicating and relating to each other in order to overcome challenges which have left them feeling frustrated, hurt, distant, or even hopeless.

Retrouvaille, which means rediscovery, is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and is open to couples of all faiths. This program consists of a weekend experience and six follow up sessions. For more information concerning the program, or to register, visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Shelly or Rob at 216.509.0301 or 440.836.4810.

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, December 25

8:00 AM For the People of this Parish (TK)
11:00 AM For the People of this Parish (JB)

Tuesday, December 26

8:30 AM † Kathleen Courtot (TK)

Wednesday, December 27

11:30 AM † Greg Higgins (JB)

Thursday, December 28

8:30 AM † Mary Elizabeth Simpson (TK)

Friday, December 29

11:30 AM † Cindy Alusheff (TK)

Saturday, December 30

8:30 AM † Lois Bambic (TK)
4:00 PM † Louis and Mary Cerny (JB)

Sunday, December 31

8:00 AM † Fr. Frank Yacobi OFM Cap. (JB)
11:00 AM † Bea Bisio (TK)

Advent Service Project

Each year, GAECLC chooses a charity or organization to support during the Advent season. This year, we will be collecting donations for Labre, a ministry that brings food and companionship to the homeless on the streets of Cleveland. In our parish, a small group of adult parishioners and youth from the Lifeteen and EDGE groups prepare and deliver a hot breakfast to people every other Saturday morning.

The following donations will be collected at GAECLC until Friday, December 29:

- Batteries (9V and AA)
- Blankets
- Coats
- Deodorants
- Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Small Bottles
- Hats
- Hygiene kits
- Large Men's Sweatshirts
- Socks
- Toothpastes
- Underwear
- Yoga Mats

Please consider donating! Cash/check donations will also be accepted, or online donations can be made at
srweclid.cc/labre-ministry

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL TOUR

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17,
2024**

6:00PM – 8:30PM

Finally, a museum trip at a time everyone can enjoy!
This tour celebrating the Eucharistic Revival will include liturgical vessels that date as far back as 500-700AD, a missal from 1469, a marble altar front from 540-600AD, and an altar piece depicting the Passion of Christ from the 1440s.

5:30PM Depart SRW parking lot
6:00PM Arrive at Museum
8:30PM Depart Museum
9:00PM Arrive SRW

\$15.00 per person for transportation to and from the Museum. Checks made payable to Ss. Robert & William Parish. Call 216-731-1515 for reservations.

This tour is limited to 25 people.



The Labre Ministry is in need of non food items for the homeless. During these winter months they are especially in need of winter clothing.

Donations can be brought to the Ss. Robert & William parish office during regular office hours. We thank you ahead of time for your prayers and donations.

MOURNING TO MORNING

Our next Mourning to Morning Bereavement Support Series begins on Saturday, January 6, 2024 at 10:30AM in the Parish Office Building of Ss Robert and William.

Mourning to Morning is an informative and prayerful program to help people move through the grieving process and forward in faith.

There is no fee but registration requested. Call 216-731-1515

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

Merry Christmas! The day is finally here and I hope that everyone has a blessed time with friends and family! While the holidays are a time of joy where we look forward to Jesus's arrival with expectant hearts, they can be a difficult time for some. Whether it is struggles with family members, financial hardship, or someone not present this year due to death or divorce, a season that is meant to bring with it such joy, peace, and gratitude can become a time of depression, anxiety, and sadness. Families are complicated. Wounds sustained by family members are difficult to overcome and can overshadow the occasion. Financial struggles make it difficult to live up to the increasingly materialistic aspect of Christmas. Death & divorce can make our families feel fractured and incomplete. In these moments, let us remember that Jesus is coming to save and heal us. Jesus wants us to jump for joy at His arrival as John the Baptist did in Elizabeth's womb! This is only possible if we keep Him at the center of our minds and hearts. Take those struggles to Him and you will find the healing power of Christ. If you have much to be thankful for, do not forget those that are struggling at this time. The holidays are a time for generous hearts. If you know someone who does not have anyone to share Christmas with, consider inviting them into your home for a meal this Christmas. Consider donating a scarf or winter hat to your local shelter for those who are cold. In moments we are the ones who need care, but there are also moments that we can care for others. I pray that all of you enjoy the season of Christmas!



GAELC Now Enrolling

New student applications are now available for the Toddler, 3-year-old, and Junior Kindergarten programs.

The ECE scholarship is available for qualifying families



Visit srwgaelc.cc for more information

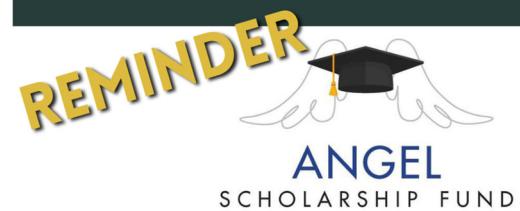
WITNESS JESUS' REAL PRESENCE



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 **EUCARISTIC 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."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

"...in this world there is nothing of the Most High himself that we can possess and contemplate with our eyes, except his Body and Blood."



There's still time to contribute to the 2023 Angel Scholarship fund. Turn your taxes into tuition.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE



We are pleased to have you join us for this year's Walking with Purpose Bible study for women! Please complete the registration form –
Ordering Your Priorities – January 25 – March 21, 2024

The study is available at no cost; they are originally \$20.00. Any good will donations towards the cost of the books is greatly appreciated.

Please join us for the 8 week study starting on January 25th with our first Connect Coffee!

"Building the Good Life"

**Thursday, January 25th – 7:00-8:30pm –
SRW Upper Hall**

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Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honhorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



HOLIDAY CASH WINNERS

Congratulations to the Holiday Cash winners. Here are the most recent winners drawn:

\$50 – December 6: Angela Beck sold by The Zagar Family

\$50 – December 7: Bill Novak sold by Lia Novak

\$50 – December 8: Jacquie Caldwell sold by The Zagar Family

\$50 – December 9: LaShea Cander sold by Savannah Cander

\$50 – December 10: Charles Rotter sold by Scheider Family

\$50 – December 11: Kristi L. Ward sold by Bridget Ward

\$50 – December 12: Erin and Tim Mosre sold by Colin Stuble



The Hospital in Kuda has been progressing. They are hoping to have the roof completed by Christmas. What an amazing process to watch this build come to fruition.



PLENARY INDULGENCE GRANTED FOR PRAYER BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS CRÈCHE

In order to promote the spiritual renewal of the faithful and increase the life of grace, the Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence from 8 December 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to 2 February 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which may be obtained by visiting the churches run by Franciscan families and stopping in prayer in front of the Nativity scenes set up there. Please share this information with your parishioners along with the churches run by Franciscan communities in the Diocese of Cleveland:

Holy Spirit Parish

4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Hts.

St. Peter Parish

1533 E. 17th St., Cleveland

Transfiguration Parish

12608 Madison Ave., Lakewood

St. Paul Shrine

4120 Euclid Ave., Cleveland

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish

6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland

Poor Clare Colettines

3501 Rocky River Dr., Cleveland

In addition to the prayer before the Nativity scene, to receive a plenary indulgence, the faithful must have an interior disposition of detachment from all sin, even venial; sacramentally confess their sins; receive Holy Communion; and pray for the intentions of the Pope. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day as the prayer before the Nativity scene; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested.

Since not all of the above churches may have their Nativity scenes in place during Advent, those choosing to seek the plenary indulgence by visiting any of the Franciscan churches should check the community's website or contact the community to learn when the church will be open to visitors for prayer before their Nativity scene.



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



The SRW Collection: for December 10 will be in the next bulletin.

Loan Balance \$480,628.00

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 12/10/23... Will be in the next bulletin.
Maintenance 12/10/23..... Will be in the next bulletin.



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Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 pm

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SJC Prayer Hotline: 216-289-0770, Ext. 120

PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for... Phil Beebe, Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Kenn Brickman, Robert Carney, 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, Laverne Varga, Peggy Yapel, and Stansa Zitnik



Evelyn Adamczyk, Ernie Deme, 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.