

January 7, 2024



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

The Epiphany of the Lord



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

In the Fall of 2023, parishioners of both St. John of the Cross and Ss. Robert and William Parishes gathered together and formulated a mission statement to give us direction in our outreach ministry to others. This mission statement has led to the formation of Loaves and Fishes Outreach Ministry. This ministry is a joint effort of both parishes to minimize duplication of efforts, consolidation of outreach efforts to be a good steward of your generosity, and expansion of our outreach efforts.

Our Loaves and Fishes Advent Giving Trees Program saw the involvement of numerous parishioners stepping up to strengthen and expand the efforts of several people. Parishioners worked together to ensure that gifts were collected and distributed as we expanded our outreach efforts in the community of Euclid and Richmond Heights.



Through our Loaves and Fishes Advent Giving Trees:

35 families (parishioners, School Families, Euclid Neighbors) received gifts and \$4,325 worth of gift cards.

Grand Pointe Healthcare Center received 50 gift bags.

The Embassy of Euclid Skilled Nursing Facility received 60 gift bags.

Regent of Euclid Assisted Living Center received 13 gifts.

Mary Mavec School received 10 gifts.

Rosemary Center Group Homes received 36 gifts.

Labre Ministry is able to restock its supplies.

Donations of Baby items have provided a good starting point for a new ministry of supporting babies and their parents.

Nigerian Health Clinic Project received \$1,440 in donations.

Additional donations of \$1,075 are to be distributed in emergency assistance and Community Meals.

Through our Loaves and Fishes Community Meals:

425 Thanksgiving Meals were distributed.

363 Christmas Meals were distributed.

An average of 200 meals are distributed twice monthly at the SRW site.

An average of 150 meals are distributed on the third Wednesday at the SJC site.



Thank you to all who have been so overwhelmingly generous in supporting our outreach! Your overwhelming generosity is deeply appreciated by our parishioners and neighbors. Gratitude is also expressed to our volunteers who are so committed and generous with their time.

Looking forward to the opening of our new pantry and also ministry to babies and their parents!

Fr. Thom

SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 8

8:30 AM William Sedar (JL/TS)

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 PM † Rosella Bacon (GB)

Wednesday, January 10

8:30 AM † Nancy Suhy (JL)

Thursday, January 11

6:30 PM † Strancar Family (JL/TS)

Friday, January 12

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, January 13

4:00 PM † Sue Svilgel (JB/TS)

Sunday, January 14

9:30 AM † John & Mary Raycher & Family (JL/TS)

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST

For Adults 40 & Over



Join us Monday, January 8 at **Copper Cup (Ironwood Café)**

688 Dover Center in Westlake.

Join us and kick-off the New Year with *Deacon Dave Pecot*, Deacon at St. Basil the Great as he will speak to us about ***Finding God in the Ordinary!***

Cost is \$15.00 per person which includes light appetizers & refreshments. Cash Bar is also available. **Advance tickets highly recommended** as space is limited & this will sell out. **Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30pm. Program begins at 7pm.

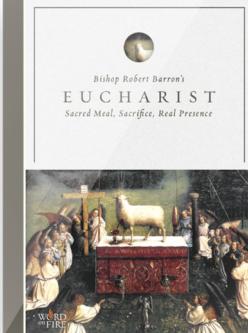


Fr. John and Fr. Thom will be offering a Home Mass at someone's house each month. To sign up to host a Mass, please contact Anita at alinsky@srweclid.cc or call her at 216.731.1515.

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.

BISHOP ROBERT BARON'S EUCHARIST

BOOK STUDY



As we continue the Eucharistic Revival, Fr. John will be offering a five week series on the Eucharist. It is Bishop Robert Barron's *Eucharist: Sacred Meal, Sacrifice, Real Presence*. In this series, Bishop Barron offers inspiring insights into the mystery of Christ's presence in our lives as it is given to us in the holy Sacrament of the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life." This fresh look at the Eucharist brings to light its reality as a sacred meal, the sacrifice necessary for communion with God and the Real Presence of Christ. Bishop Barron clearly explains that the Eucharist is not a symbol, but is truly the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. This intimate gift from the Lord brings us into greater unity with the Trinity and offers us a foretaste of heaven to come. The dates are Monday, January 15 – February 19 (we will skip February 5), it will be 6:30 pm – 8 pm at St. John of the Cross in the Sacred Heart Meeting Room. Registration is required so we have enough materials. Please email Anita at alinsky@srweclid.cc or call her at 216.731.1515 ext. 221 to register. Fr. John will be at every session to lead a discussion.

Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our parish or school? Remember Ss. Robert & William or St. John of the Cross in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

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, January 8

11:30 AM Marcelo Markon (TK)

Tuesday, January 9

8:30 AM † Mildred Hennessey (TK)

Wednesday, January 10

11:30 AM † Rochelle Lamash (GB)

Thursday, January 11

8:30 AM † Elizabeth Carroll Dietzel (TK)

Friday, January 12

11:30 AM † James Galinas (TK)

Saturday, January 13

8:30 AM † Michael Bradac (JB)

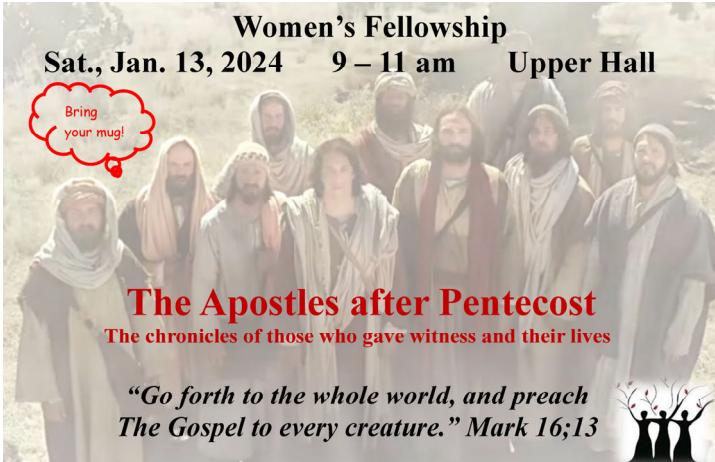
4:00 PM † William Udics (TK)

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM † Mildred M Major (TK)

11:00 AM † Deceased Members of Tobin & Kueller Families (JB)

6:00 PM † Robert C Luberger (JB)



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.

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.



In partnership with parents and community stakeholders, our mission is to form Saints and Scholars to know, love, and serve Jesus Christ and serve others.

- Weekly School Mass ✓
- Unique Electives and After School Clubs ✓
- Outdoor Learning Space ✓
- EdChoice and Cleveland Scholarship Provider ✓
- Educational Initiatives for Better Learning Opportunities ✓

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

Epiphany Anniversary Concert

Sunday, January 7th
at 3 pm

In the Ss. Robert & William Church

Featuring the SRW Music Ministry & Regional
vocalists/musicians

SRW/SJC FAMILY GROUP

COME TO SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM ON
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH FOR THE 11:00
AM MASS FOLLOWED BY PIZZA PARTY
LUNCH, OPEN GYM, AND GAMES.
EVENTS IN THE UPPER HALL & GYM.
(SHOULD START AROUND NOON).
PIZZA BY ZEPPE'S OF
HIGHLAND HEIGHTS!
NO RSVP IS NEEDED, INVITE
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

JAN.
14TH



Future Dates: (Feb. 11, March 10, & April 14)
Mother's Day Breakfast cooked and served by Dad's &
Kids on Saturday, May 11 at 10 am.

For more information, call or email Fr. John at
fjb@srweuclid.cc or 216.731.1515 ext. 228

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

How do you relax and unwind? When I ask this question to clients, I use the word *recreation*. The word recreation is derived from the Latin root *recreate* or re-create. I specifically use that word because our leisure time should re-create and nurture our sense of meaning, purpose, and motivation. A good way to find out if you are recreating yourself is by reflecting on the outcome of your leisurely activities. Do you feel better afterwards? Are you motivated to go back to work? Do you feel more capable of loving others? If not, maybe it is time to consider a new activity. On weekends, a temptation can be to watch Netflix for about ten hours straight. When I have spoken to people who spend their weekends this way, many say that Mondays loom larger, they do not want to be around others, and they feel badly about themselves. Compare this to spending the weekend watching Netflix for a bit, then exercising, grabbing coffee with a friend, and praying. I would wager that the latter would result in feeling much more refreshed and rejuvenated than the former. Time spent on most activities is perfectly fine, but they can become an issue when they are our sole form of recreation. Some activities are like cheesecake- we feel very differently after we have eaten one piece versus the entire cheesecake. Balance is needed in life for health in all areas- physical, mental, and spiritual. This week, consider taking some time to reflect on your recreational activities and changes you can pursue to make your free time truly a time of recreation.



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."

ST. BERNADETTE "The Eucharist bathes the tormented soul in light and love. Then the soul appreciates these words, 'Come all you who are sick, I will restore your health.'"

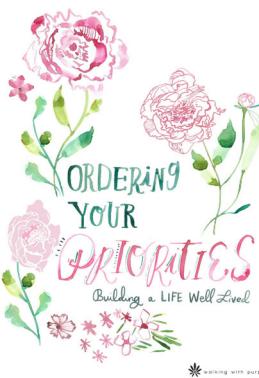
CRISIS PREGNANCY SUPPORT

We continue to offer FREE life coaching for women in crisis pregnancies. We meet on Tuesdays from 7-8pm EST all online.

In addition to the 7 Catholic life coaches we have 2 Catholic licensed counselors. If your WWMIN group would like to offer our program as a resource, here is our site:

www.CrisisPregnancySupport.com

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**

Please register no later than January 2, 2024

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.

GAECLC 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

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.

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	St. Peter Parish
4341 E. 131 st St., Garfield Hts.	1533 E. 17 th St., Cleveland
Transfiguration Parish	St. Paul Shrine
12608 Madison Ave., Lakewood	4120 Euclid Ave., Cleveland
St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish	Poor Clare Colettines
6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland	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
367 E. 260th Street Euclid, OH 44132
216.731.1515 216.731.0300 (Fax)
info@srweuclid.cc www.srweuclid.cc



The SRW Collection: for December 25 was \$9,416.50
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 12/25/23...was \$8,409.00

Maintenance 12/25/23.....was \$440.00



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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 Stansia Zitnik



Evelyn Adamczyk, Ernie Deme, Helen Herman, Douglas Hoageson, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy O'Toole, Gene Pallat, Rudy Perme, John Riley, Mary Rot, Marion Malovasic, Judy Schmidt, Rita Vaitkus, Kristina Velgrine, 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 family of Frank Shume
Jr. and 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.