

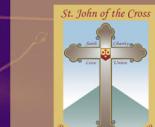
February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Second Week of Lent. I hope your Lenten journey is going well. I want to draw your attention to an excellent opportunity. On Wednesday, February 28, both SRW and SJC, as well as all of the parishes in the Diocese, will offer “An Evening of Confessions” from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. Parishioners are asked to evangelize by inviting family or friends who are away from the Church to join in this special Lenten practice. I strongly encourage you and your loved ones to use the opportunity to go to confession, especially if it has been a long time since you went. Perhaps, it has even been since your Confirmation or First Confession. Do not be afraid! I promise you a life-changing experience.



Recently someone asked me about a practice at SJC that has changed in the last few months. As long as I have been at SJC, there was always a Communion Reflection song after everyone had received Holy Communion. As a staff we talked about this in the year of the Eucharistic Revival and our need to observe more silence in our lives. Our lives have so much noise in them. While the music is beautiful and even angelic at times, it is also good to have some silence. The vision of the church here in the General Instruction on the Roman Missal (the document that guides how we celebrate Mass and the Sacraments) says in number 88: “When the distribution of Communion is finished, as circumstances suggest, the priest and faithful spend some time praying privately. If desired, a psalm or other canticle of praise or a hymn may also be sung by the entire congregation.” Two important things here, it suggests that this should be some quiet time for us to pray and reflect and if we do have a song, the ENTIRE congregation should sing it. In other words, it is not a time for us to listen to a performance by the musicians. I remember a friend telling me that you know you are really good friends when you can sit with your friend in complete silence, and it is not awkward but instead sacred and beautiful. I am sure there will be times that we will have a “Communion Reflection” song and we will work to all sing it together. However, I encourage you to you take advantage of this SACRED SILENCE with the Lord Jesus, your Savior!

At SRW this Friday, we have our Fish Fry, 4:30 – 6:30 pm in the school gym. I encourage parishioners from both parishes to attend. We have increased our game this year and added Lake Perch. This particular Friday, March 1, I invite any family with children to attend the Fish Fry (get there by 6:15 pm) and I will give you a special price of \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. We will have Mass at 7 pm and then Family Stations of the Cross that focus on family reflections and the children can walk with me as we do the Stations.

Make it a great week! I hope to see you for confession this week.

Peace,

Fr. John

SJC MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

8:30 AM † In Memory of a Friend (JB/TS)

Tuesday, February 27

6:30 PM † Josephine Sezun (JB)

Wednesday, February 28

8:30 AM † Victor Claudio (JL)

Thursday, February 29

6:30 PM For the People of this Parish (JL/TS)

Friday, March 1

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

Saturday, March 2

4:00 PM † Bill Guhde (JL)

Sunday, March 3

9:30 AM † William Perko (JB)

LOAVES AND FISHES BABY PANTRY

SRW and SJOC will be collecting baby items for the Loaves and Fishes Baby Pantry throughout the season of Lent. Needed items include (but are not limited to):

Diapers (sizes newborn, 3, 4, 5),
Baby wipes, Diaper rash cream,
Baby wash/baby shampoo,
Onesies/sleepers,
Clothing (Newborn through 18 mo.),
Blankets, Crib sheets, Baby bottles,
Infant socks, Small toys, and Board books.

All items must be new! Please place your items in the baskets at the door of the church or bring them to the SRW or SJOC parish office. We appreciate your generosity!



NEW SECURE

DROP BOX

Do you have something to Drop off to the St. John of the Cross office? We now have a secure drop box for things needed to get to parish office at SJC.

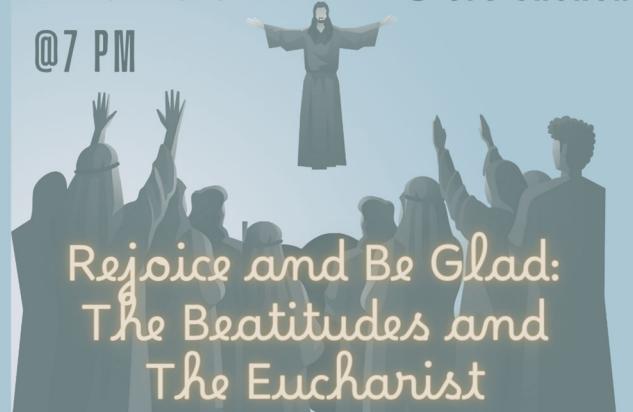
Located to right of main church entrance.



Parish Mission

MARCH 4 & 5

@ 7 PM



@ SJC CHURCH

RETREAT OPPORTUNITY

The Center for Eucharistic Evangelizing is offering a Retreat on March 8 & 9, 2024 in response to the US Bishop's Eucharistic Revival. This retreat experience will focus on the Scriptural themes of the Eucharist: Covenant, Memorial, and Prophetic Witness. Come and walk with us at St. Paschal Baylon Church in Highland Heights as we deepen our experience of Eucharist through song, story, small and large group interactions, prayer, teaching and witnessing. To register or learn more information please call (440) 442-3410 or email litescripture@gmail.com.

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.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is stocked to assist those are in need of food. Call 216-731-1515 X 109

Call the **Prayer Line** at 216-331-5075 to entrust your prayer requests to fellow parishioners.

SRW MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 26

11:30 AM † Helen Barber (TK)

Tuesday, February 27

8:30 AM The Hronek Family (JB)

Wednesday, February 28

11:30 AM For the People of this Parish (JB)

Thursday, February 29

8:30 AM For the People of this Parish (TK)

Friday, March 1

11:30 AM † Elmer & Evelyn Palascak (GB)

7:00 PM For the People of this Parish (JB)

Saturday, March 2

8:30 AM For the People of this Parish (JB)

4:00 PM † Michael A. Carney & Michael F. Carney (JB)

Sunday, March 3

8:00 AM † Mary (Luzar) Kovancic (JB)

11:00 AM † Elizabeth Dougherty (TK)

6:00 PM † Thomas Brickman (TK)



The community of Kuda is made up of seven neighborhoods with one elementary school, one junior secondary school, and one large Catholic church. Kuda is 97% Catholic. The remaining 3% of the population is non-Catholic and pockets of Muslims (two or three families.) The population of Kuda is approximately 1500-2000 people. Kuda is surrounded by other village communities with each community having their places of worship, mostly Catholic churches. About 99.9% of the population is engaged in farming.



Come to Ss. Robert & William Church and continue to pray for peace in our country, in our families and in our lives... We will start with Confessions at 7:30 am 8:30 am Mass 9:00 am Rosary The first Saturday of every month.

EASTER COMMUNITY MEAL

The food is ordered and the packing containers are on their way. What is needed to serve an Easter Community Meal again is you! Please contact the parish office if you would like to **volunteer on Saturday, March 30** for an hour. Forty-four volunteers are needed. Please also consider **donating Easter Candy** so that each of the 350 meals may include an Easter Basket.

**FREE
EASTER DINNER**

Pick-up Holy Saturday,
March 30 from 12 noon - 3 pm
Limited local delivery is available by
calling 216.731.1515.

367 E. 260th St. Euclid Ohio 44132



Taste of Nations tickets have sold out! We can't wait for all the fun. Taste of Nations is Saturday, March 2nd from 5:00 pm–9:30 pm.

**FAMILY MASS &
STATIONS
OF THE CROSS**

**MARCH 1ST
STARTING WITH
7 PM MASS**

Join us for Mass at 7 pm, followed by Stations at 7:30 pm. Children will walk the Stations with Fr. John. All are welcome to the Fish Fry – be there no later than 6:15 pm and get Adults for \$10 and children for \$5.

LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

Sacrifice is important throughout the year, but it is especially important to reflect on during the Lenten season. All of our relationships require sacrifice and some of us are worse at it than others. When it comes to sacrifice, I often like to ask people how they are being called to sacrifice. How we are called to sacrifice is something that changes depending on our vocation, relationships, and faith. I spoke with a man once who was reflecting on the early years of his relationship with his wife and how difficult it was to leave his wife at home and work long hours to make ends meet. The sacrifice was leaving his wife at home to work long hours for the betterment of his family and future financial security. When I met him, he had been married fifteen years and was still working long hours despite achieving financial security. His wife was upset with him for working too hard and missing social events and their children's sports. Over time, he realized that the sacrifice of working long hours was something he was no longer being called to. He came to realize that the sacrifice he was being called to was to give up a part of his reputation as dependable and hard working at his job so that he could be more present to his wife and children. While this may sound simple, it is no easy task to give up something that we enjoy, which is why it is called a sacrifice. We need to frequently look at how we are being called to sacrifice for the ones we love because the sacrifice we are called to is not always the same. First and foremost, we need to ask God how He wants us to sacrifice for the ones we love. We also need to ask our loved ones what they need from us so that we can serve them. This week, consider reflecting on sacrifice in your life and how you are being called to sacrifice to grow in holiness, love, and peace.



The next meeting of our Ss. Anne & Joachim Prayer Group is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at 7 PM in the Ursuline Chapel of Ss. Robert & William**

Catholic Parish. This group meets the fourth Tuesday of every other month, alternating with the Wednesday morning meetings of the Grandparents' Group. Our grandchildren, godchildren, nieces, nephews – all children -- need our prayers. Join us as we lend them our spiritual support. Hope to see you on the 27th and bring a friend!! Please contact Linda at 440-510-8083 or lindashenk@yahoo.com with any questions.

NOTE: Our name has changed from the Ss. Anne & Joachim Grandparents Prayer Group to simply the Ss. Anne & Joachim Prayer Group to reflect that all are welcome – not just grandparents – to offer prayer for our children.

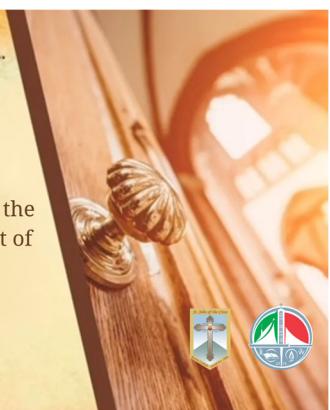
When was the last time you were told ...
You are Forgiven!

You are invited to
An Evening of Confession

Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross will be open for the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration. Come pray for those confessing.

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 5 – 8 p.m.

Open the door in 2024!



Celebrity Servers @ Mama Catena Vino e' Cucina



Wednesday March. 13, 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 Brick by Brick - Help Kuda Build Fund. Reservations are Required. Call the Restaurant at (216) 261-1168 for reservations.

ALL SOULS CEMETERY – PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on **Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at 5:30p.m.** Please join us to learn more about the necessary steps to pre-planning the burial process, burial options including options for cremated remains, and the Catholic burial rite. We kindly ask that you **RSVP** to this event to All Souls Cemetery – 10366 Chardon Rd., Chardon, Oh. **216-641-7575 ext. 4** or email bstrauchon@clecem.org.



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 LEO XIII "The Eucharist is source and pledge of blessedness and glory, not for the soul alone, but for the body also.... In the frail and perishable body that divine Host, which is the immortal body of Christ, implants a principle of resurrection, a seed of immortality, which one day must germinate," "



EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for the 11th Annual Euclid Life Teen Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, March 24. After the 11:00 am Mass, children can search for eggs, make Easter crafts, and take pictures with the Easter Bunny. Adults must accompany children at all times. Donations are accepted. Please go to our website for sign-up and photo release.

SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024 | 12:00 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT SRWEUCLID.CC/EASTER-EGG-HUNT

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Wednesday, February 28
7-9 pm



in Lyndhurst

" Today's Teens
with Erin Prokop

What can Gen Z
and Gen Alpha teach us?

@totcleeast

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



Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

New and Improved Lenten Fish Fry

February 14, 16, 23, • March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 [4:30 pm - 6:30 pm]

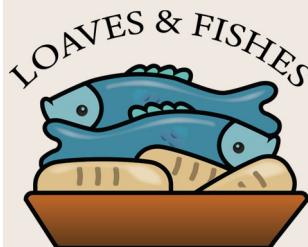


\$15

- Choose between:
- Baked batter dipped Alaskan Pollock
 - Baked Atlantic Cod
 - Breaded Shrimp
 - Lake Perch (\$18)
- All Meals include:
- Mac-n-Cheese
 - Cilantro-Lime Coleslaw
 - Dinner roll
 - Fries
 - Homemade Desserts

Add Clam chowder soup for \$2 and add Pierogies for \$3.
Take-out, and dine-in meals are available.

367 East 260th Street, Euclid OH 44132
Order online at: srweuclid.cc



FOOD PANTRY

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

An Informational and Kick-Off meeting will be held on Monday, February 26 for all who would like to consider volunteering in our new food pantry. This meeting will begin at 6 pm in the gym of St. John of the Cross Parish. A pizza and salad dinner will be served. Hear about the vision of this expanded ministry of both parishes. Tour our new temporary facility. Learn about the many opportunities available to assist in making this expanded ministry a success. Please RSVP to Anita at alinsky@srweuclid.cc if you plan to attend or, if unable to attend, express your interest.

FEED THE HUNGRY

The Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry is in need of canned meals (stew, chili, spaghetti) Donations can be placed in the collection box in Church's entrance.

Women's Fellowship

Sat., March 9, 2024

9-11 am in the All Saints Room
off of the gym

Alice Hinkel

Ministry to the Incarcerated



Bring your mug



Jesus came not to call the righteous, but sinners. Mark 2:17

SRW FISH FRY

\$2.00 OFF

Dine-in meals only. Valid for up to 4 people.
Coupon cannot be combined with any other offer
Expires 3/30/24

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SRW 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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info@srweuclid.cc www.srweuclid.cc



SJC Confessions on Saturday at 3:00 pm

140 Richmond Road, Euclid, OH 44143

216-289-0770 | sjceuclid.com

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

PARISH FINANCES



The SRW Collection: for February 18 was \$7,517.74
Loan Balance \$456,879.00

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 2/18/24.....was \$1,871.60

Maintenance 2/18/24.....was \$927.00

PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for... Eileen Baur, Brody Blazetic, Ken Brickman, Kenn Brickman, Robert Carney, Caesar Campanaro, Marianne Ellul, Parker Fine, Jim Gerity, Tom Golden, Ann Grossman, Jeanette Hocevar, Victoria Hodnik, Geraldine Hoffert, Kristina Hollingsworth, Patricia Johnston, Jela Katavic, Karen Long, Donna Lavdis, Dolly Luskin, 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, and Stansa Zitnik



Evelyn Adamczyk, Ernie Deme, Helen Herman, Douglas Hoageson, Patricia Kavulich, Nancy O'Toole, Rudy Perme, 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 families of Phil Beebe
and Alice Martincic 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.