

March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent



# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM

CATHOLIC PARISHES | DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND



# ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Dear Parishioners,

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope you have a wonderful day celebrating the day everyone is Irish. I myself am 25% Irish, though my Lebanese heritage comes out in my looks. We welcome all of the guests and visitors to Ss. Robert & William for Mass at 10:00 am. The Mass is planned by the Eastside Irish American Club and includes lots of awesome "bells and whistles" that make it so festive.

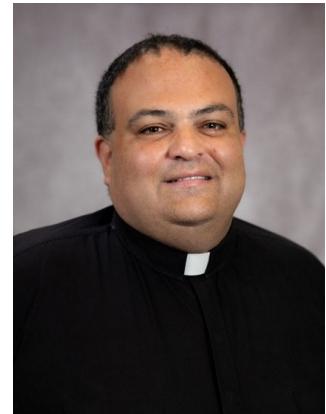
Our "temporary" food pantry is up and running, and we are overwhelmed by the generosity of so many. We have already seen a steady need and each week it seems to increase. Our St. Gianna Ministry which reaches out to pregnant women and/or women with newborns has begun to *Walk with Women in Need*. We are also working on our Easter Meal. In the past few years, we have prepared and given away over 350 Easter dinners. We give them out on Holy Saturday, so they have a meal to eat on Easter. One of the things we like to do is include a package of candy. While we want to promote health, it is also nice to have a little treat. So, if you'd like to donate some candy, just drop it off at the SRW Parish Office or bring it to church and leave it in the Vestibule/Gathering Space.

Next weekend is Palm Sunday. It is one of the top five most crowded Masses of the year. My theory is it is because we give away something. LOL! Seriously though it starts the most Sacred weeks of the year. I know I sound like a broken record, but we need to encourage our sisters and brothers in Christ who are not coming to church regularly to join us again. Too many times I hear people say, "Father, I caught it online." Let me be truly clear...watching the Mass online does not fulfill your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. The only exception is if you are ill, elderly, and the weather is not good, or you are caregiving for a loved one, and you are the only one who can care for them. We continue to LIVESTREAM for those very people. We want those who cannot attend because of serious reasons to be able to stay connected to their parish/faith community. God has Blessed us so abundantly and given us so much. He asks for one hour back, and in that hour back, He gives us His very self in the Scriptures and Eucharist. I really encourage you to invite your family and friends to attend Mass. Holy Week is a great time to bring people back! I invite you to come not out of fear or guilt but out of Love, Joy, and great Hope!

This Friday, do not miss the Fish Fry, Mass, and the Stations of the Cross, presented with music to help bring you into the great mystery and beauty of the Stations. Check out the bulletin for more details.

Make it a great week. See you in Church.

Peace,  
Fr. John



## SJC MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 18**

8:30 AM † Nancy Suhy (JB/TSP)

**Tuesday, March 19**

6:30 PM † Maria Alexander (JB)

**Wednesday, March 20**

8:30 AM † Paul Lammermeier (JL)

**Thursday, March 21**

6:30 PM † Ralph Plavac (JL/TS)

**Friday, March 22**

**9:00 AM Morning Prayer**

**Saturday, March 23**

4:00 PM † Victor Kmetich (JB/TSP)

**Sunday, March 24**

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

## **REPENT, RECONCILE, AND RENEW**

On Monday, March 25, the Women's Group will explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we "encounter the merciful heart of Jesus, to be washed clean by the power of redemptive grace, and to be invigorated with new life" (Benkovic, 2004, p.111). We will discuss the joys and fears of going to confession, scriptural references, aids to examine our conscience and more. The meeting will take place from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Sacred Heart Chapel at St. John of the Cross Church. Contact Nancy Powell at 216-401-3605 for any questions.



**NEW DAY:** We NOW meet the Third Tuesday of every month at 7PM, in the Sacred Heart room at St John of the Cross. March 19, April 16, May 21, etc.

Don't know how to crochet? No problem...we will teach you. Our meetings are open to crocheters and knitters who want to share their time and talents to spread the love and care of the Lord to those who need prayers and comfort.

**If you know of someone** who is ill or in need of healing in mind, body or spirit, please take them a prayer shawl to let them know that they are held in prayer by our community. Contact the Parish Office or Kathy (440-223-8825) or ksomich@hotmail.com.



## **ST. GIANNA BABY MINISTRY**

Our Baby Pantry is off to a great start. Thank you for your generosity!!

Due to space constraints however, we need to limit further donations to necessities such as diapers, wipes, toiletries and onesies. The pantry is shaping up and we hope to make your donations available to moms after Easter. We will continue to accept baby donations after Lent to replenish the pantry as moms' needs are met. Thank again for your generosity!



Over the past couple of weeks we have had a number of donations come in and the pantry is starting to shape up. Thank you all for your support! We are currently in need of peanut butter, jelly and rice. (The rice needs to be in small sized packages, 1 or 2 pounds.)



Weekly Rosary hikes - enjoy nature while praying the Rosary on weekly Rosary hikes at different parks in northeast Ohio. Usually held on Saturday or Sunday. If interested, please text or call Tom Wetzel at 440-667-1705 or email at [wetzelfam7@gmail.com](mailto:wetzelfam7@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](mailto:lukebrown@sacredheartcleveland.com).

**Community Meal** program offers free hot meals for both SRW and SJC at SRW. Meals are on the second and last Tuesdays of the month at 5:00 pm and 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, March 18**

11:30 AM † Bruno, Marianna, & Joseph Pitingolo (TK)

**Tuesday, March 19**

8:30 AM Living and Deceased members of the McKinley family (JB)

**Wednesday, March 20**

11:30 AM † Helen and Joseph Barber (JB)

**Thursday, March 21**

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

**Friday, March 22**

11:30 AM † Robert C. Luberger (JB)

7:00 PM † Dolores and Carl Bischof (TK)

**Saturday, March 23**

8:30 AM The Hronek Family (JB)

4:00 PM For the People of this Parish (TK)

**Sunday, March 24**

8:00 AM † Danny & Lydia Rydzinski (JB)

10:00 AM † Robert C Luberger (JB)

6:00 PM For the People of this Parish (TK)



## BRICK BY BRICK: HELPING KUDA BUILD

Throughout the rainy season, the planting season, and the harvest work on the health clinic never stopped. Progress has been slow but steady. The pace depends on many things, including our donations. Men and women and even children all play a role in the building of this clinic which they are all eagerly anticipating. We are told that the neighboring villages are jealous! By July the clinic was looking great, and by the end of August the block work was completed. The rafters were placed in November and the roofing sheets were installed by the end of December.



**LEAD ME TO THE CROSS**



**March 22nd  
After the  
7 pm Mass**

These Stations of the Cross are presented through musical selections encompassing both traditional and contemporary music helping us, in a deeper, unique, and spiritual way, to walk with Jesus on his journey to the cross.



**Ss. Robert & William Catholic School**  
Forming Saints and Scholars  
to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

## Now Hiring

### Head of School

Ss. Robert & William Catholic School (SRW) is seeking a Head of School for the 2024 – 2025 school year.

Find out more at  
[www.srwschool.cc/  
about-us/head-of-school](http://www.srwschool.cc/about-us/head-of-school)



**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**

## LUKE BROWN REFLECTIONS

(This week's reflection is by Nicole Melchi of Sacred Heart Counseling)

"Marriage is the call to give oneself to one's spouse as fully as Christ gave himself to the Church." (USCCB: Love & Life in the Divine Plan) We are nearing Christ's passion and Christ makes clear the purpose of the cross. He will soon experience torture, ridicule, humiliation, and betrayal. Despite his grave suffering, he chooses the way of the cross for us. Christ calls us to love others as he loves us. One significant way he does this is through the sacrament of marriage. What crosses must

we endure in our vocation to marriage, and how do we respond to them? Love is self-sacrificing and as St. Thomas

Aquinas so poignantly says, "love is to will the good of another." In marriage, there will be many crosses, and this is the sacrament at work. As a couple, we are to share in the cross together, grow in virtue, and suffer with Christ. This is the purpose of the sacrament to bring us closer in union with him. To turn to Christ in our vocation as a married couple, we must give ourselves completely to our spouse. In this, we

give up our autonomy, that which is uniquely ours, and choose to do so freely. "Unless the wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest." In marriage, we must die to ourselves as well as to this world. Our human brokenness is found in this life and world, neither of which we were made for. To die to self is to live for Christ, with Christ, and through Christ. Marriage is one of the many ways Christ calls us to serve him. It is easy to get caught up in focusing on our

spouse which is not other-oriented. What "we" find frustrating about our spouse, what "we" think about how they live, and what "we" need or want often can become our focal point. This is our human nature, however, Christ wants us to look to him, even in these little moments in marriage. Many times, it is the littlest of things where he calls us most often to practice our virtues in marriage. Accept his invitation to turn to him at such times. The opportunity to imitate Christ is present in the many struggles and difficulties that we find in

marriage. Christ draws us closer when we share our gratitude for the graces that he will bestow upon us when we surrender to his will through accepting our crosses. This is

where we find Christ and where a husband and wife are purified. It is here that we learn humility, patience, and the opportunity to choose love. Self-forgetful and self-sacrificing

love reveals itself when we embrace our crosses in marriage. Here we lay down our worldly lives, in faith, that we will one day be unified with him in eternal life.

## SRW LEGION OF MARY

The Legion of Mary invites their members, active and auxiliary to the Aces—the annual re-consecration of Legionaries to our blessed Mother. It will be held Sunday, March 24, at 2:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 2846 Hubbard Rd, Madison, Ohio. If you plan to attend or have questions, please call Carol 440-823-1204

## WITNESS JESUS' REAL PRESENCE

Our parish will be participating, with all the parishes in our Diocese, in 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. JOHN BOSCO

"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are."

## WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Join us for our next meeting on March 21 at 10AM when we will be discussing *The Long Loneliness: The Autobiography of the Legendary Catholic Social Activist*. *The Long Loneliness* tells of Dorothy's remarkable journey from the "Greenwich Village political and literary scene of the 1920s through her conversion to Catholicism and her lifelong struggle to help bring about "the kind of society where it is easier to be good." (Amazon.com). The WWMBD meets the third Wednesday of the month at 10:00AM in SRW Parish Office Building. Join us!

## SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

One of the Seven Sisters has had to step down from our prayer ministry due to a change in circumstances. We are looking for a lady who is willing to pray a Holy Hour on Mondays or Sundays for our pastor and his ministry to our parish. If you are willing to participate in this valuable ministry please contact Margaret Joyce at (216) 970-8762 or email at marga-ret.joyce@yahoo.com.

**Kaleidoscope Days**

at SS. Robert & William Catholic School



Take a peek in on a kindergarten classroom on Wednesday, March 20 from 9AM - 10 AM

Prospective kindergarten students and their parents are invited. Registration is required.

Contact the Admissions office at 216-731-3060, ext. 220 to register.  
351 E. 260th Street, Euclid / srwschool.cc



## EASTER HAM SALE

OUR EASTER HAM SALE IS BACK! SUPPORT THE YOUTH PROGRAM WHILE PLACING AN ORDER FOR YOUR EASTER MEAL. ALL ORDERS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY MARCH 20. PICK-UP WILL BE FROM 10-11 AM ON MARCH 30. ENJOY EASTER HAM, SAUSAGE, JERKY, AND MORE!

GO TO [SRWEUCLID.CC/HAM-SALE](http://SRWEUCLID.CC/HAM-SALE)



## EASTER EGG HUNT



SUNDAY MARCH 24, 2024 | 12:00 PM

REGISTER ONLINE AT [SRWEUCLID.CC/EASTER-EGG-HUNT](http://SRWEUCLID.CC/EASTER-EGG-HUNT)



**FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH  
STARTING AT 7 PM**



Don't miss this moving and powerful depiction of the Stations of the Cross from our Life Teen youth group.

## HOLY WEEK Schedule



Palm Sunday, March 24

Vigil Mass SRW & SJC 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses SRW 8:00 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
SJC 9:30 am

Tenebrae Wednesday, March 27

Service of Lights 8:00 pm at Ss. Robert & William

Holy Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper SRW & SJC 7:00 pm  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm  
at SJC and SRW (Ursuline Chapel)

Good Friday, March 29

Stations of the Cross SRW & SJC 12:00 noon

Passion Service SRW & SJC 3:00 pm

Living Stations SRW 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday, March 30

Blessing of the Easter Food SRW & SJC 1:00 pm  
Easter Vigil SRW & SJC 8:00 pm  
(No 4:00 pm Mass on this day)

Easter Sunday, March 31

Masses SRW 8:00 am & 11:00 am  
(No 6:00 pm Mass on this day)  
SJC 9:30 am



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](http://srweuclid.cc)



**SRW FISH FRY**

**\$2.00 OFF**

Dine-in meals only. Valid for up to 4 people.  
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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

367 E. 260th Street Euclid, OH 44132

216.731.1515 216.731.0300 (Fax)

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 March 10 was \$5,971.50  
Loan Balance \$444,742.00  
Faith Direct first half was \$13,814.50

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 3/10/24.....was \$1,876.50

Maintenance 3/10/24.....was \$675.00

Faith Direct First Half was \$5,330.00

Maintenance was \$636.00

## PRAYERS NEEDED



Please pray for... 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, Vera Baka, 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 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.