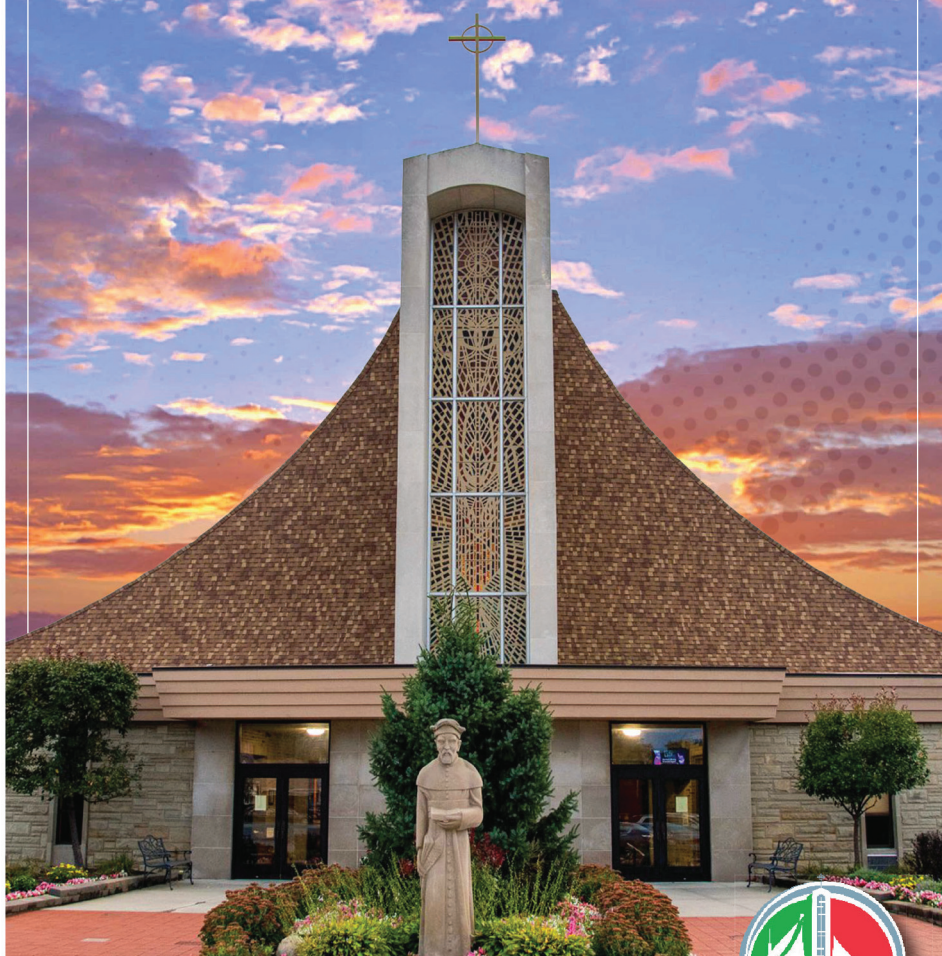


# SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC PARISH

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

2020 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY



367 E 260th St., Euclid, OH 44312  
[www.srweuclid.cc](http://www.srweuclid.cc)



# STAFF

Fr. John D. Betters  
Pastor

fjb@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 228

Fr. Thomas P. Kowatch  
Parochial Vicar

frkowatch@srweuclid.cc  
Ext. 229

Mrs. Renee Dzuroff  
Business Manager

rdzuroff@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 262

Ms. Renee Barber  
Pastoral Associate

Rbarber@srweuclid.cc  
Ext. 261

Ms. Meg Cosgriff  
Co-Principal

mcosgriff@srwschool.cc  
ext. 243

Mr. Pat Fink  
Director of Facilities

pfink@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 291

Mr. Luke Brown  
Wellness Minister

lbrown@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 235

Mrs. Martha Dodd  
Co-Principal

mdodd@srwschool.cc  
ext. 231

Mr. Bob Perusek  
Director of Liturgy

bperusek@srweuclid.cc

Mr. Nate Raddell

Director of  
Communications

nraddell@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 280

Mrs. Gail Monroe

Pastoral Associate/Director  
of Religious Education

gmonroe@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 248

Mr. Bill Olson

Youth /Young Adult  
Minister

bolson@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 246

Mr. Kyle Lorek

Director of Music

klorek@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 241

Mrs. Anita Linsky

Office Manager

alinsky@srweuclid.cc  
ext. 221

## THE PARISH WEBSITES

WWW.SRWEUCLID.CC AND WWW.SRWSCHOOL.CC ARE  
THE BEST PLACES TO GO TO FIND PARISH AND SCHOOL  
INFORMATION, AS WELL AS UPCOMING EVENTS. THE WEEKLY  
BULLETIN IS ALSO A VERY USEFUL RESOURCE.



## **About our Parish Logo**

The logo is a circular seal representing unity, oneness, and infinity, no beginning, no end: just like God our Father. If you look closely, the circle border is actually made up of two curved shapes that have come together to form a UNITED CIRCLE!

The top portion is a graphic representation of the outside of the church. The cross, the focus of our Faith, stands above the circle and everything else is under it, just as we are all under and pay reverence to Jesus and what He has done for us on that cross.

Since both St. Robert and St. William were from Italy, the colors of the Italian flag, green, white, and red, were used for the background.

The LOWER LEFT section of the logo represents St. Robert Bellarmine. He wrote volumes of books defending the Faith. We represent him by the letters “St. R” and a book, to signify that he was an educator, teacher, and author.  
The circle shape around the book is the halo of a saint.

The LOWER RIGHT section of the logo represents St. William of Vercelli. He had a penitential spirit and contemplated God in solitude. He founded monasteries and spent time in deep meditation. The pope saw St. William as “a prodigious flame” whose brilliance, through his example of singular virtue and adherence to genuine doctrine, led Christians back to the purity of biblical teachings. His symbol is a single flame. The flame also has the circular halo of a saint around it, and his initials, “St. W”, are included.

“2010” brings the two saints together and is the year of the merging of the two parish communities to found one new one, Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish.

# FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. JOHN D. BETTERS



This is our command from Jesus. We are to spread the Good News, which is the person and message of Jesus. Christ taught us how to carry out this command; by giving us the example of His own life.

He preached, taught, fed the people, cured their illnesses, comforted them, prayed for them, blessed them, rejoiced with them, mourned with them, and was with them in all the many stories related to us by the Gospels, finally suffering and dying for all of us and rising to a new life which He promised could be ours.

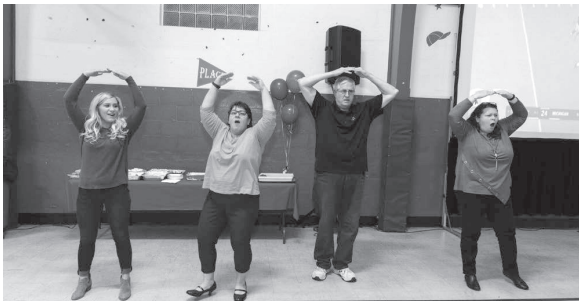
The Acts of the Apostles and the letters of St. Paul describe how Jesus' followers carried out this command and brought

Christ to the world through prayer, preaching, teaching, caring for the poor, building communities, and supporting one another. Our parish carries on this task as we attempt to fulfill the Lord's command. Like our Lord and His early followers, we too must pray, preach, teach, cure, feed, comfort, mourn, and rejoice.

This booklet lists the discipleship activities available at our parish. With the Eucharist and other Sacraments as the center of our community, we provide ministries and sponsor programs and organizations to fulfill Jesus' mandate. We hope this booklet is useful for you in two ways. First, all of these ministries are available to you or to someone you know who may be in need of these services. Second, they are listed for you to reflect upon prayerfully and perhaps discover where you might use your gifts to volunteer and help us carry out the Church's mission as well as your own. Feel free to contact me or any staff member to assist you in discovering the most appropriate place to use your gifts and talents.

See you in church!







ORLANDO-DONSANTE-PREVITE  
FUNERAL HOME

# CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

29550 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, OH 44092 - Tel: (440) 943-2466

[www.OrlandoDonsantePreviteFH.com](http://www.OrlandoDonsantePreviteFH.com)



## THE LYCEUM

*Classical Catholic Curriculum*  
*Socratic Method*  
*The Great Books*

[thelyceum.org](http://thelyceum.org)  
(216) 707-1121



## BAPTISMS

Baptism for infants and young children occur before, during, or after any of the weekend Masses. Call the parish office to make arrangements for Baptism.



## FIRST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST



Required preparation of second graders for these Sacraments begins in September. First Reconciliation is usually received in December and First Eucharist is usually received in May.

## CONFIRMATION

Ordinarily eighth graders receive Confirmation and preparation is required. Confirmation is usually received in the spring. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

Adults desiring Confirmation should call the parish office.



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK & COMMUNION TO THE SICK/HOSPITALIZED

These Sacraments are available at any time. Please call the Parish Office to arrange to receive them.



# SACRAMENTAL GUIDELINES



## MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office at least six months in advance. Engaged couples are expected to be registered at the parish and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Pre-marital preparation is required. The priest preparing you will discuss the details of preparation.

### Annulment

Anyone in need of an annulment should call a parish priest to begin the process.



## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA)



Any adult or child (eight years and older) interested in becoming Catholic should contact the parish office to learn about the September to May R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) preparation process.

## FUNERALS

In the event of a death, the funeral director will contact the parish office to coordinate the funeral arrangements. Family members are encouraged to meet with one of the parish priests to plan the funeral liturgy.

## HOLY ORDERS/VOWED RELIGIOUS LIFE

If you or someone you know may be interested in priesthood, diaconate, or vowed religious life, please contact Fr. John or Fr. Thom.



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

In the spirit of charity and justice, the parish community provides assistance to those in need. The beneficiaries of this ministry include members of the parish and others in the Euclid community.

## The Advent Giving Tree

*“One gives freely, yet grows all the richer;  
another withholds what he should give, and  
only suffers want.”*

—Proverbs 11:24–25

The Advent Giving Tree provides parishioners an opportunity to provide gifts to those in the community who experience difficulties during the Christmas Season. The Advent gift-giving program seeks to ensure a merry Christmas.

## Bereavement

*“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall  
be comforted.”*

—Matthew 5:4

Adults who are grieving because of the death of a loved one can participate in one of the two bereavement series that are offered. These series occur in the spring and autumn. In addition, there are support groups who meet monthly at various times. A parish staff member facilitates the series and assists with the support groups. All bereaved are welcome in all the groups. Included also in the bereavement efforts of the parish are regular mailings to those who suffer a loss through death. All bereaved are encouraged to call the parish office for further information or to have a conversation with a staff member.

## Caregivers

*“But if a widow has children or  
grandchildren, these should learn first of all  
to put their religion into practice by caring  
for their own family and so repaying their  
parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing  
to God.”*

—1 Timothy 5:4

Our Caregivers Group provides monthly support, fellowship, and formation to caregivers, who often have a challenging time caring for loved ones while also keeping themselves healthy in body, mind, and spirit. Caregivers is an opportunity to relax, pray, share experiences, and learn ways to make your life just a little bit easier!

## The Community Meal

*“And whoever gives one of these little ones  
even a cup of cold water because he is a dis-  
ciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means  
lose his reward.”*

—Matthew 10:42

The Community Meal is held on the last Tuesday of each month. This free hot meal is open to all in the community to come enjoy good hospitality, a nutritious meal and fellowship. Participants are offered food staples following the meal.

## Healing Prayer

*“... Do not be afraid, just have faith.”*

—Mark 5:26

The Healing Prayer Ministry is a group which gathers together on the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm in the church to pray for those who come in need of healing.



[vasj.com/admissions](http://vasj.com/admissions)



Villa Angela-St. Joseph  
HIGH SCHOOL

**WHERE  
FRIENDS  
BECOME  
FAMILY**



Interdenominational – faith based program • Established in 1956  
Held at Tar Hollow State Park Resident Camp the first full week of August  
Coed camp for incoming 6th graders to current year high school grads  
All inclusive affordable registration fee with discounts available  
[www.sfacamp.org](http://www.sfacamp.org)



**Can't be explained ~ only experienced**

## PARISH BENEFACTORS

### **Action Carstar Auto Body & Frame**

Auto Collision Repair - Nationwide

Warranties - Free Estimates

24/7 Accident Assistance

21200 St. Clair Ave., Euclid

(216) 486-6161 [www.carstar.com](http://www.carstar.com)

## **Holy Communion to Sick and Homebound, Nursing Facility Visitors, and Hospital Visitors**

*“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”*

—Matthew 7:12

This is a ministry in which our Lord, in Holy

Communion, is brought to those who, because of illness, age, or chronic disabilities are homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing facility. Any parishioner who is either temporarily or permanently homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing facility may call the parish office for this service. Parishioners wishing to bring Holy Communion to the sick should call the parish office to inquire about training and commissioning.

## **The Pantry**

*“Whoever closes his ear to the cry of the poor will himself call out and not be answered.”*

—Proverbs 21:13

The Pantry is the parish’s food bank.

A monthly food drive is held to collect food staples, paper products, soaps and toiletries. These items are available to those who express to the Outreach office their need for food assistance.

## **Parish Ambassadors**

*“God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people...”*

—Hebrews 6:10

The Catholic Relief Services’ Parish Ambassador Corps is a national community of

Catholics who are passionate about global solidarity. Recognizing the Gospel call to be missionary disciples, Parish Ambassadors help their fellow parishioners put their faith into action by responding to the needs of our global family. Ambassadors educate and mobilize their parish communities when a global emergency occurs, and they provide leadership for CRS Rice Bowl and two other CRS global solidarity initiatives a year.

## **Parish Gardens**

*“And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.”*

—Genesis 2:8

Much of the landscaping on the parish grounds is done by volunteers, from designing, to planting, to maintaining. Volunteers are needed to help in all areas. Usually a person, family, or group of parishioners “adopts” a particular area and takes care of it.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand...”*

—Isaiah 41:10

The Prayer Shawl Ministry combines the love of knitting and crocheting with compassion for those in need of comfort and healing. The shawl maker prays for whoever is to receive the shawl. All of our shawls receive a final blessing by the group. Shawl makers meet once a month (see bulletin for dates), but they can also be involved from home. In the words of Jane Bristow who began this ministry, “[Shawls] wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace...[and] shelter. Those who have received these shawls have been uplifted and affirmed, as if given wings to fly above their troubles.” Contributions for yarn are also greatly appreciated. If you would like to request a prayer shawl for a member of your family or a friend, please call the parish office.

# CELEBRATING MINISTRIES

The Celebrating Ministries call the parish to be a worshipping community centered in the mystery of the Risen Christ. They encourage all parishioners to be committed to growing through participation in ministries and activities.

## Acolytes

*“...Whatever you do, do from the heart...”*

—Colossians 3:23

Adult men and women assist as servers at all funerals and weekday Masses. They may also function at other liturgical celebrations. Altar servers from the fifth grade through high school assist at weekend Masses, as well as at other liturgical celebrations.

## Adult Choir

*“I will sing to the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God while I live.”*

—Psalm 104:33

This is a SATB (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) choir that sings sacred choral music, including a wide variety of styles. Rehearsals are held weekly. The choir members are music ministers at one liturgy per weekend, on a rotating schedule.



## Cantors

*“Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; announce his salvation day after day.”*

—Psalm 96:1

Cantors are singers who have the vocal ability and leadership presence to lead the congregation in prayerful song at weekend liturgies and other special celebrations.

## Funeral Greeters

*“That you may welcome her in the Lord in a way worthy of the saints, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a patron of many and of myself as well.”*

—Romans 16:2

Men and women volunteers serve as greeters and ushers at all funerals. This ministry gives the bereaved the consolation that someone from the parish will greet them and offer assistance to the mourners.

## Handbell Choir

*“A Psalm of praise. Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.”*

—Psalm 100:1

The Handbell choir enhances the parish's liturgical celebrations. Each bell is one note and members need to be able to handle two notes. No previous training is necessary.

## Hospitality Ministry

*“Do not neglect hospitality for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.”*

—Hebrews 13:12

Hospitality ministers greet and assist people attending any church services. They especially help churchgoers with special needs. Hospitality ministers also are responsible for the coordination of the offertory gifts as well as the offertory collection and its safekeeping. At the weekend Masses, hospitality ministers distribute the bulletins.

## Lectors

*“To whomever I send you, you shall go; whatever I command you, you shall speak.”*

—Jeremiah 1:7

Men and women of the parish who are fourteen years or older and who have good speaking ability are commissioned to proclaim the Word of God at Mass.

## LIFETEEN Band

*Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.*

—Psalms 105:2

Our LIFETEEN Band is a contemporary music group that sings and plays at the 6:00 pm Mass every Sunday. We rehearse an hour prior to the Mass. If you play a musical instrument or enjoy singing Contemporary Catholic music, this is the ensemble for you!

## Liturgical Coordinators

*“I was glad when they said unto me; let us go into the house of the LORD.”*

—Psalm 122:1

Parishioners facilitate the liturgical celebrations by preparing the vessels, assigning ministers, and filling needs “behind the scenes” at weekend and Holy Day Masses.

## Men’s Group

*“Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.”*

—Proverbs 27:17

Men’s group meets on Saturday mornings for faith sharing, companionship and prayer. Join us and bring a friend! This fellowship is meant for men of all ages.

## Mom’s Group

*“And Mary said: My soul glorifies the Lord”*

—Luke 1:46

Moms After Mass meets every Tuesday morning after the School Mass. The purpose of Moms After Mass is to allow our school and parishioner parents to spend time in faith sharing, faith formation and community. Children not in school are welcome to join us. There are plenty of toys to play with and a babysitter is there to watch them so that the Moms can fill their spiritual needs.



## Perpetual Adoration

*“Can you not watch one hour with Me?”*  
—Matthew 26:40

Members of Perpetual Adoration make a commitment to spend a specific hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament so that Jesus is praised and honored 24 hours a day, seven days per week. Except for Sunday Mass times, the Adoration Chapel is always open for individuals to spend time with our Lord in prayer and meditation. There is a security system from the hours of 6 pm to 6 am. Please consult the parish office for more details.

## Pope Francis Contemporary Ensemble

*My lips will shout for joy when I sing  
praise to you...*  
—Psalm 71:23

The Pope Francis Contemporary Ensemble is our contemporary singing group. This ensemble sings at the 11:00 am Mass each Sunday and rehearses forty-five minutes prior to the Mass. They also sing at the annual Epiphany Anniversary Concert. This ensemble is for those with experience in Contemporary Catholic music.

## Resurrection Choir

*“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.”*  
—Psalm 23

The Resurrection Choir is a choral ensemble which leads the congregation in prayerful song at funeral liturgies, memorial services, and other bereavements liturgies. Members need to be available on short notice to be present for these funerals.

## Small Church Communities

*“For where two or three gather in my  
name, there am I with them.”*  
—Matthew 18:20

The Small Church Communities are groups of four to twelve people who gather together on a regular basis to share their faith and bring it to a living presence in their lives. These small groups meet either in a home setting of one of the members of the group or in a meeting room at the Church. Most groups meet bi-weekly or monthly, at a frequency and time determined by each individual group. During our meetings we pray together, read the scriptures, and apply the scripture to daily living. The members of the groups can bond together and become “church” for one another. Members are from any walk of life who want to share their faith and deepen their spirituality. We are able to form friendships with others that we can trust. We are supported during times of trial, as well as joy. If you would like to develop your relationship with God, bringing faith into your daily life with the support of a small group, the Small Church Communities could help achieve these objectives. New members are always welcome — just call the office with the day and time you would like to meet, i.e., day of week, afternoon or evening. Or let us know if you would like to be part of the formation of a new group.

## Spiritual Life Committee

*“Peter said to him: ‘Lord, you know everything. You know well that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.”*

—John 21:17

The Spiritual Life Committee provides parishioners with spiritual activities. The committee plans and facilitates retreats, missions, evening prayer, and reflection evenings.

## St. Cecilia Singers

*“Sing praise to the Lord for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth.”*

—Isaiah 12:5

The children’s choir, St. Cecilia Singers, is for children between the ages of six and seventeen. This choir sings at one Mass a month and rehearses forty-five minutes prior to the Mass. They also sing at the annual Epiphany Anniversary Concert. Development includes vocal skills and part-singing.

## Women’s Fellowship

*“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord shall be praised.”*

—Proverbs 31:30

Women’s Fellowship meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month for faith sharing, companionship, and prayer. Join us and bring a friend! This fellowship is meant for women of all ages.



# ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

---

## Education Endowment Committee

*“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.”*

—Psalm 127:3

Members of this committee assist the pastor in the promotion and management of the Ss. Robert and William Educational Endowment. The endowment aims to ensure continued funding for the Catholic education of our young people.

## Finance Council

*“God himself will provide you with everything you need, according to his riches, and show you his generosity in Christ Jesus.”*

—Philippians 4:19

As required by the code of Canon Law (Church Law), the Finance Council is consultative to the pastor in financial matters, prepares the annual budget, and helps to ensure that the parish is a good steward of the available resources.

## Parish Council

*“...and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord...”*

—1 Corinthians 12:5

The purpose of the council is to promote the growth of the parish community and to plan ways for the parish to carry out the mission of the Church. It serves as a consultative body to the pastor on major matters concerning the life of the parish and supports the work of other committees.

## Summer Festival

*“This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

—Psalm 118:24

The parish Summer Festival is the major fundraiser for the parish; it is held in mid-August. It is a major undertaking of the parish and involves hundreds of volunteers. There are many opportunities to help: core planning, set-up and clean-up, food preparation and all games. The Festival is a wonderful opportunity to bring the greater community together to see old friends and meet new ones. The Core Committee works to coordinate all aspects of the four-day event.



# EVANGELIZATION MINISTRIES

## Legion of Mary

*“Where two or more gather in my name,  
I stand in their midst.”*

—Matthew 18:20

The Legion of Mary promotes devotion to the Blessed Mother and the Rosary and performs apostolic work. Active members (men and women) meet weekly for prayer and to share experiences in the apostolate. Work includes home visitation, jail ministry, hospital, hospice and nursing home visitation, outreach to non-practicing Catholics, and promotion of Enthronement to the Sacred Heart. Auxiliary members support the work of the Legion by their daily prayer.

## Evangelization Committee

*“As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.”*

—Matthew 9:9

The Evangelization Committee utilizes various evangelization programs that are designed to welcome back Catholics who have been away from the Church for any reason. Parishioners are trained to facilitate the programs. This committee also plans opportunities to share faith with our non-Catholic brothers and sisters.

## RCIA

*“Everyone who calls out to the Lord for help will be saved. But how can they call to him for help if they have not believed? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?”*

—Romans 10:13

RCIA stands for Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. This program prepares adults to become full members of the church. Sessions are held to explain Catholic life and teaching. The steps in the rite are celebrated at various Sunday Masses, culminating at the Easter Vigil with full reception or Baptism into the Church. By faith sharing, prayer and encouragement, members of the RCIA team help to prepare those who will enter the Church. Un-baptized persons, baptized persons of other Christian faiths and baptized Catholics who have not been confirmed, made their First Communion or who have never had religious instruction are invited to become RCIA candidates.

# FAITH FORMATION (EDUCATION) MINISTRIES

## Adult Education

*“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord.”*

—2 Corinthians 4:5

Adult Education provides opportunities for growth in understanding of the faith through educational and formational opportunities for those 18 to 100 plus years old! Opportunities include adult education series on various topics in Theology and Scripture Studies. These opportunities vary in format and range from lectures, videos, field trips, to book groups and conversations. They are held on different days and at different times and are generally facilitated by the priests and staff of the parish. Watch the bulletin or check out the parish website for dates, times, and topics.

## Children’s Liturgy of the Word

*“The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he said to me: Get up and go out into the plain, where I will speak with you.”*

—Ezekiel 3:22

After the opening prayer, children in grades one to four who attend the 11:00 am Sunday Mass are invited after the opening prayer to come to the front of the church. Together with adult facilitators, they join other children for their own readings, responses, and prayers. The children return to the main church after the homily or the creed.

## First Reconciliation Preparation

*“... and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.”*

—Matthew 6:12

Preparation for Reconciliation provides both theological as well as practical instruction on the mechanics behind participation in this Sacrament for those who are receiving it for the first time. The program includes working with families, as they play a key role in the preparation of their children. The process stresses the warmth and tenderness of God’s love and mercy extended to each of us in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.





## First Communion Preparation

*“I am the living bread come down from heaven: if any man eats of this bread, he shall live forever.”*

—John 6:51

Preparation for First Communion provides both theological as well as practical instruction for those receiving First Eucharist. This program helps the families to understand the part that they play in preparing their children to receive this Sacrament. This preparation also emphasizes that in the Eucharist, Jesus gives us the gift of Himself. In receiving the Eucharist, we strengthen our unity with each other as well as with our God.

## Confirmation Preparation

*“When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven...”*

—Acts 2:1-2

Confirmation preparation begins when one is in the seventh grade. Preparation for the Sacrament is facilitated by the parish youth minister and is open to students in Ss. Robert and William Catholic School and PSR. It starts in September and includes monthly meetings until the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation which is usually in May. Anyone who is older than eighth grade is prepared privately by one of the parish priests or staff members. They would be confirmed at the yearly parish celebration in May or at the cathedral on Pentecost.

**Day School**  
**Ss. Robert and William Catholic School, [www.srwschool.cc](http://www.srwschool.cc)**

*“Children let us love not only word or speech but in deed truth.”*

—John 3:18

In partnership with St. John of the Cross Parish, our parish school exists to provide an environment for teaching and learning based on Catholic values and the traditions of Catholic education. Our elementary school educates students in grades K-8. Our Guardian Angels Early Learning Center (GAELC) provides Academic Programs and child care for children aged 6-weeks to 5 years old. The school welcomes children of parishioners, other Catholic students, and students of other faiths. Consult the school office for information on tuition and tuition assistance programs.

**EDGE**

*“When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.”*

—I Corinthians 13:11

Edge is for youth in grades 6-8 and are on the “edge” between childhood and adulthood. In the context of faith, these youth are moving from a childlike spirituality to an independent ownership of their Catholic faith. Through weekly activities, Edge seeks to assist with that.

**LIFE TEEN**

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you. “Ah, Lord God!” I said. “I know not how to speak; I am too young.” But the Lord answered me, “Say not, ‘I am too young.’ To whomever I send you, you shall go; Whatever I command you, you shall speak.”*

—Jeremiah 1:5-7

LIFETEEN is our parish youth ministry program with the mission of leading all teens closer to Christ through the celebration of the Eucharist, the teachings of Christ and His Church, and through the feeling of being loved and accepted. LIFETEEN consists of the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday evenings (open to the parish) followed by a LIFE Night. The LIFE Night is a social, inspirational, educational, and spiritual gathering. The LIFETEEN program includes two retreats per year, service projects, several outings (including the Fest, etc.) and additional opportunities for enrichment (including leadership seminars, prayer groups, exalt (XLT) and WORD OUT prayer opportunity).

## **Parent Association (Day School)**

*“When you were a small child, you were taught the Holy Scriptures; and it is these that make you wise to accept God’s salvation by trusting in Jesus Christ.”*

—I Timothy 2:3-15

Our mission is to advance the welfare of our children through a coordinated effort between parents and staff. This group provides steady communication between school and home. It promotes a clear understanding of mutual responsibility of both parents and teachers and allows for interaction between both. Membership is free to any parent or guardian of our parish school students.

## **Parish School of Religion (PSR)**

*“And how can they believe if they have not heard the message? And how can they hear if the message is not proclaimed?”*

—Romans 10:14

PSR stands for Parish School of Religion. This program provides religious education and Sacramental preparation for students in preschool and elementary school who attend non-Catholic schools. The parish staff and catechists work with the families of these children to provide the opportunity for the children to grow spiritually, to understand their faith, and to develop their personal relationship with Christ. They meet on Sunday mornings (September-May). The catechists are parishioners who volunteer to teach. Experience is great but training and support are offered to those without experience.

## **Pre-Cana**

*“...faith, hope and love... but the greatest of these is love.”*

—I Corinthians 13:13

Married couples provide an all-day marriage preparation program for engaged couples. The team meets for several months before the actual retreat which is held annually. This retreat fulfills the diocesan marriage requirement. This ministry is done with St. John of the Cross Parish.

## **Post-Cana**

*“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

—I Corinthians 3:14

This ministry seeks to support Catholic Marriage. It includes Couple’s Night Out, which is a quarterly program planned to assist married couples in sustaining and growing in their marital relationship. Open to all married couples, the program offers couples a “night out” with each other. Each evening includes a speaker and a social gathering allowing fellowship with other couples.

## PARTICIPATING MINISTRIES

The Participating Ministries recognize and celebrate the giftedness of people and their baptismal call to participate in the life of the parish; thus, they are dedicated to the ongoing development and renewal of parish life.

### **CommUnity on 175**

*“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*

—Psalm 118: 24

This group was formed to create social opportunities for parishioners 40 and over for both singles and couples. After work parties, a Captains baseball game, a wine tasting and a night in downtown Willoughby are some of the events that have gotten CommUnity on 175 off the ground.

### **Boosters (CYO Sports)**

*“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth.”*

—Ecclesiastes 12:1

The Ss. Robert and William Booster Club administers the athletic programs for all of the parish children. This club organizes the teams, appoints the coaches, and collects the fees for participation in volleyball, cross country, football, basketball, and track. The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) is the diocesan umbrella whose guidelines govern the Booster Club. The club also has its own by-laws. Members in the club are encouraged to help coordinate the programs. Annual volleyball and basketball tournaments are a major focus. The club meets monthly.

### **Colloquy**

*“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.”*

—1 Timothy 4:12

A ‘colloquy’ is a religious discussion as well as a dialogue with the Trinity. Colloquy leads young adults (ages 18-39) into both. We are a community of young people who meet monthly to share a drink and discussion on a relevant cultural topic in light of our Catholic faith. Colloquy meets once a month. Join the Facebook group “Colloquy” for more details.

### **Knights of Columbus**

*“Then He said to His disciples, ‘the harvest is abundant but the laborers are few.’”*

—Matthew 9:37

The Knights of Columbus advance the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men, ages, 18 and older. The Knights are a fraternal organization which promotes the work of the Church. Locally, councils of Knights raise funds for parishes and seminaries, and supports

special education and other Church related programs. Knights meet regularly and also host events such as dinners, raffles, and other projects.

### **Hospitality Committee**

*“As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!” “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “You are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”*

—Luke 10: 38-42

This committee stands ready to assist with parish-wide celebrations and events as it relates to hospitality. This includes hellos and farewells, commemorations and socials, and any other gathering that requires a little extra something. It includes event planning, purchasing, setting up, baking, serving, and cleaning up.

### **Seniors’ Group**

*“So with old age is wisdom, and with length of days understanding.”*

—Psalm 71:18

Seniors’ Group provides opportunities for the older adults of the parish to gather, grow, and give! They gather on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:00 pm in the All Saints Room of the school. They grow in knowledge while listening to great speakers. Each month our seniors bring in items that will benefit services in our community. The December meeting is a Christmas celebration and we finish off the year with an annual picnic. Copies of Thrive, our booklet of scheduled events, are available at the parish office. To receive an electronic or hard-copy of our monthly newsletter, call the parish office.

### **SRW Families**

*“Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it...”*

—Proverbs 22:6

SRW Families is a group that meets bi-monthly for a spiritual activity such as Mass, Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Prayer, and for a time of food and fun to socialize with other families in the parish and surrounding community. It is great for Moms, Dads, and children to come together and share experiences with their parish family.

Call the parish office for more information.



## Stewardship of Treasure

*“No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God, has bestowed on you.”*

—Deuteronomy 16:16-17

Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish relies on the goodness of our parishioners and friends. Stewardship of Treasure is a part of the Catholic way of life and should be embraced by each and every Catholic according to their means.



Faith Direct provides our families with the ability to give to our parish via electronic donations, specifically for the weekly offertory. This is a way of giving that saves time, money and resources. Electronic giving helps bring consistency to our parish by allowing families to give as they wish, even when they are out of town or unable to attend Mass. You can visit the Faith Direct website at [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) for more information or to securely enroll. Our parish code is OH298.

### Some thoughts on Giving

Locked into your stocks? Consider the advantages of donating stocks and securities. When you donate stocks or securities to Ss. Robert and William, you ease your tax burden in two ways.

1. You can deduct the market value of the donated stock from your taxable income.
2. Neither you nor Ss. Robert and William will owe capital gains on the appreciation.

### Donations of Cash and Securities

Donations of Insurance Policies, Stocks & bonds, IRA/Retirement Plan, & Real Estate can be designated as:

\* Unrestricted Funds — this type of fund is used at the direction of the pastor and staff.

\* Restricted Funds — this type of fund allows parishioners to direct their donations to a ministry of their choice.

*Some of the specific ministries you may wish to support are:*

### **Outreach Ministry**

The purpose of the Parish Outreach ministry is to minister to the temporal needs of the parishioners and people who live in Ss. Robert and William parish boundaries as established by the Diocese of Cleveland. The monies are used to assist with food, shelter, transportation, schooling, utilities, and so forth. The majority of the assistance is short-term in nature.

### **LIFETEEN Youth Ministry**

The purpose of LIFETEEN Youth Ministry is to help bring teens closer to Christ. We encourage teens to come to Sunday Mass at 6 pm, followed by an evening of faith formation, fellowship and Christian community. We also offer retreats, service projects, the annual March for life in Washington DC, and more.

### **Alumni of St. Robert Bellarmine School Alumni of St. William School Alumni of St. John of the Cross Alumni of Ss. Robert & William Catholic School**

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is steeped in the rich tradition of St. Robert Bellarmine School, St. William School, and St. John of the Cross School. We are now located at the former St. William School. All three schools were, and now Ss. Robert and William Catholic School is, strong in academics, Catholic identity, family, and friends. We are seeking to create an alumni database to keep you up-to-date and connect you with old friends and teachers. IF YOU ARE AN ALUM, please call the School Office at 216.731.3060 or visit [www.srwschool.cc](http://www.srwschool.cc) to sign up as an alumni. We would love to hear from you.

### ***Do you ever have trouble finding just the right gift?***

Never seem to know what to give your mother, father, spouse, or best friend to mark a special occasion? The next time you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, wedding, baptism, or another notable occasion, consider making a gift in their honor to Ss. Robert and William Parish and/or School. At the time of your death or the death of a loved one, designating gifts “in memory of” or “in lieu of flowers” enables you to remember a departed loved one or friend in a special way. At the same time, your gift provides financial support for the ministry or program of interest to you or the person memorialized.

# **SS. ROBERT AND WILLIAM CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish is blessed with a wonderful Catholic School that has a rich history of forming great Catholic disciples. It represents the strong traditions of St. Robert School, St. John of the Cross School, and St. William School. For over sixty years, these parish communities have worked to ensure that young people receive good, quality, Catholic Education.

## **Endowment**

Our School has over 490 students (6-weeks old through Grade 8) and a very dedicated staff of people that serve our students. We have an Endowment that offers tuition assistance to families. This Endowment is managed by an Endowment Board and yearly gives out over \$20,000 in scholarships and direct Financial Aid. The Endowment currently has just under \$500,000 in it. If you would like to make a donation to the Endowment or receive more information about leaving the Endowment in your will please contact Meg Cosgriff at [mcosgriff@srwschool.cc](mailto:mcosgriff@srwschool.cc).

## **ANGELS**

In addition to the Endowment, we have a program that offers emergency assistance to families who find themselves in unique situations with their tuition payments. This fund is used to offer tuition assistance to a few students depending upon the severity of need. This fund is available so that, in the face of tragedy or crisis, children would not have to change schools amidst other extenuating circumstances, giving them stability. The program is called ANGELS and it gives parishioners the opportunity to be an “angel” to a student and his or her family. The scriptures tell us when we help those in need, many times we assist the Angels without even knowing it. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the ANGELS program. Every donation helps. Whether it is supporting a student for a day, a week, a semester, or a year, all is appreciated and welcomed.

## **Service by Catholic Charities**

Help and Services in many areas which are beyond the capabilities of any one parish are available through Diocesan Catholic Charities. A sampling follows. Please contact the diocese for further information: 216.696.HELP (4357) or 216.696.6525

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| * Aged, Infirm and disabled | * Housing                  |
| * Catholic Action Groups    | * Marriage and Family Life |
| * Counseling                | * Mental Illness Services  |
| * Divorced and Separated    | * Older Adults             |
| * Emergency Assistance      | * Retreat Houses           |
| * Hispanic Center           |                            |

This Discipleship Book has been published for the convenience and use of Ss. Robert and William parishioners and friends. We realize that there may be mistakes and even failure to recognize a particular group, organization, or person. In advance, we apologize.

We ask that you advise the parish office in writing of any changes or omissions in this Discipleship Book as soon as possible. Keep the parish office informed of any changes that may occur during the year. This will enable us to have accurate information when we reprint this guide in the future. Thank you for your cooperation. Please keep and refer to this reference guide.

## **Parish Prayer**

Written by Sr. Irene Charette, OSU

*Heavenly Father, you sent your son to teach us the way of prayer and service to others. We, the members of Ss. Robert and William Parish, are here today to embrace our discipleship by re-affirming our commitment to prayer in humble adoration, and to service in this spirit of love for You and all your people.*

*We offer You our time as we assist others in need, our talents as we respond to your call, and our treasure to the extent that we are able. O Holy Spirit, enlighten us as we strive to be worthy disciples of our Redeemer, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*