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SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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www.srweuclid.cc, www.srwschool.cc, & www.srwgaclc.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 create one new one, Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish.

FROM OUR PASTOR, FR. MICHAEL STALLA



In his Pastoral Letter, Bishop Malesic set the vision for the Diocese of Cleveland. Each parish and parishioner is asked to develop and mature in three areas: worship, evangelization, and service.

St. John of the Cross Parish has answered the call of our shepherd. I encourage you to pray through the opportunities presented in this guidebook. Ask the Holy Spirit, "Where am I called to get involved?" While there are always a need for helping hands, there is a greater need for parishioners to experience spiritual growth through participation in the life of the parish. If you are led to begin a new ministry or are struggling to

find your niche, let us pray through this together as a parish community. I am asking those already dedicated to the ministries of our parish to "make room" for new volunteers. Just as you have benefited from the grace and experience of living out your faith, others, too, should be given the chance to worship, evangelize, and serve. Welcome newcomers. Train them, not just in the methods that have been our tradition, but in the reason you invest yourself into ministry. Listen to the Spirit prompting each other's hearts toward love of God and love of neighbor.

As always, be assured of my daily prayers. The witness of your dedication and ownership of the parish activities is inspiring. I am here to help remove any obstacles between you and God's plan.

In Christ,
Fr. Michael Justin Stalla



BAPTISMS

Baptisms 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

Customarily, 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 of your desired wedding date. 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.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (OCIA)



Any adult or child (eight years and older) interested in becoming Catholic should contact the parish office to learn about the September to May O.C.I.A. (Order 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 one of the Parish Priests.

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 recipients have 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.

Labre Ministry

*“Give generously to them and do so without a
grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your
God will bless you in all your work and in every-
thing you put your hand to.”*

—Deuteronomy 15:10

The Labre Ministry provides outreach to homeless and marginalized individuals within the city of Cleveland. On a biweekly basis SRW/SJC parishioners and their children provide meals, supplies, and basic needs to the homeless. The ministry is centered around Jesus, Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, and prayer between Labre members and those they serve. Labre members don't just provide food, but many times offer hope with prayer, and even simply a kind word or hug.

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 Loaves and Fishes Food 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 located at the Good Shepherd Family Center at St. John of the Cross. Parishioners collect food staples, paper products, soaps, and toiletries year round to keep shelves full. These items are available to those who express to the Outreach office their need for food assistance. The Pantry is open on Tuesdays 5:30-7:00 pm, Thursdays 12:00-2:00 pm, and Saturdays 12:00-2:00 pm.

The Loaves and Fishes Community Meal

"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

—Matthew 10:42

The Community Meal is held at the Good Shepherd Family Center at St. John of the Cross every Thursday. 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.



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.

St. Gianna Baby Ministry

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."

—Jeremiah 1:5

The St. Gianna Baby Ministry supports pregnant women and mothers of newborns with essential supplies and compassionate assistance. Open Saturdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and Tuesdays from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm to residents of Euclid, Richmond Heights, and Willoughby Hills.

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.

Greeters/Ushers

“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.

Men’s Group

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.”

—II Corinthians 4:16

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Mass Tech Coordinator

*The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need
you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I
don't need you!"
—1 Corinthians 12:21*

The Mass Tech Coordinator mainly helps with operating the screen presentations during Mass. They are responsible for following along and changing the slides throughout the Mass. Mass Tech Coordinators may also be asked to help with sound and live stream controls.



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.

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.

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.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES

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-July. 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 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 two-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.

OCIA

“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

OCIA stands for Order 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 OCIA 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 OCIA 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 include lectures, videos, field trips, 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 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 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..."

—Acts 2:1-2

Confirmation preparation begins when one is in the seventh grade. Preparation for the Sacrament is facilitated by the parish staff 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 the spring. Anyone who is older than eighth grade is prepared privately by one of the parish priests or staff members. They are confirmed at the yearly parish celebration in the spring or at the cathedral on Pentecost.

SRW Early Learning Center

“Children are a gift from the Lord. They are a reward from Him.”

-Psalms 127:3

The Early Learning Center was founded to provide Catholic child care for families for whom a faith-based environment is a priority. We provide Academic Programs and child care for children aged 6-weeks to 5 years old.

Day School

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School, 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 Jr. K-8. 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.

Parent Association (K-8 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. Training and support are offered to those without experience.

NOW ENROLLING



Early Learning Center

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Quality Education
Faith-based environment

The ECE Scholarship
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for more information



Ss. Robert & William Catholic School **Jr. K – Grade 7**

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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 his/her means.



Parishsoft, formerly 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 ParishSOFT website at giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-298 to give or setup an account.

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.

You may wish to support:

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.

Alumni of St. Robert Bellarmine School, St. William School, St. John of the Cross, St. Paul, St Felicitas School, and Ss. Robert & William Catholic School

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School LLC 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. We continue the tradition of strong 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 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 or St. John of the Cross 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, St. Paul, St. Felicitas, 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 Fr. Michael at mstalla@srweuclid.cc.

Angels Scholarship Fund

In 2021, the Ohio General Assembly established a new program whereby Ohioans can receive a 100% tax credit against Ohio income tax liability for cash contributions to certified organizations that grant scholarships to students, including those attending Catholic schools. The Angel Scholarship Fund is the Scholarship Granting Organization of the Catholic Community Foundation, established to receive funds for and grant scholarships to Catholic school students throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.

Today, in addition to turning your tax dollars into tuition through this dollar-for-dollar Ohio income tax credit (up to \$750 for individual filers and \$1,500 for joint filers), your contribution to the Angel Scholarship Fund will help bring more families into faith at Ss. Robert & William School, developing students to become lifelong learners and critical thinkers who serve and lead those around them.

Bridge the gap between tuition and the cost of education, assisting Ss. Robert & William School in its mission to more competitively compensate dedicated and talented teachers.

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

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| * Aged, Infirmed, and disabled | * Housing |
| * Catholic Action Groups | * Marriage and Family Life |
| * Counseling | * Mental Illness Services |
| * Divorced and Separated | * Older Adults |
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Parish Prayer

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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.