

November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Saint John of the Cross

Roman Catholic Parish / Cleveland Catholic Diocese

Dear Parishioners,

Happy First Sunday of Advent! I hope you had a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends.

Happy Church New Year! As we begin this new Church Year and the Advent Season I encourage you to reflect on how we are called to *Prepare* the way of the Lord. One of the great ways to do this is by going to confession. Ss. Robert & William and St. John of the Cross will have their Advent Communal Penance on Monday, December 12 at 6:30 pm at Ss. Robert & William. A number of priests will be available.



We need to have some fun! We just need to come together and enjoy each other's company. We are going to have a Christmas party. I am inviting all SRW parishioners, SJC parishioners, SRW School families, and Guardian Angels Early Learning Center, families. Our party will be Friday, December 9 at 6:30 pm **at St. John of the Cross Gym**. Pizza will be provided. Please bring an appetizer, dessert, and beverage to share. Adult Beverages are fine! Christmas Trivia with prizes worth up to \$100! Christmas Music. Meet new friends and have a great time out. Just have FUN! While the event is free, we do ask you to pre-register at <https://srweuclid.cc/christmas-party> or call 216.731.1515 to sign up.

I share some bittersweet news with you. Kyle Lorek, our music director at SRW, has shared with me that he will be taking a new position at another parish. It is actually a ministry change as he will be doing other parish ministry. He shared with me that at this point in his life and the life of his family, this opportunity makes sense. He can share details as he sees fit. I am very happy for him as I think this is an exciting new opportunity. I am VERY SAD for us because his ministry over the last seven years has been a significant blessing to us as a parish and school. But I shared with him we will be forever grateful for the great music ministry he has established at SRW. I am most grateful he has arranged for his last day with us to be May 25, 2023. This gives us six months to transition and get through the major seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter as well as the Sacramental and School Masses that are so important to the parish and school. Summer is a good time to make a transition like this. I have asked Dr. Francesco Binda (current SJC Music Director) to become the Music Minister for SJC and SRW. Lots of details to work out but we will hire an "assistant" to help him. Francesco, Kyle and I will work on transition planning after the new year. Please join me in offering our prayers, support and love to both Kyle and Francesco as they make these significant transition in their ministry.

This Tuesday #WEGIVECATHOLIC. This coincides with national Giving Tuesday and is sponsored by the Diocese Catholic Community Foundation. All money raised will come to St. John of the Cross and we will use the funds to add shade barriers to our outdoor shrine area and add concrete to where the gravel is now. Our shrine is something very unique we have at SJC and we get a lot of use out of it. It is a special place of prayer and I believe that enhancing it will allow us to use it even more. It is a treasure that can help us draw more people to our parish community. I am asking each parish family to consider a donation of \$100 to #WEGIVECATHOLIC. I know some people will need to remove a 0 and some may be able to add a 0 or two. No matter what your donation, it will be much appreciated.

Make it a great first week of Advent! See you in Church.

Peace,
Fr. John

Thanksgiving Blessings

#weGIVECATHOLIC
with the Catholic Community Foundation November 29, 2022

on #GIVINGTUESDAY

The Saint John of the Cross Campus is a place of tranquility, a place of contemplation and a place of worship. All are welcomed to come and pray and contemplate the words of Jesus "Who do you say that I am. (Matthew 16:15).

The Divine presence of our Lord and Savior is abundant in nature's landscape and especially when we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist at the 7:45 am Sunday Mass in the outdoor shrine at Saint John of the Cross. From Memorial Day to Labor Day.

If you have attended the 7:45 am Mass, you are aware that the rising sun from the east shines brightly and warmly on the altar and the center benches facing the altar. As beautiful as the rising sun is, it can also be blinding to the people sitting in the center of the shrine and on a morning that is extremely hot, some form of shade would be welcomed.

The remedy to this scenario, is an installation of a shade sail protecting the center section of benches. Our goal is to raise \$15,000 to pay for the installation of the shade sail.

Donations received during We Give Catholic 2022 will help pay for the purchase and installation of the shade sail. Please consider donating on or before Tuesday November 29, 2022 Go to SJC

<https://www.wegivecatholic.org/organization/saint-john-of-the-cross>



SS. ROBERT & WILLIAM
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

November is a busy month! The students at Ss. Robert and

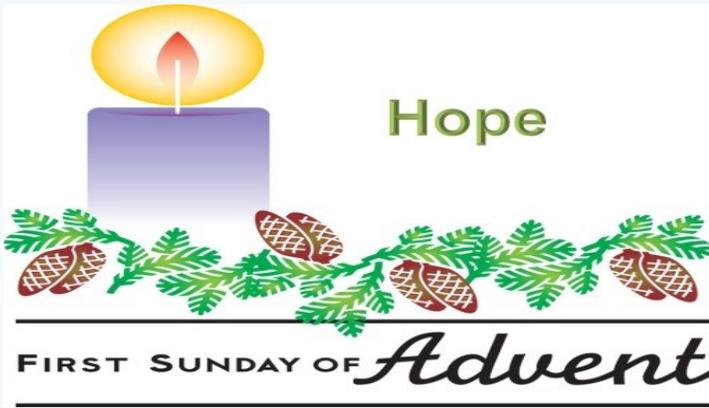
William Catholic School began the month with an All School Mass to celebrate All Saints Day. Fr. John always treats the students to donuts and juice on this day as a surprise! The following week, the students gathered once again, this time for a Mass of Remembrance. The students wrote the names of family members that have died this past year on cards which were presented at the offertory. Praying for and remembering the loved ones whom we have lost is important, especially during the month of November. The students also prayed for and honored all Veterans on Veterans Day. The members of the National Junior Honor Society sponsored a Food Drive to collect non-perishable items for our SRW Food Pantry. Fr. Thom may need to add on to his current storage space - our students and their families have been more than generous in helping us to help those in need in our own community during this holiday season.

Of course, everyone thinks of Thanksgiving in the month of November. The students have read stories and learned about the very first Thanksgiving. They have shared their own family traditions and what their favorite things are to eat on this special day. A school tradition has been to disguise a turkey so it can be saved from ending up on someone's dinner table! If you walked down the halls you would not recognize turkeys but you would see the Easter bunny, Cinderella, Michael Jackson, an Elf on the Shelf, a SRW volleyball player, a reindeer, a box of popcorn, and more! With the creative imaginations of our students, these turkeys have nothing to worry about!

An All School Thanksgiving Mass was celebrated just this past week before breaking for the holiday. Students were asked what they are most grateful for and here are some of the most common responses: family, friends, food, shelter, pets, nature, animals, fresh air, our military and first responders, sports, education, school, awesome teachers, TV, movies, video games, free will, church, faith, and Jesus - not in any particular order! Clearly we have so very much for which we are grateful. God is good - all the time!

Mrs. Martha Dodd





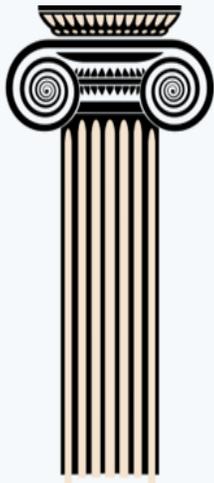
Handel's Messiah

The Presentation of Handel's Messiah
Messiah Chorus of Lake County is back

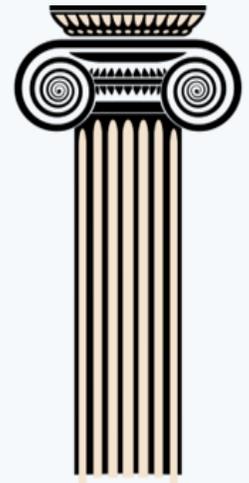
December 4, 2022
St John Vianney 7575 Bellflower Rd., Mentor Ohio.



Grow in your awareness of
"Who do you say I am?"
WHAT DID JESUS TEACH?



SRW/SJC 55 and Over An Artistic Tour of the Life of Christ at the Cleveland Museum of Art



Originally scheduled for July has been rescheduled for
Thursday, December 8, 2022
Leaving Ss. Robert and 9:30AM – Returning at 1:30PM

\$15.00 per Person for Transportation
for those who were not registered for the July tour
Checks should be made payable to Ss. Robert & William Parish

See Ten Works of Art
Call 216-731-1515 for reservations.
Tour is limited to 20 participants.

Includes time for lunch and exploring the museum on your own.

Please Note:
Some walking will be required on this tour.
Small canvas stools will be available to use as we move around the museum.
The Coat Check is currently closed so it is recommended that large bags and any unnecessary items be left at home.

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Closed Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

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

Call and leave a short message with your request. We can also offer prayers of thanksgiving. All information will be kept confidential.

Church Photo Directory



MAKE UP PHOTO SESSION SCHEDULING

We will be having a make-up photo date on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 between 2 pm and 8 pm. So, if you missed scheduling your photo during our last sessions, you can schedule online. Simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter [oh2592](#) in the Church Code field and enter [photos](#) in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots.

Please note: this will be the last date to schedule.

Our Financial Stewardship

11/20/2022 Sunday Giving.....\$3,454.00
11/20/2022 Maintenance.....\$ 885.00
Faith Direct* Giving.....\$
Faith Direct* Maintenance.....\$

**Thanks for your generous support toward our mission
to serve God!**

MASS Intentions

Monday, November 28

8:30 AM † Laura Miller (JB/TS)

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 PM † Nancy Pavlik (JB)

Wednesday, November 30

8:30 AM † Bernice Calabrese (JL)

Thursday, December 1

6:30 PM † John & Margaret Walsh (JL/TS-P)

Friday, December 2

8:30 AM Morning Prayer (No Mass)

8:45 AM-2:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 3

4:00 PM † Burrello Family (JB)

Sunday, December 4

7:45 AM † Santino Tritto (JL)

10:15 AM † Living & Deceased Members of Kozelj Family
(TK)

Please Pray for the Sick of the Parish and Their Caregivers

*Evelyn Adamczyk; Helen Herman, Patricia Kavulich, Fr.
Edward Mehok, Nancy O'Toole, M.K. Skvasik, Judy
Schmidt, and all those who are ill in any way.*

WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS FAMILY

If you would like to be a member of our Parish, please
complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or send
it to the Parish office and someone from the Parish will contact
you.

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____