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Catholic Parish**
DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday, 8:30 am – 6:45 pm,
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:30 am – 6:00 pm,
Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Closed Saturday & Sunday

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Wednesday: 11:45 am to 12:45 pm
Saturday: after 4:00 pm Mass
Sunday: 9:45 am to 12:15 pm

**December 18, 2016
Fourth Sunday of Advent**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 19

12:00 PM (JB) † Ed Strnad by Hayes, Strnad, Chicone, and Graff Families

Tuesday, December 20

8:00 AM (SG) † Clarence Dular by Dular Family

Wednesday, December 21

12:00 PM (JB) † Stanley Andolek by Family

Thursday, December 22

8:00 AM (JB) † Louis Shenk by Lou and Linda Shenk

Friday, December 23

12:00 PM (SG) † Bob Chase by Wife, Eileen Chase

Saturday, December 24

NO 8:30 am Mass

4:00 PM (JB) For the People of the Parish

7:00 PM (SG) For the People of the Parish

10:00 PM (JB/SG) For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 25

9:00 AM (SG) For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM (JB) For the People of the Parish

NO 6 pm MASS

This Week At The Parish

Monday, December 19

- 6:30 pm Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm School Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 20

- 8:45 am MOM's Group
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:00 pm Addicts' Parents United

Wednesday, December 21

- 12:00 pm School Mass
- 7:00 pm Confessions

Thursday, December 22

- **No School**
- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Confessions
- 7:00 pm Areopagus

Friday, December 23

- **Parish Office Closed**
- **No School**
- 12:30 pm Confessions

Saturday, December 24

- **NO Confessions**
- 7:00 pm AA

Sunday, December 25

- Merry Christmas!
- **NO 6:00 pm MASS**

Rosary (Ursuline Chapel):

Sunday at 8:30 am
Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at 11:30 am
Tuesday, Thursday at 8:30 am
Saturday at 9:00 am



FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

O Lord, stir up Thy power, we pray Thee, and come; and with great might help us, that with the help of Thy Grace, Thy merciful forgiveness may hasten what our sins impede. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome to our parish...we are a community founded in a spirit of unity to serve our God through loving HIM and one another, always!

FJB's BLOG

Dear Parishioners,

Advent has certainly flown by this year! It is nice that Advent is so long and we have a full fourth week this year, something we do not always get to experience. There are lots of things going on this week that will allow you to continue to prepare for Christmas. There are some extra Confession times on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Our annual School Christmas concert will take place this Monday at 6:30 pm in the Church. Our school children in Preschool—Grade 6, as well as the children in the school choir, will perform beautiful music that will touch your souls. All are welcome. This concert is under the direction of our parish music director, Kyle Lorek, and Ann Marie Raddell, both of whom teach music in the school.



Next weekend the Church will be filled with lots and lots of people. Christmas (and Easter to an extent) are the most popular times for Catholics to come to Mass. I wish it was different. I wish every Sunday brought the same crowds as Christmas. However, it is most important for us to be very hospitable to all of our visitors and parishioners who are here. It is a prime time for us to evangelize and reach out. Consider sitting next to someone you do not know, wish them a Merry Christmas, and invite them to join us each week.

As has become our Christmas tradition, the parish will be offering every family a small gift. Thank you to Our Evangelization Team who has prepared these gifts. This year the book we are giving away to each family who attends Christmas Mass is *Why Jesus?* This book is only 24 pages long and is distributed by the group that presents the ALPHA program. The ALPHA program is a ministry that encourages all people to consider Jesus and His Church. ALPHA is a world-wide movement that seeks to help people answer life's burning questions. In all honesty, they are questions that can only be answered by Jesus.



We will be embarking on the ALPHA journey this January. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, conducted over ten weeks. Each talk looks at a different faith question and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. We encourage you to come and invite your family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, etc. We especially

encourage you to invite people who have been away from the faith or have no faith at all. Be bold and invite someone and even offer to attend with them.

Make it a great week and have a happy fourth Sunday of Advent! See you in Church!

Peace,
Fr. John

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

Masses are at: 4:00 pm (Children's Mass)
7:00 pm
10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

Masses are at: 9:00 am
11:00 am

****THERE IS NO 6:00 pm Mass**

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil (New Years), Saturday, December 31

Mass is at 4:00 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Years), Sunday, January 1

Masses are at: 9:00 am
11:00 am

****THERE IS NO 6:00 pm Mass**

Confessions

Wednesday, December 21: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, December 22: 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Friday, December 23: 12:30 – 1:30 pm



50 Days of Holiday Cash Winners

- Dec. 7, Jasmine Jones, sold by Jaylah Jones (\$50)
- Dec. 8, Adam Somich, sold by Somich Children (\$50)
- Dec. 9, Catie Fergus, sold by Molly O'Malley (\$50)
- Dec. 10, Paul/Linda Smith,
sold by Alexandria Smith (\$50)
- Dec. 11, Maria Ericksen, sold by Jake Ericksen (\$50)
- Dec. 12, Shelia Gibbons, sold by Gibbons Children (\$50)
- Dec. 13, Rev. Stephen Sullivan,
sold by Bacchus Children (\$50)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Faith Formation



Ss. Robert & William Catholic School Website: www.srwshool.cc

This school year we are offering a series in which each staff member of the school reflects on his/her mission and purpose of Catholic Education. Meet Mrs. Colleen Angelo. Mrs. Angelo has a Third Grade homeroom and teaches Religion to students in Grades 2 -3. Here is her mission:

The mission of our class is that every child acts as an image of God by loving themselves and others. We will work together to create a safe learning environment where every member feels included and respected. Each day, we will work hard to be leaders for our peers. We will remember to use our gifts and talents that God has given us to help better our school community. Through the gifts from the Holy Spirit, we will continue to build and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. We believe in ourselves and each other. Each day, we will come in with a smile and a positive attitude, ready to learn. Teamwork is the best for our classroom to insure that each friend will feel loved. We will always be ALL IN, making sure to be the best third grade students we can be. We will always remember to keep Jesus the center of all we think, say, and do. In our classroom we will be honest and kind. We will give compliments and use manners. Each student will work hard, and at times, we will make mistakes, but we will never give up. We will try each and every day to live saintly lives by being peacemakers in our school. Most importantly, we will remember that we are brought together by the love of Jesus and that we are one family. All are welcome, all are safe, and all are loved.

Thank you for your support of our school. Feel free to join us every Tuesday at 8:00 am for all school Mass.

Are you looking for ways to get involved in our parish day school? The SRWS faculty is looking for beloved parishioners to share their gifts and talents with the students in our school. Opportunities include but are not limited to: STEM Career Day, Math Flashcards, Preschool Friends, Reading Buddies, and Retreat Days. If you have any questions, please contact Nora Joyce at njoyce@srwshool.cc or call [216-731-3060 ext. 295](tel:216-731-3060). Thank you for your continued commitment to our students!

Spiritual

Blessing of Families

First Annual Blessing of Families will be on December 31 after 4:00 pm Mass and January 1 after 9:00 and 11:00 am Mass. As a parish, to recognize the importance and prominence of the family, we wish to offer our blessings upon families. We invite you to plan on staying after Mass to receive a special blessing from Fr. John or Fr. Scott as you start your new year. Hopefully this blessing will bring goodness to your family all year long and/or allow you to deal with the challenges that may come your way.

Marriage Encounter

Need the perfect gift for your spouse this Christmas? Better than power tools or jewelry...Better than a romantic dinner...even better than a cruise...Give your spouse the gift of your time and love by taking him/her on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held in Hudson at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center, February 17-19, 2017. Applications and further information is available online at: www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330-305-9963. Call today and make your good marriage a great marriage!

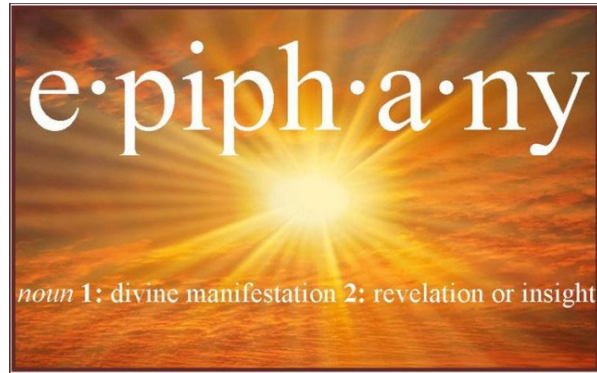
“Behold, the Virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel which means God is with us.” Matthew 1: 23

Advent Week Four: We prepare our stable by *Thanking*. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas very soon, it is a good opportunity for us to reflect on how well we thank people and show appreciation in our lives to those who shower us with their blessings.



SRW Music Ministry Presents:

Epiphany & Parish 7th Anniversary Concert



For seven years now God has been made manifest to us as a parish community. Many people have come under our star and been led to Jesus Christ. Please join our Music Ministry in celebrating Ss. Robert & William's 7th Anniversary as a parish community with a concert featuring our Adult Choir, St. Cecilia Singers Children's Choir, Hand Bell Choir, Contemporary Group, and Lifeteen Group.

The concert will take place on Sunday, January 8th at 12:30 pm in the Church. A reception will follow in the gathering area after the concert.

We look forward to seeing you there and singing God's praises with the gifts He has given us!



We'd like to connect with you! Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. **Flocknote**, the new tool we're using, lets you choose what information you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time. **Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/SRW OR Text SRWEUCLID to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.**

Have you thought of leaving a legacy, especially for our faith, church, and school? Remember Ss. Robert & William in your will or trust to continue our traditions and education. Contact Fr. John at the Parish Office for more information.

PRAYERS NEEDED

Please pray for...Alda Kovalsky, Jean Feiten, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Dennis Whitticar, Janet and Jim Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Sharon Kazusky, Jim Vlach, Grayson Kazusky, Violet DeStefanis, Ann Grossman, Donald Pavlovich, Mary Nykiel, Chuck Hill, Alice Maroney, Elaine Yanko, Mary Ann Hudak, Faye Bukovec, Samuel Raguz, James Augustine, Ted Sabat, Karen Kessler, Jane Tamburrino, Mary Ellen Driscoll, Bernard Novotney, Jr, Christopher Henderson and all those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit in our community.

We thank and pray for those who serve in the **military and safety forces**. May God bless them for their service to our country and community.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of those who have died, **Larry Evert and Mary Jane Heising**. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.

Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to SRW. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct's website faithdirect.net and use our parish code OH298. You can also fill out and mail a Faith Direct enrollment form available at the parish office.

2016 Offertory Statements

If you would like to request your 2016 Offertory statement, please complete this statement request and either drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. Requests may also be made by calling the parish office at 216.731.1515 or emailing cfink@srweuclid.cc.

Please Note:

- Statements will only be issued upon request and will be available at the end of January.
- Vision 2020 statements will be mailed automatically.
- Faith Direct statements are generated and mailed out from Faith Direct.

PLEASE SEND ME A 2016 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Name _____

Envelope Number _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

The collection for December 11, **\$7,778** and Faith Direct, December First half, **\$9,002**
Loan Balance: \$1,396,642 **Monthly Loan Payment: \$10,580**
Please consider a donation to help lower our long term debt. Please call Fr. John or Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email them at fjb@srweuclid.cc or eivory@srweuclid.cc. Thank you very much for your continued generosity. — Fr. John

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