



Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish

Diocese of Cleveland



DISCIPLESHIP RESOURCE GUIDE

— 2015 – 2016 —

“We ARE Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish”

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 stands above the circle, the focus of our Faith, 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 green, white and red background represents the colors of the Italian flag: green, white and red.

The LOWER LEFT section of the logo represents St. Robert Bellarmine. He wrote volumes of books defending the Faith. He was an educator. So we



represent him by the letters "St. R" and a book, to represent 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. Also contained in this area are the initials "St. W."

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



Pope Francis



Bishop Richard Lennon

From our Pastor, Fr. John D. Betters

“Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.”

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 the children, rejoiced with them, mourned with them, ate with them and was with them in all the many stories related 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 His 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. Firstly, all of these entries are available to you or to someone you know who is in need of these services. Secondly, 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 and your own.

Feel free to contact Ellen Ivory, our Director of Discipleship & Development, any staff member or me to help you discuss the most appropriate place to use your gifts and talents. See you in church!



For Your Information

Parish Contact Information:

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 Parish Office – 216.731.1515
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Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 6 p.m.
 Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Closed Saturday and Sunday.

The Parish Websites

www.srweuclid.cc and www.srwschool.cc are the best place to go to find parish and school information, as well as upcoming events. The weekly bulletin is also a very useful reference.

If you or a family member is hospitalized:

You or a family member should notify the parish office, (216) 731-1515, if you wish to be visited by a priest from our parish. In addition, upon admittance to a hospital, please request you be listed as a Roman Catholic to assure pastoral care (e.g., Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick). Please note: due to federal regulations protecting patient privacy and confidentiality, the hospitals are not able to acknowledge who is admitted or give out any information unless the patient agrees to be listed on the hospital's census as a Roman Catholic.

To schedule a Mass intention:

please come to the parish office during regular parish office hours. Intentions may only be scheduled up to one year in advance based on availability. Due to the large number of requests for Mass intentions, we do have some guidelines on the number of intentions that can be scheduled at one time. Please consult the parish office for these guidelines.

Godparent/Sponsor Certificates:

anyone seeking to be a godparent or a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation must be a registered parishioner, practicing Catholic (attending Sunday Mass regularly), at least 16 years old and have received Confirmation. Anyone who is married must be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office to obtain a sponsor certificate.

Prayer Petition Book:

there is a prayer petition book in the front of the church on the right side near the entrance to the Ursuline Chapel. You are invited to write a special prayer request in the petition book. The congregation prays for these petitions as a group during the Petitions at all Sunday Masses.

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Sacramental Guidelines

Baptisms

Baptism for infants and young children are ordinarily scheduled during, before or after any of the weekend Masses. Parents are required to attend a two hour class. Call the parish office to make arrangements for a 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 received in May. Call Gail Monroe at the parish office to make arrangements.

Confirmation

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

Adults desiring Confirmation should call Fr. John concerning preparation for this Sacrament.

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

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

Marriage

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

Marriage Annulment

Anyone in need of an annulment should call Fr. John or Fr. Scott to begin the process.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion to the Sick/Hospitalized

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

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. Scott.

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.



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 assure 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 assure that the parish is a good steward of the available resources.

Parish Council

"...and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord..."

– I 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.



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.

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 friends. The Core Committee works to coordinate all aspects of the three day event.



Caring Ministries

The Caring Ministries encourage individuals to live out the Gospel message of love by reaching out to those who are in need. The goal of the ministries is to make the presence and love of Christ known and felt throughout all activities.

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 the two bereavement series that are offered: spring and fall. 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.

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 p.m. in the church to pray for those who come in need of healing.



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 and if they are not yet commissioned, they can register for the training.

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 whomever is to receive the shawl. All of our shawls receive a final blessing by the group. Shawl makers meet once a month (see the bulletin for dates) or can be involved from home. In the words of Jane Bristow, who began this ministry, “(Shawls) wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace ... 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 for a friend, please call the Parish Office at 216.731.1515. We meet for an hour, 5:30 pm –6:30 pm, on the third Thursday of the month.

SS Robert & William Outreach Ministry

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.”

– Luke 14: 13 - 14

This is an organization of parishioners who, in the spirit of justice and charity, provide assistance to those in need, both members of the parish and others in the community. The ministry stresses person-to-person relationship with those whom it serves. The ministry sponsors a monthly food drive. Members meet regularly to report on their activities to aid others in need.

The group also coordinates a monthly community meal, affectionately called, The Banquet. Usually held the last Tuesday of every month, this meal is open to all in the community to come enjoy a nutritious meal, fellowship and good hospitality.

Additionally, this parish ministry provides monthly meals to the St. Aloysius Hunger Center and to the St. Philomena Center. Volunteer opportunities include delivering food to the center, food preparation and serving the meals, as well as purchasing of all food items.

Finally, this committee sponsors the Giving Tree, which provides parishioners an opportunity to give something extra at Christmas to those in need within our parish community boundary.

Wellness Ministry/ Parish Nurse

“I have set an example for you so that you will do just what I have done for you.”

– John 13: 15

This ministry is comprised of parishioners who are health care professionals and others who believe that healing and wellness are important elements of our Christian mission. The ministry provides programs that encourage preventive health care. Monthly blood pressure checks are coordinated by this ministry. In addition, a group meets weekly with the volunteer parish nurse to monitor weight and discuss healthy eating.



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 grow 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.

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.

Children's Choir

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

– Isaiah 12: 5

The children's choir is for students in grades four through eight. Rehearsals are held weekly from September – May. Vocal skills and part-singing are part of the development that occurs in this choir. The choir performs at all school Masses, in the annual Epiphany concert, and at one weekend Mass per month.

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 to 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.

FJB Cleaning Angels

"One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: "To dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to gaze on the Lord's beauty, to visit his temple."

– Psalm 27: 4

The church is cleaned weekly by parishioners on a volunteer basis: dusting, straightening, mopping, vacuuming, polishing and more. Volunteers in this ministry see their work as helping to beautify the community's worship space and cleaning "God's House!" Help is always needed!

Greeters (Funerals)

"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

Women and men 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 liturgical celebrations here at SS Robert & William. Each bell is one note and members need to be able to handle two notes. No previous training is necessary.

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.

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.

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 an SATB choir that sings sacred choral music, including a wide variety of styles. Rehearsals are held weekly, usually from September through June. These choir members are music ministers at one liturgy per weekend, with a rotating schedule.



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

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 p.m. – 6 a.m., please consult the parish office for more details about the system.



Celebrating Ministries

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 bereavement liturgies. Members need to be available on short notice to be present for these funerals.

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 seeks to provide parishioners with spiritual activities. The committee plans and facilitates retreats, missions, evening prayer, and reflection evenings.

Ushers

"Do not neglect hospitality for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels."
– Hebrews 13: 12

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



Women's Fellowship

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she 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.

Evangelization Ministries

Evangelizing Ministries encourage individuals to foster Gospel values in society. This is done by living out one's faith in Jesus and inviting all people to join us in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

Evangelizing 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 whatever reasons. Parishioners are trained to facilitate the programs. This committee also plans opportunities to share faith with our non-Catholic brothers and sisters.

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 visitations, hospital, hospice and nursing home visitation, jail ministry, 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.

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 - 15

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 in full reception or Baptism into the church at the Easter Vigil. Members of this team for RCIA help in various ways to prepare those who will enter the church by faith sharing, prayer and encouragement. 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

As a faith community, the Faith Formation Ministries are dedicated to the education and formation of each person according to the traditions and values of our Catholic faith. We encourage our parishioners to participate more freely in these 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 the faith and understanding of the faith through educational and formational opportunities for those 18 to 100 years old plus! Opportunities include adult education series on various topics of theology and scripture studies. These opportunities vary in format. They range from lectures, video series, field trips, book groups and conversations. They are held on various days and times and generally are 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

Children in grades one to four who attend the 11:00 a.m. 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 Creed or right after the homily.

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 is generally done when one is in the eighth grade. It is the third and final Sacrament of Initiation. It is facilitated by the parish youth minister and is open to students in Ss. Robert and William Catholic School and PSR. It generally starts in September and includes monthly meetings until the actual sacrament of Confirmation is conferred, usually in May. Anyone who is older than eighth grade is generally 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 / Pre-School (Ss. Robert and William Catholic School, www.srwschool.cc)

"Children let us love not only in word or speech but in deed and 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. We teach grades K-8 and we have a pre-school for children ages 3-4-5. The school welcomes children of parishioners, other Catholic students and non-Catholics. 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."

– 1 Corinthians 13: 11

In partnership with St. John of the Cross Parish, Edge is for youth in grades 7 and 8 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. Edge through weekly activities seeks to assist with that.

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 preparing to participate in this sacrament of healing for those receiving the sacrament for the first time. This includes working with the families to play a part in the preparation of their children. It 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 in preparing those receiving their First Eucharist. It 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.



Faith Formation (Education) Ministries

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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

In partnership with St. John of the Cross Parish, LIFE TEEN is our 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. LIFE TEEN consists of the celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday evening (open to the parish) followed by a LIFE Night. The LIFE Night is a social, inspirational, educational and spiritual gathering. The LIFE TEEN 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."

– 1 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 student.

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.

Pre-Cana

"... faith, hope and love ... but the greatest of these is love."

– 1 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.

Sunday School for Preschoolers

"Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives the one who sent me."

– Luke 9, 48

Our 3-, 4- and 5-year olds meet for an hour each Sunday morning (during 11:00 a.m. Mass, September – April). They learn how special they are because God made them. They learn about all of God's wonderful gifts. Each lesson is based on a theme. This theme is reinforced through a variety of activities including music.

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 children's parish sports. This club organizes the teams, appoints the coaches and collects the fees for participation in everything from 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 advance the concepts of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Membership is open to all practicing Catholic men, age 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 our seminaries, and supports special education and other Church related programs. Knights meet regularly and also host events such as dinners, raffles and other projects.

Martha and Mary 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, including hellos and farewells, commemorations and socials, and any gathering that requires a little extra something. It includes event planning, purchasing, setting up, baking, serving and cleaning up.

Mustard Seed Religious Gift Shop

“It is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and plants it in this field. The plant grows and becomes a tree, and the birds make their nests in its branches.”

– Luke 13: 19

Located in the Vestibule of the Church, The Mustard Seed is your one-stop-shop for all your religious item needs! We have three rooms of merchandise! Our basic offering of Sacramental Gifts, Statues, Crucifixes Rosaries and Cards has been expanded to include Religious Jewelry, Patriotic Medals/ Gifts, and Wall Art. Stop by and see what The Mustard Seed has for you today!



Participating Ministries

Seniors Group

“And now we follow you with our whole heart, we fear you and we pray for you. Do not let us be put to shame, but deal with us in your kindness and great mercy.”

– Daniel 3: 41 - 42

The Seniors Club (55+) meets monthly, September through June. The purpose of this group is to encourage members to participate in religious, social and educational activities within the parish. Social and religious programs are planned with activities and information that is useful and enjoyable to senior citizens.

Service by Catholic Charities

Help and Services in many areas which are beyond the capabilities of any one parish are available through the 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
- Catholic Action Groups
- Counseling
- Divorced and Separated
- Emergency Assistance
- Hispanic Center
- Housing
- Marriage and Family Life
- Mental Illness Services
- Older Adults
- Retreat Houses

Alumni of St. Robert Bellarmine School

Alumni of St. William School

Alumni of SS Robert & William Catholic School

Ss. Robert and William School is steeped in the rich tradition of St. Robert Bellermaine School located on Lakeshore Blvd and St. William school located on 260th Street. We are now located at the former St. William School.

Both schools and now Ss. Robert and William Catholic School are strong in academics, Catholicity, 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 ALUMNI, please call Ellen in the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 ext. 230 or email her at eivory@srweuclid.cc or go to www.srwschool.cc and sign up as an alumni. We would love to hear from you.

“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 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 www.faithdirect.net for more information or to securely enroll online by using our parish code OH298 if you so choose.

Donations of Cash & Securities can be: Insurance Policies, Stocks & Bonds, IRA/Retirement Plan, & Real Estate. These Donations 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 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.

Do you ever have trouble finding just the right gift? Never seem to know what to give to your mother, father, spouse or best friend to mark a special occasion? Consider making a gift in their honor to Ss. Robert and William Parish and/or School the next time you are celebrating a birthday, anniversary, wedding, baptism or another notable occasion. Or at the time of your death or the death of a loved one; in memory of/in lieu of flowers gifts made “in memory of” 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.

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 the Ss. Robert and William boundaries as established by the Diocese of Cleveland. The monies are used to assist with financial assistance for food, shelter, transportation, schooling, utilities, and so forth. The majority of the assistance is short-term in nature.



Stewardship of Treasure

LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry

The purpose of the LIFE TEEN Youth Ministry is to help bring teens closer to Christ. We encourage the teens to come to Sunday Mass at 6 p.m., followed by an evening of faith formation, fellowship and Christian community. We also offer retreats, service projects, annual March for Life in Washington D.C. and more.

Sr. Dorothy Kazel High School Scholarship Endowment

The purpose of the Sr. Dorothy Kazel High School Scholarship is to provide scholarships to parishioners of Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish to attend a Catholic High School. The scholarship assists in defraying their tuition costs.

Memorial Account

The purpose of the Memorial Account is to make monies available for any items used in the Church worship space. In general, these items would be of a "sacred" nature, such as vestments, chalices, ciboria, etc.



Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

Here at Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish we are blessed with a wonderful Catholic School that has a rich history of forming great Catholics. It represents the strong traditions of both the former St. Robert School and St. William School. For over sixty years, both parish communities have reached out to assure that young people receive good, solid Catholic Education.

Endowment

Our school has over 550 students (Pre-School through Grade 8) and a very dedicated staff of people that serve our students. One of the things that I face as pastor is a growing request for financial assistance from families. In these tough economic times more and more parents are asking me for financial assistance. 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 Ellen Ivory at eivory@srweuclid.cc or 216.731.1515 ext 230.

Two additional opportunities to help the parish

The Warrior Open (Golf Outing)

This annual event serves to bring in additional funds to parish organizations, such as LIFE TEEN. As important, the Open is meant to nurture camaraderie, a spirit of collaboration, and good sportsmanship to all who participate. Fr. Goebel serves as an Honorary Chair and it is staffed by a committee of volunteers.

Annual Rummage Sale

Through the art of organizing the donations that are given to this sale, this group of individuals sort through and organize the various items that are to be included in this fundraiser. This takes approximately three days to complete and many volunteers are needed to arrange, price and tag the objects.

ANGELS

In addition, we have a program that offers emergency assistance to families who find themselves in unique situations with their monthly tuition payments and, also use this program to offer a few students full tuition assistance when the need dictates. For example, recently a family was evicted from their house and both parents lost their jobs. Luckily they had family to assist with housing, and we were able to offer them tuition assistance. The children did not have to change schools amidst all these other changes, thereby giving them stability. The program is called ANGELS and it gives parishioners the opportunity, especially those who have already raised their kids to be an ANGEL to a student and their 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. Some of you may be able to donate towards a day or week of tuition. Others may consider a semester; and some of you will be able to pay full tuition for one or more students.

If you would like to discuss any and all donations, please contact Ellen Ivory, Director of Development and Stewardship, at eivory@srweuclid.cc or 216.731.1515 ext 230.



MEMORIAL BRICKS

If you are looking for a wonderful all occasion gift or Christmas gift, why not consider leaving a legacy by gifting a commemorative brick paver?

This is a thoughtful way of paying tribute and honoring a loved one or a friend.



Option 1
Church Walkway



Option 2
St. Padre Pio Prayer Garden



Option 3
Allegiance Walkway
near the School Flagpole

3 locations for placement and
2 brick options!

Here are the four simple steps in completing your brick order:

1. Choose the location of brick placement :

___ The Church Walkway ___ St. Padre Pio Prayer Garden ___ Allegiance Walkway (near the School Flagpole)

2. Now choose the brick size:

___ 4 x 8 Paver (\$100) ___ 12 x 12 Paver (\$250)

3. Place the inscription in the boxes below.

Engraved message: Maximum 3 lines, 15 characters each including spaces/lines and dashes for 4 x 8 Paver.
Maximum 6 lines, 15 characters each including spaces/lines and dashes for 12 x 12 Paver.

4. Complete donor information below, include payment and return it to the Parish Office.

Donor Information (Please type or print clearly.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

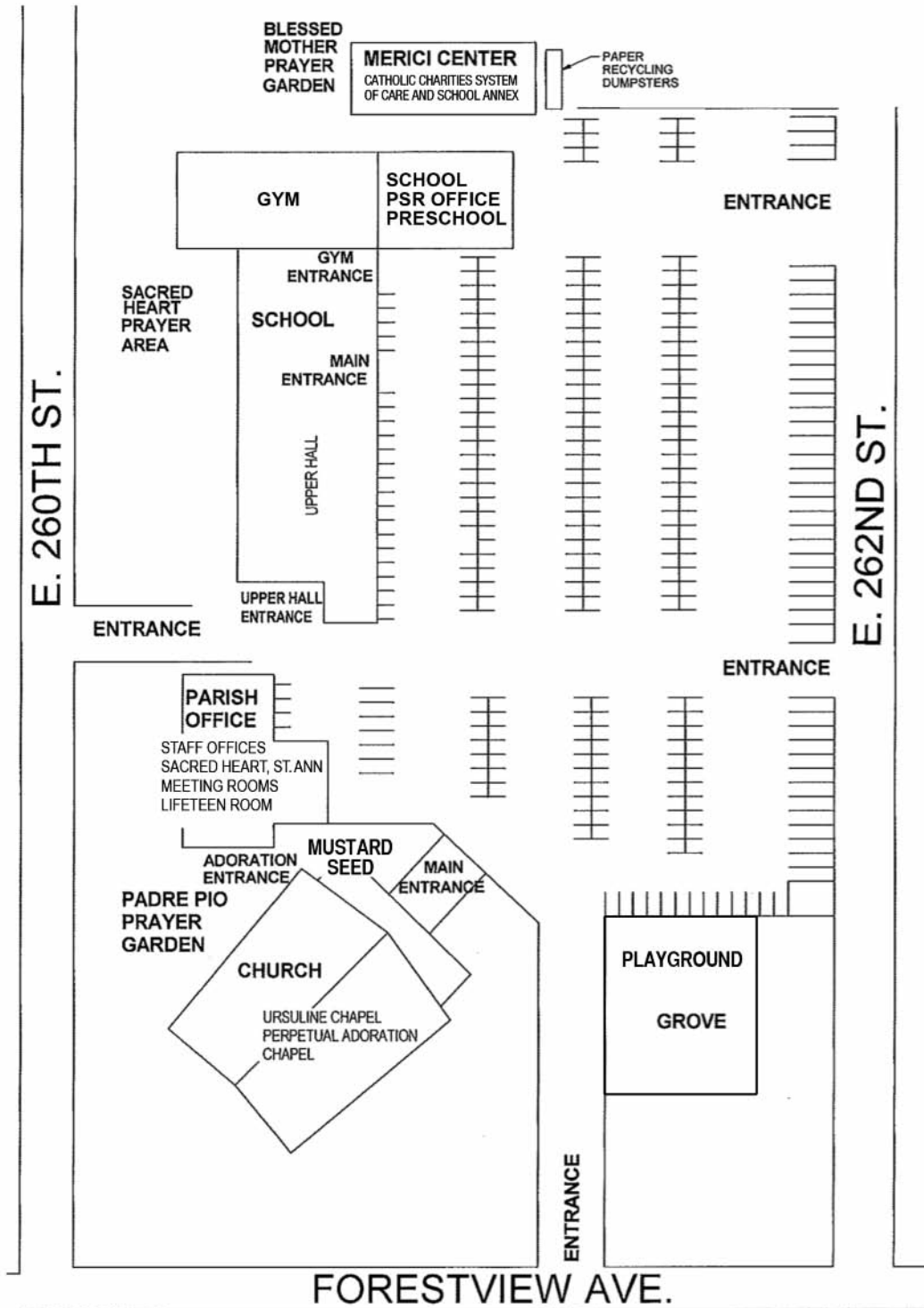
City: _____ State: ___ Zip Code: _____ Phone No. _____

Email address: _____

To order additional brick pavers, please use an additional form. Bricks are placed as soon as possible, dependent on weather conditions.



Ss. Robert and William Campus



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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 coming year. This will enable us to have accurate information when we reprint the guide next year. Thanks for your cooperation, and please keep and refer to this handy reference guide.





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