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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

Rosary (in the Ursuline Chapel):

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



Wednesday 11:45 am to 12:45 pm

Saturday after 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday, 9:45 am to 12:15 pm

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January 10, 2016 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass Schedule

Monday, January 11

12:00 pm (SG) Milan Dular, by the LeQuyea Family

Tuesday, January 12

8:00 am (SG) Irene Dagg, by Thomas Lanigan

Wednesday, January 13

12:00 pm (SG) Berta Mambretti, by Adrian Van Leeuwen
and Family

Thursday, January 14

8:00 am (SG) William and Ruth Klimack, by Family

Friday, January 15

12:00 pm (SG) Robert C. Luberger, by Wife

Saturday, January 16

4:00 pm (SG) John Harwood, by Mom and Family

Sunday, January 17

9:00 am (SG) Robert Campbell, by Steve Kaselak

11:00 am (SG) Bruce Thomason, by Margaret Thomason

6:00 pm (SG) Charles Blessing, by Debbie Griesmer and
John Dular

This week at the Parish

Monday, January 11

- 12:30 pm Miraculous Medal Novena
- 6:30 pm Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm Parent Association Meeting

Tuesday, January 12

- 9:00 am Parish the Pounds
- 6:30 pm Bell Choir
- 7:30 pm Knight of Columbus

Wednesday, January 13

- 10:30 am Mass at Gateway

Thursday, January 14

- 7:00 pm Areopagus
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, January 15

- 10:30 am Mass at Hilltop

Saturday, January 16

- 9:00 am Men's Group
- 10:30 am Caregiver's Support Group
- 7:00 pm A.A.



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!

GOODFELLOW BLOG

Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we celebrated the Epiphany of Jesus to the Magi, and this week we celebrate another Epiphany: the Baptism of the Lord. Epiphanies communicate a mystery of God's life to us. **In the epiphany of his Baptism, the mystery is of the Trinity: the Father sends the Holy Spirit to Jesus, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."** Right away, at the beginning of his public ministry, we find out that Jesus does not act on his own authority, but is sent by the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. He is the Son of the Father, and we should listen to him! That is the context for our Gospel this weekend.



Not only should we listen to Jesus, but his Baptism also shows us that **Jesus himself is a good listener. He knows who he is and what he is about because he listens to his Father.** When we are baptized, we share Jesus' life so that the Father also says to us in his Son, "You are my beloved daughter...You are my beloved son...With you I am well pleased." The current crisis of the breakdown of the family is part of a greater identity crisis in our culture. **We have lost sight of what it means to be mothers and fathers because we haven't truly lived from our identity as daughters and sons.** Like Jesus, we need to be good listeners, which requires prayer, to hear the Father speak to us in Christ, "You are my beloved child." Our sonship is our greatest identity, and without embracing that identity we can't do the **work** that God entrusts to us: "Jesus went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil" (see Second Reading this weekend, from Acts 10:38).

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis offers the Church the opportunity to **be merciful like the Father.** To become merciful implies that we know what it means to be shown mercy. The Father has mercy on his prodigal sons and daughters in order to raise us to do the works of mercy. Mercy isn't a soft, hollow, or mushy form of love, but a firm (but tender), rich, and concrete love. Mercy is not concerned merely with *feelings* of pity, but reveals itself in concrete *acts* of forgiveness, relief, and charity towards others. The Church lists some awesome **works of mercy** to focus on throughout this year. They are divided into *corporal* (bodily) and *spiritual* works.

Corporal

Feed the Hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the Naked
Shelter the Homeless
Visit the Sick
Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead

Spiritual

Instruct the Ignorant
Counsel the Doubtful
Admonish the Sinner
Bear Wrongs Patiently
Forgive Offences Willingly
Comfort the Afflicted
Pray for the Living and the Dead

Devote yourself to concrete **acts of mercy** this year. As you do, you will become aware of who you are as a beloved baptized son or daughter of God. As you do this work of mercy, you may also help others experience the Father's great love for them as his sons and daughters.

Blessings!

Fr. Scott Goodfellow

Spiritual & Community

Stewardship Reflection *The Baptism of the Lord*



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord. This officially brings to an end the season of Christmas. You might say this is a second Epiphany. It is important to us as Catholics and Christians because it represents a second creation involving the entire Trinity.

In fact, in the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because God appears in three persons. Jesus the Son is baptized; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him; and God declares "You are my beloved Son; with You I am well pleased."

We recall our own Baptism on this day, because Christ's Baptism represents in many ways what occurred at our Baptism. At Christ's Baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him. At our Baptism the Trinity occupied our soul; Christ was declared the "Beloved Son"; at our Baptism we became a child of God. At Jesus' Baptism the heavens were opened, and at our Baptism heaven was opened to us.

On this Holy Day we need to reflect upon our own Baptismal calls — calls to live and love on this earth, a command to seek holiness, to actively be disciples of Christ, calls which can be achieved in part by embracing stewardship as a way of life. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* (#1213) states: "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. We are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission." *Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

Annulments, Marriage, and the First Step

Picking up the pieces of one's life after divorce is an area that can impact one's relationship with God and the Church. "What is my place in the Church? Can I go to Mass and communion? Can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?" The **First Step Program** helps individuals with these questions, especially those who have experienced divorce. Participants will learn about the Church's *teaching* on marriage, divorce, and remarriage, and *ministry* to the divorced and separated, hear about the annulment process and submitting a case (**no fees required**), and discover a path to healing. The schedule is as follows:

- Tuesday, 8 March 2016, at St. Peter Parish, Lorain, at 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 19 May 2016, at St. Noel Parish, Willoughby Hills, at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 13 September 2016, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Cuyahoga Falls, at 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 18 October 2016, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 pm

For more information, please visit www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal
or call the Tribunal: 216.696.6525 / 800.869.6525 ext. 4000

SRW Catholic School Open House

Experience first-hand the awesome learning and growing going on daily at Ss. Robert and William Catholic School! Stop by the school during Catholic Schools' Week Open House on Sunday, January 31, 2016 from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm. Tour the school, visit the classrooms, meet the teachers and staff, see awesome displays of students' creations, and learn about our unique program. All parishioners, families, friends, and neighbors are welcome. We love to show off the wonderful things happening at SRW!

Caring & Participating

Seniors' Meeting Important Announcement regarding our January Meeting

Due to repairs being made on the heating system at Gateway Manor, our January Meeting is cancelled.

The next meeting is February 9, 2016. Details about the speaker can be found in the next newsletter *Thrive*. See you then!

FLOCK OF FRIENDSHIP (Singles: 40 and over) St. Paschal Baylon Church

If you are looking for events that are social, volunteering and/or spiritual, consider joining us at the Flock of Friendship. Membership is free. If you are interested in meeting new people, please contact 440.442.3410 or flockfriends@yahoo.com.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND

Someone once said "marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth." Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on January 15-17, 2016.

A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation.

For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis *in complete confidence* at 330.665.3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1.800.470.2230. For additional information or to register online, please go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

50 Days of Holiday Cash Winners

\$50 – January 9:	Katherine Gadson sold by Jameel Matthews, Jr.
\$50 – January 8:	Scott Winters sold by Bobby Parsons
\$50 – January 7:	J. Brenkus sold by J. Brenkus
\$50 – January 6:	Marguerite Grooms sold by Jordan Rees
\$50 – January 5:	Sue Haverlock sold by Betty Rapinz
\$50 – January 4:	Jim Basalla sold by Jim Basalla
\$50 – January 3:	Laura Bonner sold by Isaac Bonner

Correction to last week:

Christmas Day and New Year's Day winners received \$500.

FUNDRAISING WITH EVERYDAY PURCHASES! Do you shop Amazon? Instead go to smile.amazon.com then search and select Ss. Robert & William as your organization to support with 0.5% of your purchase!

Faith Formation



Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

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LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION for all Generations

Heard it in the Hallway

Our Spanish classes continue to advance! Every class starts with a prayer in Spanish as we practice our faith and the Spanish pronunciation. First through third grade students start with "*Gracias Señor.*" This prayer thanks Our Lord for different parts of our body and family. Fourth through sixth grade students start with *The Lord's Prayer*. Seventh and eighth graders start with the *Hail Mary*.

First through third grade students are improving in actively participating in class, following commands, and working on assignments. We had fun drawing monsters to practice the parts of the body and counting. We will continue with the farm animals unit and "tener" expressions to say how the animals feel based on pictures. Fourth through sixth grade students are working hard on house-related vocabulary words. They are describing and using different question/answer forms that introduce them to the use of Spanish verbs like "tener" and "haber." Since every class is built upon previous classes, we are currently working on phonetics, repeating previous lessons' vocabulary, and grammar. Seventh and eighth graders have worked on practicing different forms of the following verbs: "ser," (means to be) to say where someone is from and to describe people, places, and things; "estar," to express feelings and location; and "gustar" (to like) to express what people like to do, eat, or drink. We started working on: time, class schedules, school subjects, classroom objects, activities, and expressions of frequency. We are using dialogues, readings, and question/answer forms to use the present tense of regular verbs and some irregular ones like "to go." Students are participating actively in class. The Organic World Language method is starting to show results – students are using the language during class to produce sentences, to make statements, and to write assignments, while not being concerned with making mistakes.

Worthy Warrior



This week's Worthy Warrior is Harun Grebovic. Harun always welcomes visitors with a brilliant smile and great enthusiasm. He is respectful, motivated, and also encourages his classmates to show kindness. Last week, Harun made a wonderful picture with a greeting to me written in Spanish. Harun is always willing to assist the teacher and his classmates. Congratulations (felicitaciones) Harun and keep being a Worthy Warrior!

Kaleidoscope Days

If Preschool, Prekindergarten, or Kindergarten is in your child's future, join Ss. Robert and William Catholic School for Kaleidoscope Days. Take a peek into a day at our school! Tour the school, meet the teachers, and experience first-hand our safe and engaging educational environment. Parents and prospective students are welcome to visit the classrooms on the following Fridays in February 2016: 2/5, 2/12, 2/19 and 2/26 anytime between 8:30 - 10:00 am.

Stewardship & Evangelization

Thank you very much for your generosity in the holiday collections. We received **\$32,710.80** in the Christmas Collection; \$11,970.24 in the December 27th collection; and \$10,576.12 in the January 3rd collection.- Fr. Scott



Why not make a change in the way you generously support Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish? Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, which is the most convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish. Your automatic contributions through Faith Direct will save valuable time for both you and our parish staff. To enroll, please visit Faith Direct's website www.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.

Vision 2020

Total Amount Pledged:	\$449,248	Amount Paid to Date:	\$270,332
Total Due:	\$178,916	Total Number of Donors:	205
Loan Balance:	\$1,456,179	Monthly Loan Payment:	\$10,580

Please consider a 5-year pledge to Vision 2020 to retire our debt and work towards financial stability. You may also consider designating money to Vision 2020 in your estate planning. For more information or to make a pledge, please call Ellen at the Parish Office at 216.731.1515 or email her at eivory@srweuclid.cc.

TRIP Gift Card Orders

If you buy gift cards on a regular basis, or even for special occasions, consider using TRIP (Tuition Reduction Incentive Program) to purchase those cards. TRIP is a convenient way to purchase gift cards, and it's all done online from the comfort of your home and computer. Gift cards are available in various denominations and for hundreds of retailers! As an added bonus, tuition credits or cash rebates are earned with each TRIP order. Orders placed online by 12:00 midnight Sundays will be delivered to the school or rectory (your choice) the following Friday (same week turn-around).

Simply go online to www.TRIPNorthLLC.com and choose "sign-up" at the top right corner of the page. Follow the instructions, and in a matter of minutes, you'll have a TRIP account set-up.

2015 Offertory Statements

If you would like to request your 2015 Offertory statement, please complete the statement request to the right 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.

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 2015 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Name _____

Envelope Number (if known) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Date Requested _____

(Please send request to the parish office).

PRAYERS NEEDED

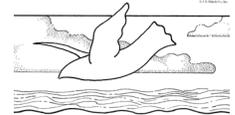
Please pray for...Jeanette Hocevar, Amanda, Ken Osborne, Sheila Creegan, Alda Kovalsky, Todd Deranek, Jean Feiten, Nick Strmac, Alice Slokar, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Gerri Sexton, Richard Galaida, Dennis Whitticar, Rich Weybrecht, Fr. John D. Betters, Janet Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Kevin Tobin, Joseph DiTirro, Sharon Kazusky, Brian LeQuyea, 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. God bless them for their service to our country. We also remember in prayer the members of our safety forces.

We offer our deepest sympathy to the families of those who have died, especially **Marven Rossa, Wayne Mrofchak, and Dorothy Moran**. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of family and our parish community.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time**
1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
- Tuesday: Weekday**
1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28
- Wednesday: St. Hilary**
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39
- Thursday: Weekday**
1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;
Mk 1:40-45
- Friday: Weekday**
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary**
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17
- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11;
Jn 2:1-11



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