



# Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

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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

### 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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## February 28, 2016 Third Sunday of Lent

### Mass Schedule

#### Monday, February 29

12:00 pm (SG) Donald Kuenzel, by Wife and Family

#### Tuesday, March 1

8:00 am (SR) Deceased Veterans, by Catholic War Veterans, Post 613

#### Wednesday, March 2

12:00 pm (JB) Robert Zelch, Sr., by Family

#### Thursday, March 3

8:00 am (SG) Mary and William Planisek, by Family

#### Friday, March 4

12:00 pm (SG) Jim Fulton, by Fr. John Betters  
7:00 pm (JB) Louis and Anna Shenk, by Lou and Linda Shenk

#### Saturday, March 5

4:00 pm (SG) The Lake Family, by Mitch and Ray Streiner

#### Sunday, March 6

9:00 am (JB) Goldie Ercegovic, by James Schaberl Family  
11:00 am (SG) James Geisweidt, Anniversary, by Family  
6:00 pm (JB) Bob Johns, by Linda and Joe Valencic

### This week at the Parish

#### Monday, February 29

- 12:30 pm Miraculous Medal Novena
- 6:30 pm Legion of Mary
- 6:30 pm *Prodigal Son Discussion*
- 7:00 pm Festival Meeting

#### Tuesday, March 1

- 9:00 am Parish the Pounds
- 6:30 pm Edge
- 6:30 pm Taste of Nations Meeting
- 6:30 pm *Prodigal Son Discussion*

#### Wednesday, March 2

- 6:00 pm Finance Council
- 6:30 pm *Prodigal Son Discussion*

#### Thursday, March 3

- 7:00 pm Areopagus
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Families in Christ Jesus

#### Friday, March 4

- 12:30 pm Soup and Conversation
- 4:30 pm Fish Fry
- 7:00 pm Mass and Stations

#### Saturday, March 5

- 9:00 am Outreach at St. Philomena
- 9:00 am Men's Group
- 10:00 am Joyfully Gifted
- 10:30 am Bereavement Group
- 7:00 pm A.A.

#### Sunday, March 6

- 9:30 am PSR
- 10:00 am RCIA
- 10:15 am Confirmation Meeting
- 11:00 am Life Teen Mass and Life Night at SJOC

**SRW Outreach Food Collection is next weekend. Please help to stock the pantry!**

## 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!

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome back that I have received since returning from my medical leave. As I said at Masses last weekend, I am thrilled to be back and missed you all so much. While I know taking the leave was in the best interest of the parish and me, that did not make the leave any easier. I assure you I am looking forward to many more years to serve as your pastor! We have something very special here at SRW and I feel blessed and humbled to be the shepherd of such a great parish community. You never cease to amaze me with your generosity of time, talent and treasure.



I want to again take the opportunity to thank Fr. Scott **and the entire staff** for their incredible work and support while I was away. They did not "miss a beat" and kept everything moving forward. I continually am impressed by the dedication and ownership they take in our work and ministry. Of course, all of this would not be possible without the cooperation and assistance of all of you and especially our phenomenal volunteers who do so much of the work in the parish.

I personally want to thank each of you for the cards, notes, treats, and well wishes. I was overwhelmed by the amount and the sincerity of these. They were a major source of strength for me during a difficult time. Most importantly thank you for the PRAYERS! These were certainly felt and received. I prayed daily for each of you and it was so nice to know that you were all praying for me as well. I will forever be in debt to all of you for the kindness, affection and love you showered upon me.

I am aware that the weekday Mass schedule was reduced to accommodate my leave and the reality of having only one resident priest. I would love nothing more than to restore the Mass schedule to the schedule prior to my leave. However, I am not sure that is the most responsible thing to do for several reasons. One, with the number of priests to staff parishes growing smaller, the Bishop has asked all parishes to reflect on their Mass schedules and make sure they are realistic considering staffing challenges. We are blessed with two priests here but in two years my guess is that we will go down to one priest when Fr. Scott completes his four year term here. (He will complete two of the four years this June). Second, we have a very large number of funerals. In the last two weeks we have had eight funerals. This means we have multiple Masses in a day. I can say that we will add the Saturday morning Mass back starting the Saturday after Easter, April 2. Mass will be at 8:30 am. Thirdly, I will work with parish council and ask them to help determine a new weekday Mass schedule that will include the addition of two more weekday Masses to the current schedule each week. We will start this schedule in September.

At all weekend Masses (March 5 & 6) we will offer the Anointing of the Sick to anyone who is suffering physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually. We do this twice a year and while I know it adds a few minutes to Mass, many people tell me that they are very moved by the beauty of the Sacrament. It is a great opportunity to pray for our brothers and sisters who are suffering, sometime silently with no one knowing. The Sacrament is not for those who have the sniffles or the common cold. The Anointing is for all those who are elderly, facing surgery of any kind, have terminal illness, cancer, chronic diseases such as diabetes, arthritis, etc.; those suffering from serious emotional illness such as depression, bipolar, etc.; and those suffering from spiritual desolation such as a "dark night." If you do have one of the above mentioned illnesses I strongly encourage you to come forward (or we will come to you) to receive the Sacrament. It is the outward and concrete sign of Jesus' companionship with you as you share in his cross of suffering. As a community of faith we are called to walk with you and to share and support you. Certainly physical healing is possible and some will experience that; but the Sacrament can definitely help to bring a sense of spiritual, emotional, and physical peace. This is also a good time to recognize all of you who take Holy Communion and/or visit our sick and homebound. Fr. Scott and I try to visit our homebound at least once a year and they always talk about how much they appreciate the visit from our homebound ministers.

Again, great to be back! See you in Church!

Peace,  
Fr. John

## Spiritual & Community



### **FIRST EUCHARIST PARENT/CHILD MEETING MARCH 7th**

The final formation meeting for all second grade parents and students (both School and PSR) will be held on Monday, March 7th, at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be held in Church and is for both parent and child as we learn about the "Liturgy of the Eucharist". This is a very

important formation session so please plan on attending. If you have any questions, please contact Gail Monroe at [gmonroe@srweuclid.cc](mailto:gmonroe@srweuclid.cc) or by phone at 216-731-1515 ext. 248.

### **Catholic Relief Services**

All are invited! Members of the CRS Parish Ambassador Corps are hosting a **Lenten Meatless Meal and Solidarity Walk in the Upper Hall of the school after the 11:00 am Mass this weekend.** Come and taste the foods of other countries and view some of the work done by Catholic Relief Services. A free will offering for the Rice Bowl project will be gratefully accepted.

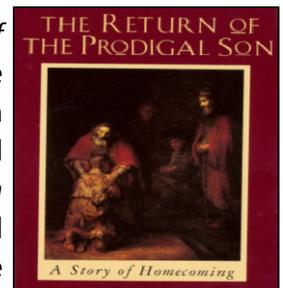
The next stop on our CRS Rice Bowl journey is the African nation of Rwanda, where we're reminded to care for the unborn. This week we pray for pregnant mothers, that they may have the medical and nutritional support they need to raise healthy, thriving children. Visit [csrricebowl.org](http://csrricebowl.org) for more.

### **Women's Fellowship**

Celebrate, celebrate, celebrate! Join our Women's Fellowship on Saturday March 12 from 9:00 -11:00 am in the Upper Hall. We will celebrate St. Patrick's Day and our WF's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Joining us in celebration and in prayerful fellowship will be our guest speaker, Renee Barber, who is always both inspirational and a real delight! Call Marcia Granito 216.570.7667 or Pam Mignona 440.241.3917 for information.

### **Adult Education**

Somewhere between 1661 and 1669 Rembrandt painted *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, depicting the moment the lost son returned home and into the arms of his merciful father. In 1983, author Henri Nouwen saw a reproduction of that work hanging on the office door of a friend and there began an obsession that led to Nouwen's 1992 book, *Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming*. On February 29th, and March 1st and 2nd we will reflect on the painting (which hangs in the gathering space of our church), the book, and the boundless mercy of God. Please join us from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the gathering space of the Church. **Books can**



**be purchased at the Information Desk or Parish Office for \$10.00.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2017**

Mass intentions will begin being taken on Tuesday, March 1 at 8:30 am. There is a limit of two intentions for weekend Masses and three intentions for weekday Masses.



## Caring & Participating



Our Lenten Fish Fries will be held every Friday until March 18th. Dinner will be available from 4:30 pm—6:45 pm. The all-you-can eat meal is **still only \$12** for adults and **\$6 for children 12 and under**. Come and join us for an evening of fellowship and a great meal.

### Vote for the SRW Fish Fry!

**Vote SRW as your favorite fish fry at [www.Livingbreadradio.com](http://www.Livingbreadradio.com). Don't forget to listen to AM 1060 to help you grow in your Catholic faith!**

### **Palm Sunday Benefit Dinner at St. Vitus**

As a "Year of Mercy Initiative," St. Vitus is hosting a benefit dinner on March 20th at St. Vitus Parish Auditorium, 6111 Lausche Avenue, Cleveland. Dinners will be served continuously from 11:00 am – 1:30 pm. The menu includes a choice of chicken or roast beef, home-made soup, potatoes, vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, and coffee, tea, or milk. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for child 12 years or younger. Sit-down or take-out dinners will be available. SRW School will receive a portion of the proceeds.

### **Knights of Columbus Euclid Council's Annual Corned Beef Dinner**

The Knights of Columbus Euclid Council 3164 will host their annual **Corned Beef Dinner and Poor Man's Raffle** on Saturday, March 12, 2016 in the Upper Hall of Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish. **Tickets are \$40.00/couple**. The price of the ticket includes two corned beef dinners, salad, dessert, one main board ticket, and free refreshments. It's a wonderful evening at an awesome price! All proceeds go to assist the Knights in their work in the community. Doors open at 6:00 pm, and dinner is served at 7:00 pm. There will be side boards available as well!

For tickets or questions, please contact Richard Smith at 330.221.4382 or by email at [trzent@gmail.com](mailto:trzent@gmail.com). Tickets will also be available in the Parish Office. **Tickets go fast; get yours today!**

### **Foreclosure/ Mortgage Assistance**

On this one day Wednesday, March 2nd from Noon – 8:00 pm a foreclosure/mortgage assistance program is being held at the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd Street, Euclid. To RSVP or for more information, call 216.453.0874

### **A 'Thank You' From Birthright**

"Thanks so much for your generous contribution of diapers, baby clothes, and the beautiful handmade blankets. We will distribute them to our needy clients. We appreciate your continued support of our mission to support moms and babies." Sincerely, Toni Sabo

**SAVE THE DATE: Our annual "Taste of Nations Gala" will be held on Saturday, April 23rd beginning with a 4:00 pm Polka Mass (the Joey Tomsick Orchestra will be playing at both). Tickets will be available soon. Watch the bulletin for details.**



### **FORGIVENESS**

Those who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they themselves must pass.  
—Confucius

# Faith Formation



Ss. Robert and William Catholic School

SRW  
Parish School of Religion



## LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION for all Generations

### Heard It in the Hallway

Going Google for Google Apps: With the passing of Christmas break, we are at the half-way mark in our first year of going 1:1 with Chromebooks for our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our middle school students have produced over 5,500 documents using their Google IDs. We currently have over 340 active users through the Google Apps program. While the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students have the Chromebooks, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students all have Google IDs and are getting creative with them as well. Teachers at both the middle and upper school levels have truly embraced this technology. Looking for virtual field trips and sites to complement their everyday learning, creating charts, graphing, presentations etc., and incorporating Google Apps for Education have truly made a difference in reaching our students through 21<sup>st</sup> century technology. Teachers have begun using the Chromebook to enrich study and organizational skills as well. They are taking a new approach to note-taking using Google Slides and encouraging students to use the Google Calendar to track assignments. Using Google Classroom enables the students to assess their progress in ways that were not possible with traditional paper and pencil. It's a great way for both teachers and students to keep assignments organized, submitted on-time, and provide efficient tracking of the progress of their work.

### Worthy Warrior



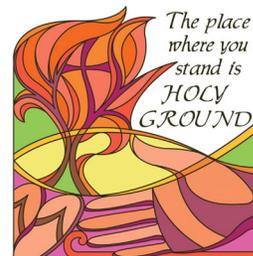
This week's Worthy Warrior is 8<sup>th</sup> grader, Ryan Newnes. Ryan can often be found as the first one to volunteer to help others in need without prompting. His most recent service was assisting the Parent Association in setting up the gym for the Princess Prom. He was one of the last students left helping with set-up. His drive and determination are witnessed not only in his academic success, but in living his faith and showing kindness toward others on a daily basis. Whether he is helping younger students find their way through the hall, being a friendly ear for his peers, or helping teachers and parents with their needs, Ryan exemplifies a willing spirit of service at Ss. Robert and William.

**Congratulations to the following students who have earned academic honors for the first semester at St.**

**Ignatius High School:**

Andre Borja  
John Conway  
Jermaine Leonard, Jr.  
Evan Steigerwald  
Michael Sweet  
Patrick Sweet  
Maurice Ware

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# Stewardship & Evangelization

The February 14 offertory was \$9,547.41 and the February 21 offertory was \$9,455.52. Faith Direct for the second half of February was \$1,865. Thank you very much for your continued generosity. — Fr. John



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](http://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:	\$451,778	Amount Paid to Date:	\$296,206
Total Due:	\$155,571	Total Number of Donors:	210
Loan Balance:	\$1,435,488	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](mailto:eivory@srweuclid.cc).

## Rooted in Faith— Forward in Hope SRW Update

**Total Parish Pledges:**  
\$1,082,318.80

**Number of Gifts:**  
567

**Total Parish Distributions  
Received to Date:**  
\$257,889.00

Every payment you make benefits our parish! As you know, 30% of the funds collected up to our goal return to our parish to use for our own local projects. Our parish continues to receive quarterly distributions based upon monies collected from your pledges. Thank you to everyone who makes this success possible.

If you have not yet made a gift to the Campaign but would like to do so, or if you'd like to make an additional gift, please go to [www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/rif/newgift). Alternately, you may contact Angie Pavlik at the Catholic Community foundation at 216.696.6525, ext. 1303.

### PLEASE SEND ME A 2015 OFFERTORY STATEMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Request \_\_\_\_\_

(Please send request to the parish office).



**Thank you to our SS. Robert & William School and PSR students. The Student Envelope Collection for the month of January was \$180.00. The charity chosen to receive the amount collected is "SS. Robert & William Outreach Ministry." God bless you for your generosity!**

## **PRAYERS NEEDED**

**Please pray for...**Jeanette Hocevar, Amanda, Ken Osborne, Sheila Creegan, Alda Kovalsky, Todd Deranek, Jean Feiten, Alice Slokar, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Richard Galaida, Dennis Whitticar, Rich Weybrecht, Janet and Jim Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Sharon Kazusky, Brian LeQuyea, Mary Belko, Jim Vlach, Mary Ann Campbell, Grayson Kazusky, Mary Vale, Betty Rapinz, Stewart Herbison, Violet DeStefanis, Mary Ann Campbell, Robin Siepka 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**. May 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 Frank Hoegler, Gerri Sexton and Helen Maher. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of family and our parish community.

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday:** **St. Katharine Drexel**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;  
Lk 4:24-30
- Tuesday:** **Lenten Weekday**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9;  
Mt 18:21-35
- Wednesday:** **Lenten Weekday**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;  
Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday:** **Lenten Weekday**  
Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
- Friday:** **St. Casimir; World Day of Prayer;**  
First Friday; Abstinence  
Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;  
Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday:** **First Saturday**  
Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday:** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;  
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



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