



# Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish

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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

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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

September 4, 2016

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Monday, September 5

9:00 AM (SG) For All Who Labor

#### Tuesday, September 6

8:00 AM (SG) Mary and Lonnie Felden 50th Wedding Anniversary, Special Intention by Family

#### Wednesday, September 7

12:00 PM (JB) † Charles Blessing by Debbie Griesmer & John Dular

#### Thursday, September 8

8:00 AM (JB) † Julie Strnad by Hayes, Strnad, Chicone, and Graff Families

#### Friday, September 9

12:00 PM (JB) † Carolyn Markel by Her Son

#### Saturday, September 10

8:30 AM (SG) † John Joyce by Family

4:00 PM (SG) † Leo Dekleva by Family

#### Sunday, September 11

9:00 AM (JB) † Cresencia Sta-Ana by Sweet Family

11:00 AM (SG) † Arthur Fellenstein by Wife

6:00 PM (JB) † Mary Ann Dular by John Dular

### **This Week At The Parish**

#### **Monday, September 5**

- Parish Office Closed
- No School

#### **Tuesday, September 6**

- 8:00 am School Mass
- 7:00 pm Addicts' Parents United
- 7:00 pm Parish Council

#### **Wednesday, September 7**

- 6:30 pm Finance Council
- 7:00 pm Evening of Mercy

#### **Thursday, September 8**

- 6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 7:00 pm Areopagus

#### **Friday, September 9**

#### **Saturday, September 10**

- 9:00 am Men's Group
- 9:00 am Women's Fellowship
- 2:30 pm Confessions
- 40 Days for Life Promotion at all Masses
- 7:00 pm AA

#### **Sunday, September 11**

- 40 Days for Life Promotion at all Masses
- 9:00 am PSR
- 11:00 am Sunday Preschool

#### **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



## 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,

Happy Labor Day weekend! I hope it is a great holiday weekend for you all. Please consider joining us for 9:00 am Mass on Labor Day. The Parish Office and School are closed that day. I hope you have the opportunity for some relaxation and family time.

With Labor Day comes the “unofficial end” to summer, when routines are back in full swing. PSR starts next Sunday and I encourage anyone who has a child, grandchild, niece, or nephew that they would like to be formed in the Catholic faith to please call Gail Monroe at the Parish Office to get them registered. We have a moral obligation to pass on the faith to our young people. PSR is for Preschool—Grade 6 students in non-Catholic schools to come together each Sunday morning to learn about their faith. We have a wonderful group of catechists who work so hard each week to teach our young ones. Please keep them in your prayers.

RCIA will be starting soon. RCIA is for those adults who wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholic but received no further instruction in the ways of the faith nor received any of their Sacraments. RCIA is a journey from September—May that helps someone learn about the Catholic Faith and receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. We meet on Sunday mornings. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 18 after the 9:00 am Mass. If you or someone you know is interested, please consider coming. If you are Catholic it might help if you offer to come with them.

This week you may notice our bulletin is a bit shorter, two pages to be exact. We are in the midst of implementing a new communications strategy at the parish. The way we communicate in our world is changing so drastically. Even in my 13 years as a priest parish communication has changed considerably. We are looking at the resources we have and utilizing them to the best of our ability. While the Sunday bulletin is very important and will always have a place, I think we should put some energy into other methods. In addition, we need to have multiple approaches to reach people. Our strategies will include:

- **Bulletins:** As I said, this is still a great tool, but one that we will use to communicate the most pertinent information for that week. It will include my blog (letter) and shorter announcements of other happenings.
- **Newsletters:** Our bulletin company will be providing us with six newsletters each year. These newsletters will be mailed to each registered household in the parish and will have a variety of information and articles about the parish and school. These newsletters and the bulletins are provided to us at no cost from our bulletin contract because they make their money on the advertising on the back of the bulletin. Please patronize these companies.
- **TV Monitors:** There are currently two monitors located in the vestibule of the Church containing great information. We will also be installing one in the parish office and an additional one in the school. People keep donating these TV's to us:) (We are not in need of any more).
- **Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, make sure to like our parish and school. Fr. Scott and Mrs. Dodd maintain these pages for us and keep pertinent information up to date.
- **Websites:** Fr. Scott recently revamped our website, and Rich Smith revamped the school website. Check them out! There is a lot of great information on them, and they are very easy to navigate.
- **Flocknote:** Elsewhere in the bulletin is information on how to sign up for this. This allows you to get information from the parish via emails and texts.
- **Personal Invitation:** This is still the best way to communicate and promote anything in the parish!

We will continue to work to fine tune these methods of connecting with our parishioners, but our hope is that for each and every event or ministry we use multiple ways to communicate information.

Thank you to Mary Phelps, who has served as our Volunteer Nurse for six years. She has faithfully been here each Tuesday to meet with parishioners to help them understand their health. She has coordinated monthly blood pressure checks and run our First Aid tent every year at the Festival. She is “retiring” from this volunteer job and we wish her well. She has been a blessing for so many.

Finally, I am very happy to share with you that Bishop Lennon has reappointed me pastor here for another six year term. In 2009, the Diocese began assigning pastors to six year terms renewable more than once. My first term was up this past January. Because of his recent health issues he is a bit behind in renewing terms of pastors. His delegate called me last week and asked did I want another term and I gave an enthusiastic yes! The Bishop accepted and sent his blessing to us as a parish community as we journey together over the next six years. I am very humbled and honored! (And pretty excited!)

Make it a great week. See you in Church!

Peace,

Fr. John



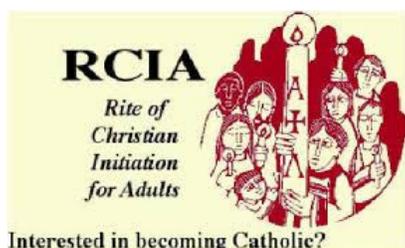
## Faith Formation

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

At Baptism, parents make the promise to raise their children in the ways of the faith. The best way to do this is in conjunction with the parish. Our Parish School of Religion Program provides a strong faith foundation for public school students in Grades K-6. PSR will begin Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, during an information session with Fr. John in Ss. Robert & William School Gym. This meeting should be attended by all parents/guardians as well as students in the PSR Program. Our regular PSR classes will begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> (9:30-10:45 am). Registration packets have been mailed to returning families. Please contact Gail Monroe, Pastoral Associate/DRE at 216.731.1515 ext. 248 or [gmonroe@srweuclid.cc](mailto:gmonroe@srweuclid.cc) for more information on our program.

### SUNDAY PRESCHOOL

If you are interested in registering your child (**PreK ages 3, 4, or 5 years**) for our Sunday Preschool **being held on Sunday mornings from 11:00 am - 12:00 noon in the school beginning September 11<sup>th</sup>**, please contact Gail Monroe at 216.731.1515 ext. 248 or by email at [gmonroe@srweuclid.cc](mailto:gmonroe@srweuclid.cc) for the **registration information**. The fee is an affordable **\$10.00 per family**. Our Sunday Preschool follows the same calendar as our PSR Program from **September-April**. This program is a wonderful way to support the faith foundation you are building in your children at a young age.



### An Invitation to Explore the Catholic Faith

Think for a moment. Have you ever felt fear or hesitation at the thought of trying something new – so much so that it kept you from moving forward? Or, has an invitation from someone to give something a try ever given you the courage to act? An invitation is a simple yet powerful gesture – just a few words that may open a person up to a whole new experience...an experience that may be life-changing. On Sunday morning, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will begin in the rectory as our team welcomes those who have expressed a desire to explore the Catholic faith. Do you know someone who

has been searching for deeper meaning in his/her life? Maybe someone has been asking you questions about your faith. Invite him/her to join us on the 18<sup>th</sup>. And if he/she wants to know what's going to happen, the answer is simple: We're going to get to know Jesus Christ. Not know *about* him, but *know* him. And that can be a real life-changer! Your invitation can make all the difference between someone who has been wondering about the Catholic faith and someone who comes to find out how a Catholic Christian community lives. If you are reading this and are one of those who has been wondering, consider this **your** invitation! For more information call Renée Barber at 216.731.1515 Ext. 262.

## Spiritual

### Women's Fellowship



Dorothy Day once said, "Don't call me a saint. I don't want to be dismissed so easily." People aren't born saints. It is a life-long struggle. The stories of saints often "cut to the chase" leaving out the humanness that makes the rest of us feel that sainthood is out of our reach. Join **Women's Fellowship on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9am in the Upper Hall** as we explore the human side of holiness with our guest speaker, **Renee Barber**. For further info on **Women's Fellowship** contact: Pam Mignona , 440.242.3917 or Marcia Granito, 216.570.7667.

Reminder: **SAVE THE DATE**. Our annual **Women's Renewal** will be held **Saturday, October 8 from 7:45am to 3:30pm in the Upper Hall**. Our topic is "Let your Spirit Soar".

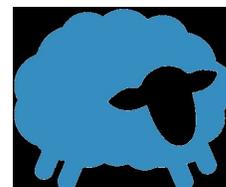
## We'd like to connect with you!

Get important updates from our church in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in our church. You can unsubscribe any time.

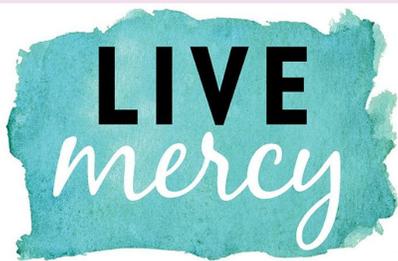
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## Caring & Participating



### Evening of Mercy

Works of mercy aren't just for missionaries far away. They are for you and me in our everyday lives. Mercy happens at home, work, school, and even in the daily encounters with total strangers. Come learn about how the Church and our own Euclid community team-up to bring healing and hope to others and how YOU can get involved in works of mercy in simple ways here at home. Join us for our Evening of Mercy on Wednesday, September 7 at 7:00 pm in the church. Seminarian Joshua Cochrac will offer a short presentation on mercy and the work of Catholic Relief Services.

In solidarity with Pope Francis who has declared this the "Year of Mercy," Ss. Robert & Willian Catholic Parish will be focusing on a different theme of mercy for the remainder of the year. Along with the theme, we will be highlighting a specific ministry or opportunity that embodies the theme for the month. All are encouraged to participate and reflect on these monthly acts of mercy.

### September: Merciful like the Father...to the child

As Matthew 19:14 states, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, SRW school opened its doors to over 500 students. The student body prays each morning for the parishioners of SRW who support our school financially. We humbly ask you to keep our students and staff in your prayers as they nurture the seeds of faith. In addition, we always have some families who struggle to purchase needed school supplies. If you would like to donate any items (packs of: pens, pencils, crayons, loose leaf paper, or copy paper), we will gladly distribute them to students in need. Just drop them off to the Parish Office.



**Thank You! We met our Goal and then some! Because of the extreme generosity of our parishioners, we collected \$4,312.33!!! The money will now be assigned to a project, and we will begin receiving updates on the progress. What an incredible gift to give! And what an incredible parish! Thanks again to all of you who were a part of this life-giving effort!**

**Stewardship Reflection:** In today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus says a lot about what it means to be His disciple — the demands and the expectations. As His final statement in the reading, He says, "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." This is another case where the translation from the original Greek may produce misunderstanding. Most of us understand the word "renounce" as meaning "reject" or "hand over." However, another meaning of the Greek word might be "to say goodbye to." That is the real message, and it is one with a strong stewardship element. What the Lord may be trying to communicate is our possessions can stand in the way of being His disciple and being a good steward. It is a question of trust. Trust is at the center of a stewardship way of life. Jesus tells us that we need to trust in Him to a greater extent than in ourselves or in what we may possess. That is not easy for us. Nevertheless, to place our trust in the Lord is exactly what it means to be His disciple. The Book of Psalms perfectly captures the challenge we face and provides the answer to the challenge as well. In Psalms we are told: "Man says to God, 'Show me and I will trust You.' And God replies "Trust me and I will show you.'" —*Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

We cordially invite you to invite your family and friends who have been away from the Church to

### **Q & A Session with Fr. John & Fr. Scott**

**Wednesday, September 14 at 6:30 pm at the Parish Office**

Bring any questions & concerns you have about the Church and the Catholic faith.

Our priests will answer your questions with tenderness and truth.

You can ask questions vocally or anonymously. We look forward to welcoming you!

Can't make it on Wednesday, September 14?

We are holding other Q&A sessions on other Wednesdays:

December 14, 2016 | March 8, 2017 | June 14, 2017

## PRAYERS NEEDED

**Please pray for...**Sheila Creegan, Alda Kovalsky, Todd Deranek, Jean Feiten, Helen Sattler, Ronald Kessler, Marianne Ellul, Geraldine Hoffert, Richard Galaida, Dennis Whitticar, Rich Weybrecht, Janet and Jim Cika, Pauline Dutcher, Elaine Jackson, Sharon Kazusky, Jim Vlach, Grayson Kazusky, Mary Vale, Violet DeStefanis, Robin Siepka, Ann Grossman, Donald Pavlovich, Kathy Carey, Vonceil Franklin, Mary Nykiel, Evelyn Troha, Pat Sargent, Chuck Hill, Alice Maroney, Elaine Yanko, Mary Ann Hudak, Faye Bukovec, Samuel Raguz, Ray Michalski, James Augustine, Bob Daunch 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. May they know the peace and comfort of God's love and find strength in the support of our parish community.



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## Stewardship

The collection for August 28 was **\$9,034.81**

**Loan Balance:** \$1,409,751

**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](mailto:fjb@srweuclid.cc) or [eivory@srweuclid.cc](mailto:eivory@srweuclid.cc).

Thank you very much for your continued generosity.

— Fr. John

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