

St. William Parish

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September 26 2021 ~ Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The road of mercy leads us to the heart of God!”

Today’s gospel episode contains some rather harsh words from Jesus. We don’t read the words of this gospel literally, but rather look for the meaning Jesus wishes to convey. The hand, foot, and eye are all singled out as possible agents of sin. We are given these tools to help build the kingdom of God, yet at times we use them for purposes that go against God’s plan, such as stealing, looking upon another with envy or contempt, or causing bodily harm to others. Jesus seems to be inviting us to consider what situations or possessions tempt us toward sin in our every day lives. Are there ways that we might remove these events or items from our lives so as to live in greater freedom and holiness? Then we hear, *“but they are not one of us!”* This exclusive catch-cry can be raised in many contexts, from the bullying on the school playground to that in the much more serious social, political, and religious arenas. The disciples become concerned after witnessing a stranger *“driving out demons”* in Jesus’s name. Jesus stops them from interfering, telling them, *“Whoever is not against us is for us.”* A similar occurrence happens



in the first reading when two men, Eldad and Medad, who were not present when God bestowed the spirit of prophecy upon the seventy elders, receives the spirit anyway. At first, Joshua, Moses’s aide, is incensed. But Moses challenges him: *“Are you jealous for my sake... would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!”* Within the disciples’ and Joshua’s response we find a common human tendency: trying to own or control something that does not belong to us. In these instances, it is God’s generosity that the disciples and Joshua desire to police. Jesus’s and Moses responses, however, point to the uncontrollable nature of God’s will. We are all laborers in the vineyard of the Lord. We are called to renounce the temptation to competition and the hunger to be better than others. By rejoicing in and welcoming the talents of others, we embrace the humility of Christ. The kingdom of God arises in our midst when people develop their talents fully, not for their own glory, but for the good of all and as an act of praise to the Lord.

Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **September 26 - October 3, 2021** ~
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE LOUIS & CATHERINE CHURA/ Ron & Donna Runtas**
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JAKE SALADORE/ Gary & Ellie Gates**
 11:00 a.m. ♥ **SARA STEVENS/ Judy Makosky**
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

OCTOBER 3, 2021

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DOUG GRADISHAR/ Brian & Andrea Kochunas**
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JERRY OTT/ Roy & Ann Plant**
 11:00 a.m. † **SUZIE MINTUS/ Family**

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **October 3, 2021** ~

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 2: 18-24

The LORD God said: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." ...

Hebrews 2: 9-11

Brothers and sisters: He "for a little while" was made "lower than the angels, that by the grace of God he might..."

Mark 10: 2-16

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

October 2/3, 2021

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, _____
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Rachel Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Margaret Foster

Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
 8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Regina Speaker, Bob Mintus

Sign-Up In Vestibule



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 19, 2021 (WK 12)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,302.00*	\$ 85,024.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 87,228.00
Difference	\$ 33.00	\$ (2,204.00)
Performance	100%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 615.00 LAST WK — \$ 10,550.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 187 out of 531
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (4 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#358 drawn on 9/22/2021

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$329.00



BLESSING OF PETS

Our annual Blessing of Pets will take place next Saturday, October 2 at 10:00 a.m. October 4 is the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron of pets and animals. Join us next Saturday in front of the Social Hall at 10:00 a.m. in honor of his feast and in thanksgiving for the companionship, love, and devotion our pets give us.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults will be held on Sunday, November 21, at 4:00 p.m. in Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for parishioners 18 or older who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. Candidates must register with our parish, participate in a preparation program, and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. Sponsors must be confirmed, practicing Catholics and may not be the candidate's parent. Please contact the Parish Office by October 10, 2021 to make arrangements.

CHANCE AUCTION

St. William Social Hall ~ Tuesday, October 12, 2021
 Tickets are being sold after Mass: Donation \$8.00 and will also be available in the office during the week. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of all Women's Guild Functions for the benefit the church.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." ~Mark 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Eleanor Poland

May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

RCIA Begins October 10!

Have you.....

- ...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- ...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?
- ...yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- ...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

Our first parish RCIA Opening Introductory Session will be held on **Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Adult Meeting Room. RCIA sessions will then be held on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Niles beginning on **Monday, October 11, 2021.** These sessions will join others from neighboring parishes in Trumbull County. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practice. **IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN US!!!!** If someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith, we would love to help you on your journey. Invite them to join us on Sunday, October 10!

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the September 14, 2021 meeting of Parish Council are posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule and on the parish website.

PSR NEWS

PSR is still looking for a catechist/teacher for this year. If you are interested or have any questions, contact Carol Timko - ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org.

COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday
after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



Power UP→Reconnect THANK YOU!

Many thanks to everyone who attended last Sunday's PowerUP→Reconnect event! It was a great time with good food, fun entertainment, and shared fellowship. It was good to be able to get together and "reconnect" with one another and our parish! Our thanks to the Planning Committee for arranging *(at the last minute!)* our delicious barbecue dinner! Thanks also to Angelo Barbaro *(Frank Sinatra)* the Stilt-Walkers, Petting Zoo, and our Knights of Columbus for providing the bonfire! Congratulations also our Bingo game winners, Early Bird Raffle winner, and Gift Basket winners. It was a great afternoon, beautiful weather, and a wonderful opportunity for our parish to come together to PowerUP→and RECONNECT!

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 27 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30a.m.& 6:30p.m.
Sept 28 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept 28 ~ Welcome Ministry 6:00 p.m.
Sept 29 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
Sept 30 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Oct 2 ~ Blessing of Pets 10:00 a.m.
Oct 2 ~ Folk Group 5:00 p.m.
Oct 3 ~ Coffee & Donuts
Oct 3 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Oct 3 ~ Adult Choir 11:00 a.m.
Oct 3 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

BINGO NIGHT

Meeting: October 6, 2021

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting

(Bring a White Elephant Gift)

A monetary donation will be made to Akron Children's Hospital ~ Reach Out and Read Literacy Program



Membership in the Women's Guild is open to women 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, join us at a regularly scheduled meeting.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. If interested in joining, please visit our web site at www.knights7491.org



PowerUp→Reconnect CONTINUES!

PowerUp→Reconnect continues as our parish theme for the coming year in the hope that we will all PowerUP→Reconnect to our parish life and ministry. Last week provided us an opportunity to consider returning to or joining a parish ministry. In the coming weeks, look for an invitation to join the parish ministries that were indicated on your card from last week. *PowerUp→Reconnect "With the Word"* is also our religious education and formation theme for this year with special emphasis on the God's Word in Scripture. We have been fortunate to receive a parish grant from Catholic Federal Credit Union to help purchase new Bibles for our religious education participants and families that will help keep this theme at the forefront of our religious education programs this year. More information will be given in the coming weeks.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church), 175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, October 8. Two varieties will be offered: potato and sweet cabbage. The cost is 7.00 doz. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) \$ 4.00 qt. bag. Advanced orders can be placed by calling 330 393-0781 on Monday and Tuesday. Please leave name and number with order. Pick up is Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m.

JFK Kash Raffle The 13th Annual Kennedy Kash \$25,000 Raffle will be held on Friday, October 8, 2021 at the haltime of the JFK vs. St. Thomas Aquinas Varsity Football Game. Winners need not be present. 1000 tickets will be sold and 21 cash prizes will be given away. Grand Prize is \$12,500; five \$1,000; and 15 \$500 cash prizes will be given away. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at the JFK school office or online at www.warrenjfk.com.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS???

Out of Town? Temporarily? Seasonally? Are you a Snowbird? Remember to let the Parish Office know ahead of time. We can send mail directly to a temporary or seasonal address. Mail returned to us incurs a hefty charge. Help keep our costs down by letting us know your address changes!

Check the parish website from time to time for information about what is happening at the parish...
www.stwilliamchampion.org

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org. Prayer requests can be made by calling or emailing the parish office.

***St. William Parish Community
 Membership Form***

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form
- Moving out of the parish
- Change of address / phone number

Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!

~Contact~

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Rev. Michael D. Balash, Pastor
Robert Mintus, Deacon
Tina McCue, Pastoral Associate
Patricia Maciejewski, Music Director
Carol Timko, Religious Education
Therese Tuttle, Business Manager
Dan Robinson, Office Manager
Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
 Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
 Holydays - Check weekly bulletin
 Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.
 Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, Holy Orders ~ Contact the Parish Office.

~Christian Formation~

Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
 Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Adult and Teen Enrichment

Offered throughout the year. Consult the bulletin.

John F. Kennedy Catholic School

www.warrenjfk.com

~Service~

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration, Hall Rental/Catering, and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 12:00 noon