

St. William Parish

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October 3, 2021 ~ Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



“We will seek and we shall find!”

In today’s gospel, Jesus chides the disciples who are intent on discouraging parents from bringing their children to him, stating, *“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”* This proclamation comes as no shock to us. Jesus is constantly lifting up the poor, vulnerable, and weak as important members of the community. But today Jesus does more. After affirming children’s place in the kingdom of God, Jesus lifts them up as the spiritual model for adults. In particular, Jesus points to a child’s ability to “receive” the kingdom of God as a necessary attribute for

anyone wishing to enter this kingdom. And so, let us consider how a young child receives. Upon being given a gift, a child often responds with delight and eagerness. Once the gift is opened, the child’s joy grows in wishing to use the gift right away. At times, as adults, we might receive gifts in this way. But oftentimes other feelings creep in beyond eagerness, delight, and joy. We might be concerned whether we “deserve” the gift we have been given, or perhaps we worry about what we will give in return to make the relationship “even” between us and the gift giver. This is not the way one receives a gift such as the kingdom of heaven. There is nothing we can do to deserve such a gift and nothing we could give in return that would “equal out” our relationship with God. This week, let us ponder how we might receive the gift of God’s kingdom with childlike wonder, awe, and joyful thanksgiving that prompts us to eagerly live each day as kingdom people.



Enjoy the week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ October 3-10, 2021 ~

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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

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. † **GEORGE & JOANNA PALCICH/**
Georgann Hollender
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **DAVID BAILEY/** Brittany Purcell

OCTOBER 10, 2021

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MICHAEL BALASH/** Father Balash
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MAMIE GOUGH/** Heikkila Family
11:00 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/** Don & Martha Urchek

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ October 10, 2021 ~

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7: 7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me ...

Hebrews 4: 12-13

Brothers and sisters: Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword...

Mark 10: 17-30

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

October 9/10, 2021

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, _____
8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, Christine DePascale
11:00 a.m. _____, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
11:00 a.m. Nate Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. _____, _____
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Linda Trunick
11:00 a.m. Patty Heib, _____

Sign-Up In Vestibule



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.

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.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (Genesis 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

NEW MEMBER

Cliff Evans

Welcome to our parish family. May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 26, 2021 (WK 13)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,149.00*	\$ 92,173.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 94,497.00
Difference	\$ (120.00)	\$ (2,324.00)
Performance	98%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 350.00 LAST WK — \$ 10,900.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 164 out of 532
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (5 out of 45)

POT-OF-GOLD

#344 drawn on 9/28/2021

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$482.00



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Larry Griffin

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

RCIA Begins Next Sunday!

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!

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember all those who have embraced eternal life, especially in the past year. Tuesday, November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. At all Masses on October 30-31, we will remember in a special way all of our loved ones who have passed away during the last year and whose departing we continue to mourn and grieve. You are invited to write the names of loved ones in our All Soul's Day Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule. All of our loved ones who have entered eternal life will be remembered throughout the entire month of November.

COME TO THE WATER! Saint William Parish Retreat

Saturday, November 6, 2021 ~
12:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

In *Baptism, Alive in Christ*, Justin Huyck reminds us that “Baptism is not just an event that happened in the past but the identity we are immersed in as followers of Jesus.” You are invited to Come to the Water! and immerse yourself in connecting with your identity as a member of the Church.

Registration will take place after Mass on October 9/10, 16/17 and 23/24. The retreat fee of \$15.00 can be made payable to Saint William Parish.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Oct 4 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30a.m.& 6:30p.m.
- Oct 5 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Oct 5 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 6 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Oct 6 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 7 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Oct 10 ~ RCIA Opening Session 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 10 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 10 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 10 ~ 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 UPDATE!

We are off to a great start in reconnecting with each other! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Power Up→Reconnect parish event.

If you were unable to attend the PowerUP→Reconnect parish event on September 19, or did not have the opportunity to complete the ministry interest form, you are invited to pick up a form in the vestibule. Every parishioner is invited to consider three things among liturgical ministry, religious formation, or parish life that might interest you.

The parish is the presence of the Church in any given territory, an environment for hearing God's word, for growth in Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship, and celebration.

Pope Francis



**FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:
COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION**

Recently, Pope Francis announced that there would be a worldwide Synod exploring ways in which the Universal Church can improve its ability to listen to the faithful. The theme for the Synod is, "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." The Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church as was done in the upper room at Pentecost. Pope Francis reminds us that we should reflect on our life and mission so to better impact the world and increase our ability to encounter Christ. Your participation and input is necessary and vital to this process. Questions relating to the Synod may be found at www.doy.org Your response is greatly appreciated. All are welcome to attend the Opening Mass of the Synod on Sunday, October 17, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. The purpose of the Synod is to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to have hope flourish, stimulate trust, bind up wounds and learn from each other by building bridges, enlightening minds and restoring strength for our common mission. Pray for the success of the Synod.

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



St. Thomas the Apostle Drive-Thru Fish Fry

4453 Warren-Sharon Rd., Vienna, Ohio 44473

St. Thomas will be offering a Drive-Thru Fish Fry's on the first Friday of the month from October to February: October 1 - November 5 - December 3 - January 7 - February 4. Lunch is served 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and is \$6. Dinner is served 3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. and is \$10.

St. Thomas the Apostle Rummage & Antique Sale

4453 Warren-Sharon Rd., Vienna, Ohio 44473

The sale will take place on Friday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Everything is half price on Saturday. A bake sale will be held both days and admission and parking is free.

***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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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.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 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