

# St. William Parish

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November 28, 2021 ~ First Sunday of Advent



## “Together We Wait”

On this first Sunday of the church year, many of us will gaze at the single flame that is burning on the Advent wreath. It seems so small and insignificant against the background of world events and even our own lives. Often, we are so physically and mentally exhausted at the end of the year that we may be skeptical about this tiny, flickering flame and the illumination it can offer us. But as we enter this season, the church encourages us to have hope in the promises of God that can so easily flicker in and out of our consciousness. At first hearing, Luke’s message today may seem to be proclaiming a message of fear and doom; its truth, however, is different. Christ, in his second glorious coming will liberate us from all fear and menace. Many people in our world commit themselves to what has not yet happened and to long-range hopes. Advent challenges us to let our hopes reach beyond cozy limits to the huge and human hope of a new creation. Our gospel message today reminds us that we wait for something more than the celebration of Christ at Christmas. Jesus tells his disciples that a day will come when all must stand before God. Like the disciples, we too wait for the coming of Christ at the end of time when sin, fear, and injustice will be no more. *Together We Wait!*

As we conclude this holiday weekend, I hope that Thanksgiving was a good and happy day for you and your family. We all have a great deal to be thankful for, especially to God for all the blessings of this life. As we enter this season of Advent, I hope that many of you will join us this Tuesday evening for our special Advent Evening Prayer of Lessons and Carols. This reflective prayer of scripture and song helps set the tone for this week before Christmas and provides an opportunity for all of us to wait together for the coming of Christ.

Finally, I hope you received information about our parking lot project in the mail this past week and had some time to reflect and think about your support towards this project. If you haven’t yet read the information sent, I would ask that you please do so and then pray about your response. Together we can make this dream a reality by contributing to the legacy of those who have gone before us and ensuring the future for those who come after us. Your generosity over the years has been overwhelming and kind. It is my hope that this kindness will continue as we begin this exciting and historic project for our parish. Thank you for your kind consideration.



Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ November 21-28, 2021 ~  
Christ the King

**NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DARLENE SAIT**/ Hysen Sait  
11:00 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK**/ Mary Pytlik

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **FRANCIS THEIS**/ Family  
Wed 8:30 a.m. ♥ **SISTERS: RUTH COLE & HELEN SNYDER**/  
Helen Snyder  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/ Tula O'Neal  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **BARB BRDEK**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa

**DECEMBER 5, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR**/ John & Lori Kiepper  
Sun 8:30 a.m. ♥ **CARL & JOANN PETERSON**/ Judy Makosky  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Theresa & Steve Craiger

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ December 5, 2021 ~  
Second Sunday of Advent

**Baruch 5: 1-9**

*Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever...*

**Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11**

*Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel ...*

**Luke 3: 1-6**

*In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea ...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 4/5, 2021

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Kathy Rogel, \_\_\_\_\_  
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, \_\_\_\_\_  
11:00 a.m. Melanie Shoaf, \_\_\_\_\_

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. \_\_\_\_\_, Bob Mintus

Sign-Up In  
Vestibule



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 21, 2021 (WK 21)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,642.00*	\$ 150,876.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 152,649.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 373.00	\$ (1,773.00)
<b>Performance</b>	105%	99%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 805.00 LAST WK — \$ 17,400.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 205 out of 535  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (7 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#548 drawn on 11/24/2021  
!!NO WINNER!!  
Amount: \$990.00



**Christmas Ca\$h Tickets!!!  
The Winning Has Started!**



Our first drawing for our Christmas Cash Raffle was held on Thanksgiving morning and continues every other day until December 17th! Grand Prize drawing will be on Sunday, December 19th...just in time for Christmas! Congratulations to Margaret Foster who was our Top Seller and winner of 5 FREE TICKETS. It is still not too late to take a chance to win some CASH just in time for holiday shopping. Tickets are \$10.00 and are still available at the Parish Office. Look for the list of winners next week!

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!**



Many thanks to all who took gift tags from our Giving Tree this year. **The gifts are due back by December 12. Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag.** Thank you for your generous and kind response!

**A SLICE OF THANKS!!**



How beautiful the hands that made a difference with the homemade pumpkin pie fundraiser! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talent to make 186 delicious pumpkin pies. Thank you to everyone who shared their treasure in support of this fundraiser. Your combined efforts made it possible to achieve our fundraising goal AND we were able to donate 30 pies to St. Vincent de Paul for their annual Thanksgiving dinner! Way to make a difference Saint William family!!

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS  
First Sunday of Advent**

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."*  
(Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closet to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Shawn Oliver**  
Brother of Kim Shaker

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

## **“Special Advent Evening Prayer”**

### **Together We Wait**

**Tuesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join us for this special Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols  
A time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for a  
Christ-filled Christmas holiday as *“together we wait”*  
for the coming of our Lord.

## **2022 PARISH CALENDARS**

2022 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Memorial Chapel for providing our parish calendars once again this year.

## **SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS**

Some reminders: please remember to print, do not write in cursive. Some of our children, especially the younger ones, cannot read cursive writing. If you put the prayer card in an envelope, PLEASE DO NOT seal it. Every prayer card must be checked before distributing them between the children and adults. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Timko at [ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org).

## **RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS!**

A sister writes, *“Our prayers belong most of all to the generous benefactors who donated to our annual Religious Retirement Collection. Thank you!”* Prayer-filled thanks for your support and generosity to last week’s Annual Religious Retirement collection.

## **LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

The new liturgical minister schedule will be ready December 4 and 5 and will begin on the December 18 and 19 weekend. Be sure to pick up your copy!

## **PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Parish Financial Report Summary is available on the parish website on the Upcoming Events Page at <http://www.stwilliamchampion.org/upcoming-events/>

## **Power UP →Reconnect PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE**

Last week our Power UP →Reconnect Parking Lot Project was announced. We are hoping to replace our parking lot with a new boulevard entrance, new lighting, green space, storm water management system and complete resurfacing. The estimated cost is \$380,000. \$100,000 has been designated from our previous Fish Dinner profits. All parishioners are being asked to consider a 5-month (December-April) pledge of \$1,000 (or more!) to help finance this project. This past week we received over \$15,000 in pledges with over \$6,000 already collected. THANK YOU!!! If possible, you are asked to return your pledge response by December 1.

## **THE PARISH CALENDAR**

Nov 29 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #3  
Nov 29 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 30 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Nov 30 ~ Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 1 ~ Women’s Guild Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.  
Dec 1 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 1 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #4  
Dec 2 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 3 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle #5  
Dec 4 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.  
Dec 5 ~ RCIA 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 5 ~ First Reconciliation Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 5 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 5 ~ Women’s Guild Parish Dinner 12:00 p.m.  
Dec 5 ~ Youth Ministry Service 12:00 p.m.  
Dec 5 ~ Advent Communal Reconciliation,  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, McDonald 2:00 p.m.

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## **WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH**

### ***No December Meeting!***

Kolachi Bake: December 1, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.

Prep Work - 8:00 am

Rolling - 9:00 am - 12:30 pm

Baking - 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wrapping 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Nut, Apricot, Poppy Kolachi - \$10 each**

Available for pick-up from 5:00 - 6:00 pm

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

COUNCIL #7491



### ***Next Meeting:***

*Wednesday, December 1, 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](http://www.knights7491.org)

## **LOOKING AHEAD!**

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Wednesday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.

### **Advent Communal Reconciliation Services**

Two Advent Communal Reconciliation Services will be held for all Trumbull County Parishes on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald and Thursday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at both services as part of our Advent preparation for Christmas.

## PARISH FAMILY DINNER

In the spirit of 'Power Up→Reconnect,' the Women's Guild invites all Parishioners to the Parish Family Dinner taking place at 12:00 noon on December 5, 2021 in the Social Hall. Begin the Holiday Season by sharing a delicious meal while catching up with old friends or getting to know new ones. Santa is expected to make a visit! To have an idea of how much food to prepare, please use the signup sheets in the vestibule. TODAY is the last day to make reservations!



## Golden Agers/NAIM Club Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 7 at 12:20 p.m.  
Enzo's Restaurant ~ \$23.00 includes tax & tip  
Reservations and money due no later than November 29. Put name, number of reservations, and money in envelope marked "Golden Agers" in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. Call Bob Kane for more information 330-307-6249.



## SAVE THE DATE

St. William Parish Christmas Craft Show  
Saturday, December 11, 2021 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Ethnic Foods Available



News Around Town

## St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church)

175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, December 3 and January 14. Two varieties will be offered: potato and cheese, and sweet cabbage. The cost is \$7.00/dozen Haluski (cabbage and noodles) \$4.00 quart bag. We will be taking orders for our kolachi sale to be held on December 10. We offer: nut, apricot, poppyseed, and lekvar (prune). Cost is \$10 each. 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.

## 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~

Church Office 330-847-8677

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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.  
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](http://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