

# St. William Parish

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December 19, 2021 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



## *“Together We Wait”*

The large mysteries of the first three weeks of Advent converge this week into the truth that the Messiah who will rule over the world was once carried in the small world of Mary’s womb. And John the Baptist, whose strong voice we heard last week, today has no voice and can only announce the good news of Jesus’s silent advent by an exultant leap for joy. Elizabeth, as we hear, is so overwhelmed with joy when Mary comes to her that her body reacts in two physical ways. First, the child she’s carrying moves and secondly, she cries out! Relationship is at the core of today’s gospel. Mary travels to be with her cousin Elizabeth to accompany her during her pregnancy. When Mary speaks, John leaps in Elizabeth’s womb. There is a visceral, tangible reaction when the two women embrace. Part of this encounter highlights the significance of the familial relationship between Mary and Elizabeth, where the two offer support and solidarity. Even more fundamental, however, is Mary’s and Elizabeth’s relationship with God. It is very easy sometimes for us to limit our understanding of God and God’s working in our lives. Throughout history, God has chosen people who are humble and lowly to raise up and work through. Such is the case with both Mary and Elizabeth. Mary agrees to be the mother of God, and Elizabeth recognizes the presence of God in her midst. In these last days before Christmas, we might reflect on how we recognize God in others and also how we might react when we encounter God in our midst?



As we enter this last week before the holiday there is probably much still to be done. In the midst of the hectic and busyness of these coming days be sure to take a moment of quiet and solitude each day to remember the true meaning of Christmas so as we gather this Friday and Saturday the Lord’s light might shine forth in our hearts and souls. For those traveling to be with family for the holiday please do so safely. Know of my best wishes for you and your family to have a blessed and holy Christmas holiday. For those celebrating with us, I look forward to sharing the holiday with you and your family this coming week! Be assured of my prayers and best wishes as we experience the joy of Christmas and thank you for all your kindness and support to our parish over this past year and during this holiday season. I will remember all of you at Mass on Christmas Eve and Day.

*Have a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ **December 19-26, 2021** ~  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**DECEMBER 19, 2021**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **CARMELLA & WALTER POWELL/** Family  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **Y'BARBO FAMILY/** Helen Y'Barbo Snyder  
 11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Knights of Columbus #4791

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **ELEANOR POLAND/** Roxann Geleski  
 Wed 8:30 p.m. † **ROBERT CHURA/** Mary Pytlik  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **RON MOONEY/** Ann Coursen  
 Fri 5:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 10:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

**DECEMBER 26, 2021**

Sat 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**  
 5:00 p.m. † **NO MASS**  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/** Fr. John Lody  
 11:00 a.m. † **ROSE MAKOSKY/** Makosky Family

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ **December 26, 2021** ~  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14**

*God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons...*

**Colossians 3: 12-21**

*Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness...*

**Luke 2: 41-52**

*Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 26, 2021

**Lectors**

8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Rachel Zigarovich  
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Catherine Poponak

**Servers**

8:30 a.m. Linda Trunick  
 11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

8:30 a.m. Gloria Mintus, Bob Mintus  
 11:00 a.m. Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus



**CONGRATULATIONS  
 CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!**

December 11: Gary & Ellie Gates  
 December 13: Dominic Angelo  
 December 15: Debi Hayes  
 December 17: Pete Shepker



**GRAND PRIZE DRAWING IS  
 TODAY...Good Luck and Thank you for supporting  
 this year's Christmas Cash Raffle!!**

**PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 23 through Monday, December 27. The following week, the Parish Office will be open for limited hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 28-29.

*Check the parish website from time to time for  
 information about what is happening at the parish...*

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."  
 (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Robert Robison**

*Father of Tracy Greb*

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 24/25, 2021

**Lectors**

Christmas Eve ~ 5:00 p.m. Linda Horm, Ruth Bubba  
 Christmas Vigil ~ 10:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Christine DePascale  
 Christmas Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Margie McCummins

**Servers**

Christmas Eve ~ 5:00 p.m. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Christmas Vigil ~ 10:00 p.m. Joe DePascale  
 Christmas Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Christmas Eve ~ 5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ellie Gates  
 Christmas Vigil ~ 10:00 p.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford  
 Christmas Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY~December 12, 2021 (WK 24)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,289.00*	\$ 174,194.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 174,456.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 20.00	\$ (262.00)
<b>Performance</b>	100%	100%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 760.00 LAST WK — \$ 19,445.00 YTD  
 Envelopes ~ 209 out of 531  
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 34.62 (11 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#341 drawn on 12/15/2021  
 !!WINNER!! **John & Barb Robinson**  
**Amount: \$1,508.00**





## LAST CHANCE ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

## Power UP → Reconnect PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

Goal:	\$380,000.00
Parish Funds	\$100,000.00
Total Pledged	<b>\$ 92,565.00</b>
Total Collected	\$ 55,490.00
Goal Balance:	\$187,435.00

**THANK YOU** to all who have responded with a commitment to our Parking Lot Renovation Project.

There is still time to make a pledge to this effort. Please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! **Note: Any pledge payments received after December 29, 2021 will be credited as a 2022 donation.**

## FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are scheduled to begin on Friday, February 25, 2022. We are anticipating returning to in-house dining and take-out. The Fish Dinner Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to work out details and particulars to insure an efficient and smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.

## 100% EFFORT AND THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Angel Giving Tree. 100% of all the gifts tags were returned by last Sunday afternoon. Great effort and thanks to all for making Christmas brighter for those less fortunate this year!

## GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

The winner of the Golden Agers \$150 raffle was Barb Kufchak. Thank you for all your support. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18 at 12:30 pm in room 103. Merry Christmas!!

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Dec 20 ~ Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 20 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 21 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 21 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 23 ~ Parish Office Closed
- Dec 24 ~ Parish Office Closed
- Dec 25 ~ Merry Christmas!
- Dec 27 ~ Parish Office Closed

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

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



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, January 5, 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)

## HELP NEEDED

PSR is in need of someone to help in Grades 7 & 8. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Carol Timko or call the parish office.

## 2021 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2021 tax year. All contributions made after December 29 will be credited to the 2022 tax year. All donations to the Parking Lot Renovation Project made before December 29 will be included on your Parish Donation Statement for 2021.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Weekend ~ Friday-Sunday December 24-26

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

*No 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass on Saturday, Christmas Day*

Sunday, December 26 – Feast of the Holy Family 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

### New Year Weekend ~ Saturday – Sunday January 1-2

Saturday January 1 – New Year's Day 10:00 a.m.

*New Year's Day is a holy day but the obligation to attend Mass for New Year's is dispensed this year.*

*No 5:00 p.m. Evening Mass on Saturday, New Year's Day*

Sunday, January 2 – Feast of Epiphany 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

**Power UP→Reconnect with the Word  
SMALL FAITH SHARING GROUPS**

“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled”. As we enter the final days of Advent, and await the Birth of our Savior, let us take some time and pray over the many ways the Lord has fulfilled his word to us, and then discover ways to share joy of that fulfillment with others in our parish, and beyond. *Consider giving yourself the gift of joining a small faith sharing group in the parish. Share that gift with others and invite a friend to join with you!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses during the summer. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.



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

175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, January 14 and 28. Two varieties will be offered: potato and cheese, and sweet cabbage. The cost is \$7.00/dozen. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) is \$4.00/quart 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.

**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.  
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