

St. William Parish

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December 26, 2021 ~ Feast of the Holy Family



“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!”

On this Christmas holiday weekend we gather today to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is very appropriate that the Church observes this feast on the first Sunday after the biggest family day of the year. Today, Luke’s gospel account provides an interesting “family” episode for us to ponder. Family relationships are not always easy, and even the Holy Family encountered challenges of family life. Mary and Joseph must have been so worried when they could not find Jesus and it is not unreasonable to believe they experienced the same emotions that many of us feel in family life. Today’s gospel also shows the importance of communication within the family. Mary asks, “why have you done this to us?” and Jesus simply responds, “why were you looking for me?” Luke even tells us that Jesus’s parents did not understand what Jesus said to them. Misunderstandings are unavoidable in any relationship. We must always be mindful of how we respond when misunderstandings happen. As we celebrate and seek to emulate the Holy Family may we do so in a spirit of trust, openness, and love. On this special day, and as members of God’s family, let us continue to pray for our families that they may be a source of peace and comfort for us always.

It goes without saying that many “thanks” need to be expressed to all who helped, planned, and participated to make our Christmas celebrations so joyful and beautiful. Thank you to all who donated to our Christmas Flower Fund, to all liturgical ministers, our music ministry, our parish liturgy committee and to all who assisted in any way to bring our celebrations together. I would also like to offer my sincerest and grateful thanks to you for making Christmas at Saint William Parish such a wonderful time. My thanks to all who sent cards and best wishes to me and the staff and to all of you who continue to generously give and support the parish and our many activities through your time, talent, and treasure.

May the upcoming New Year be filled with many blessings for you and your family and may it be a time of great joy and happiness for you and our parish!



Happy New Year! ~ Fr. Balash



~ December 26-January 2, 2022 ~
Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sat 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/ Fr. John Lody**
11:00 a.m. † **ROSE MAKOSKY/ Makosky Family**
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tue 8:30 a.m. † **JOE BADANJEK/ Rose Pearson**
Wed 8:30 p.m. † **JULIA ALBANI/ Jeanne Clements**
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CAROLE RUNYAN/ Cub & Karen Sprague**
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **NO MASS**

JANUARY 2, 2022

Sat 10:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **MARY ELLEN HOOLIHAN/ Barb Kufchak**
11:00 a.m. † **VIVIAN FLAMINI/ Bob & Marcia Kane**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 2, 2022

Lectors

8:30 a.m. Woody Pealer, Ed Runyan
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick
11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Bob Mintus



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

New Year Day, January 1, 2022

Lectors

New Year Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Melanie Shoaf, Kathy Rogel

Servers

New Year Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Marianne Babnik

Eucharistic Ministers

New Year Day ~ 10:00 a.m. Donna Runtas



A big thank you to all who helped with our Kolachi Bake from beginning to end. We are blessed with so many willing workers. Thank you also to all who purchased our fresh baked rolls. We sold out in record time. Thank you!

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 19, 2021 (WK 25)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,007.00*	\$ 181,201.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 181,725.00
Difference	\$ (262.00)	\$ (524.00)
Performance	96%	100%

* Includes MyEoffering: \$ 665.00 LAST WK — \$ 20,110.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 197 out of 531
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 8.00 (7 out of 40)

POT-OF-GOLD

#223 drawn on 12/22/2021
!!WINNER!! **Barbara Kufchak**
Amount: \$168.00



CONGRATULATIONS CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!!

Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winner – Shirley Coles of Girard -- \$500.00 just in time for Christmas!



Many thanks to all who purchased tickets for this year's Christmas Cash Raffle!

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Thursday, December 30 through Monday, January 3.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER 2022

*Know, dear faithful,
As we have rejoiced at the
Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of
his Resurrection, who is our Savior.*

*On the second day of March
will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast
of the most sacred Lenten season.*

*On the seventeenth day of April,
we will celebrate with joy Easter Sunday,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the twenty-ninth day of May
will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the fifth day of June,
the feast of Pentecost.*

*On the nineteenth day of June,
the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

*On the twenty-ninth day of November,
the First Sunday of Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom is honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

Congratulations!!!

Ethan James and Leah Christine Brugler,
twin son and daughter of Dane & Stephanie
Brugler and brother and sister of Kegan and
Kara, who were baptized this week.



†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Mary Ann Schultz
Mother of Ken Schultz

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