

St. William Parish

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February 13, 2022 ~ Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



“In heaven, great is your reward!”

Today’s gospel tells us that Jesus means business. This is one of those times when Jesus doesn’t mince words, but rather he gets right to the point. The kingdom of God belongs to the poor. The hungry will be satisfied and those who are weeping will laugh. His words are not mere lip service or some sort of easy consolation for those who are hurting. They are words of wisdom and guidance for life. On the flip side, the rich have nothing left to receive, the full will be hungry, and those who are laughing will weep. This makes no sense in a world built around consuming for convenience, media impact, purchasing power, and the accumulation of wealth. So, what are we to make of these words? This week’s gospel invites us to focus on the end game. Our purpose in this earthly life is to get to heaven and bring as many others with us as possible. We should not let physical and material ambitions distract us from this ultimate goal. We are constantly challenged to condition our soul and others for eternal life. That is what we do here every Sunday and why it is so important to maintain our presence here each week. Likewise, it is for this reason that we seek good, rich, healthy relationships. When we live with our eyes on heaven, this life becomes far more vibrant and satisfying. The lesson for us today – shift our focus from earthly achievements to those of Christ. If so, our reward in heaven will be great!



This weekend we appropriately celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This past Friday the Church celebrated “World Day of the Sick.” Thirty years ago, Pope John Paul II instituted this annual day as a special time of prayer and sharing and for offering one’s suffering for the good of others. We believe that through this sacrament the healing power of Jesus Christ comes to those in need. By the anointing of the sick, the whole person is helped through the grace of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament enables us to participate, in a deeper way, in the Paschal Mystery, and so to live and accept our life circumstances in light of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In a particular way, the celebration of this sacrament seems extremely appropriate given the circumstances of life over recent months. The pandemic has impacted all of us in so many ways –physically, emotionally, and spiritually. As we celebrate and witness this sacrament today, let us continue to pray for all those who are suffering that God will manifest and graciously bestow His healing power upon all in need.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ February 13-20, 2022 ~
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **CHRISTINA & WILLIAM HICKS/**
Ron & Donna Runtas
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELO NATURALE/** Claudia Valimont
11:00 a.m. † **ANGELO & VIVIAN FLAMINI/**
Brian & Andrea Kochunas
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**

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN/** Virginia Makosky
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/** Helen Snyder
11:00 a.m. † **DAN GELET, SR/** Gelet Family

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ February 13, 2022 ~
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David ...

1 Corinthians 15: 45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, The first man, Adam, became a living being, the last Adam a life-giving spirit ...

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you ..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

February 20, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Tim Timko
8:30 a.m. Kristen Freudenrich, Treva Pytlik
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
8:30 a.m. Linda Trunick
11:00 a.m. Sophia Garito

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Pamela Kuebler, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Christina Pacurar, Bob Mintus



LOOKING AHEAD!

Lent Begins on Ash Wednesday ~ March 2, 2022. Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Our Lenten Theme this year: **A Season of Fresh Hope!**



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING TODAY!

In honor of the BIG GAME this afternoon, Youth Ministry is collecting non-perishable goods and monetary donations after Mass this weekend for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring drive this weekend. Thank you for your generosity.



CATHOLIC PRESS MONTH
The Catholic Exponent

February is Catholic Press Month! The Catholic Exponent remains an important source of adult faith formation for our diocese. More than 25,000 homes already receive the Exponent. Through its coverage of local, national and world-wide events and news, the Exponent remains a fundamental resource for Catholics. Interested in subscribing??? To subscribe call the Parish Office for details or call the Catholic Exponent directly 330-744-5251 or email exposubscriptions@youngstowndiocese.org



NEXT WEEKEND

Father Alan Bower will be here next weekend to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Welcome Fr. Bower!

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are you when people hate you, ...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 6, 2022 (WK 32)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,307.00*	\$ 230,295.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 232,608.00
Difference	\$ 39.00	\$ (2,314.00)
Performance	100%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 775.00 LAST WK — \$ 26,020.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 185 out of 527
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 11.00 (7 out of 40)

POT-OF-GOLD
#84 drawn on 2/2/2022
!!NO WINNER!!
Amount: \$163.00



“FABULOUS FISH DINNERS” RETURN In 2 Weeks!

- ❖ Many thanks to all who attended the Fish Dinner Volunteer Meeting this past Thursday. Your help and commitment to this important project for our parish is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ **IT’S NOT TOO LATE!!!** Interested in being a part of the Fish Dinner “Crew?” It’s not too late to sign up to volunteer. Call the Parish Office to get on the list. We can always use you
- ❖ **TWO WEEKS** and counting to our First Fish Dinner of the Season! Advertisement Flyers are still available!! ~ Help is still needed!! ~ Volunteer today!! ~ Pray for a successful year!!!!



Power UP →Reconnect PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

Make your February Pledge Payment today! Our pledge campaign ends in April! Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. Thank you!

Project Update: This past Monday a joint meeting of Parish Council and Finance Committee was held to discuss the status of the Parking Lot Renovation Project. It was decided to move forward with the project for this coming summer. As a result, the parish will need to borrow the balance of funds needed (approximately \$150K) to complete the project. This will necessitate some additional fund-raising efforts in the coming years to help pay down the loan which will be approximately \$350K (previous Building Fund loan + parking lot). At this time, we continue to accept pledges and donations towards this project. The more funds collected now will reduce the amount that will have to be borrowed so every effort helps! Pledge payments and donations can be made at any time to the Parish Office or in the Sunday collection.

Please remember NOT to include Pledge Payments as part of your Sunday weekly donation. A separate check for you Pledge Payment is greatly appreciated.

Current Campaign Totals:

Total Pledged:	\$124,460.00
Total Collected:	\$ 99,045.00
Total Remaining:	\$ 25,415.00

SENIOR CITIZEN PASTA DINNER hosted by Trumbull County Catholic Teens!

It's back! Members of the parish over the age of 55 are cordially invited Saturday, March 12, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH (new location!) While there is no cost, tickets are required. Tickets will be available after weekend Masses beginning February 13 - February 27.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Feb 14 ~ Valentine’s Day ♥
- Feb 15 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 15 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
- Feb 15 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 16 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 16 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 17 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 19 ~ Adult Choir 5:00 p.m.
- Feb 20 ~ Folk Group 11:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: March 9, 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, February 16, 2022 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

ANNUAL WHITE MASS for all Health Professionals

The annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry and work of those in health professions – will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. Bishop Bonnar will preside.

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, February 15 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes donated by Carl & Gloria Karafa. Pizza will be served. **Bring a friend to the meeting.**



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!



2021 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2021 Contributions **for itemizing deductions on your tax return**, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Statements will be available in the vestibule.

FIRST FRIDAY CLUB OF GREATER YOUNGSTOWN

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown hosts a Catholic Speaker Luncheon series the first THURSDAY of every month. The speaker for March 3, 2022 is Reverend John Jerek, Diocesan Director of the Permanent Deacon Formation. We will carpool from St. William promptly at 10:45 a.m. Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. followed by the speaker at Noon and ending at 1:00 p.m. Kindly register by Friday, February 18. Cost is \$18.00. Please make checks payable to St. William Parish.



SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Small Christian Communities will be getting together the first and third Monday of the month to discuss and share thoughts on the Sunday scripture readings. Groups will begin on Monday, February 21 with the option of meeting from 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. You are encouraged to bring a friend along with you. Sign up sheets are posted in the vestibule to help us with planning. Please contact Tina McCue at 330-883-2044 with any questions that you may have. *“It is my dream that parishes will form small groups for people to share their faith and support one another as they become disciples.”*

Bishop David Bonnar

News Around Town

Vince Ambrosetti will be leading a Parish Mission at St. Patrick Church, 357 N. Main St., Hubbard, OH. Vince has performed for at least two saints! He sang his song, “Sanctuary” during communion at Mother Teresa’s funeral in Calcutta, India. He has also composed, recorded and, by invitation of the Vatican, performed for Pope John Paul II at St. Peter’s Basilica. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear and experience a dynamic, Spirit-filled ambassador of Our Lord light the hearts on fire of all those who come and experience this mission.

- ◆ Sunday, February 27, 6:30-8:00 p.m. is a family concert.
- ◆ Monday, February 28, 6:30-8:00 p.m. will be Mission Night 1.
- ◆ Tuesday, March 1, 6:30-8:00 p.m. will be Mission Night 2.
- ◆ Wednesday, March 2, (Ash Wednesday) 6:30-8:00 p.m. will be Mission Night 3. Holy Mass and distribution of ashes will also be part of the mission evening.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend any and all of the events of the parish mission. All events are in the Parish Center. Fellowship will take place at the conclusion of each evening. Questions can be directed to the parish office at 330-534-1928.

~Contact~

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~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