

St. William Parish

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February 20, 2022 ~ Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



“Change our hearts; fill us with peace!”

This week's gospel is part of the centerpiece of Jesus's ministry. For the entire history of the Hebrew people, there has been an understanding of retribution. If someone fails the community, they were punished. The laws laid out governed everyday life and today Jesus presents a new law that is in radical opposition to what the Hebrew people expect from the Lord who chose them. This new teaching was not only radical for Jesus's time but remains so also in our time. Most people do not like being told what to do, especially when that means being told not to do a certain something. Fortunately, the Christian way of life is not about what we cannot do, rather it's more about what we should do. The message of the today's Gospel is quite clear: *...love your enemies; pray for those who mistreat you; lend expecting nothing back.* Moral theologians speak of two types of happiness: morality of happiness and morality of obligation. As Christians, we act because we find true happiness in living as God calls us to live. We find joy in following Jesus's command to love our enemies and do good to those who hate us because we know that is how we grow in relationship with God and others. The Christian life is not about following a strict set of rules because we have to. The Christian life is about making choices because they bring us joy and ultimate fulfillment. Fortunately for us, we have a model for this way of living. We learn how to live and love by following the example of the God who loves us beyond our wildest imagination. We find support and hope in the example of Jesus who literally embodied the words he preached. The way of God is giving ourselves for others. May we have the courage in the coming week and as we begin to prepare for the upcoming season of Lent to live this reality.



This weekend we welcome Father Alan Bower to our parish. He will speak 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. Please be generous in response to Father Bower's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy ministry. *Welcome Fr. Alan to Saint William Parish!*

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ February 20-27, 2022 ~
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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. † ANDREA GABRIELSON/ Women's Guild
Fri 8:30 a.m. † VICTOR BUYDOS/ Helen Buydos

FEBRUARY 27, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † KATHERINE SHELLHAMMER/ Felicia Mooney
Sun 8:30 a.m. † KAREN BOGAN/ Shirley & Joe Carlini
11:00 a.m. † PAULINE LESH/ SND Associates

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ February 27, 2022 ~
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace...

1 Corinthians 15: 54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes...

Luke 6: 39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? ..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

February 27, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Tim Timko
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Linda Horm
11:00 a.m. Bob Kane, Eddie Kuhn

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Mike Trunick
11:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner, Collin Lee

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Theresa Petrosky
8:30 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik
11:00 a.m. David Bickford, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 13, 2022 (WK 33)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,324.00*	\$ 237,618.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 239,877.00
Difference	\$ 55.00	\$ (2,258.00)
Performance	100%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 910.00 LAST WK — \$ 26,930.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 198 out of 526

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 16.00 (7 out of 40)

POT-OF-GOLD

#467 drawn on 2/16/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$325.00



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!**



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.



PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Call the parish office at 330-847-8677 or email parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org

BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..."
(LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Nancy Meyer

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

**“FABULOUS FISH DINNERS”
RETURN THIS FRIDAY!!!!**

- ❖ 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Dine In / Take Out ~ \$12.00
- ❖ Choice of Baked or Fried Fish
- ❖ 3 Sides – Mac and Cheese ~ French Fries ~ Coleslaw
- ❖ Surprise Dessert!!!
- ❖ Thanks (*in advance!*) for everyone’s hard work!!



CALLING ALL FISH DINNER VOLUNTEERS

It is not too late to volunteer to work the Fish Dinners. Please call Linda Horm at 330-889-9854.

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

Many thanks to all who are keeping current with pledge payments! February Pledge Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. Our pledge campaign ends in April! *Thank you!*

Project Update: We will be moving forward with our Parking Lot Renovation Project this summer! Preliminary plans and final drawings for the project will be completed in the coming weeks and bids for the project will follow. Funding for this project will come from previous Fish Dinner profits and funds raised from our Power UPàReconnect Parking Lot Campaign. The balance of funds will need to be borrowed against our current Building Loan. At this time we continue to accept pledges and donations toward this project. The more funds collected now will reduce the amount that will have to be borrowed so every effort helps!

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

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.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Feb 21 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Feb 21 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel, Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 22 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 23 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 24 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 25 ~ Fish Dinner #1 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 26 ~ Rene’s Closet 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 26 ~ New Member Dinner 6:00 p.m.
- Feb 27 ~ RCIA 9:30 a.m.
- Feb 27 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Feb 27 ~ Lent Environment 12:30 p.m.
- Feb 27 ~ Youth Ministry Mardi Gras 6:00-8:00 p.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, March 2, 2022 **8:00 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

**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.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

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 and some types of mail cannot be forwarded. 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.



Champion Christian Church ~ Craft and Vendor Show

Champion Christian Church Youth Group will be holding a Craft and Vendor Show on Saturday, March 5 from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Over 30 crafters and vendors will be present. Proceeds will benefit the Youth Mission Trip.

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! 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.

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

~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