

# St. William Parish

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February 27, 2022 ~ Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time



*“Sing to God a hymn of gladness!”*

On this last weekend before the start of our Lenten season, we hear some simple and basic wisdom of life. *“The only thing you have to give is what you already have.”* This week’s gospel has a lot of great one-liners, but if we take each on its own terms, there’s a larger picture that shows us we can’t focus on others before we focus on bringing the best out of ourselves. We can’t guide a blind person until we, ourselves, can see. We can’t point out someone else’s faults until we have identified our own shortcomings, and we can’t give people the good fruit of our labors if we haven’t made any good fruit. Last week’s gospel was about how we treat others; this week is about how we treat ourselves. In these words, Jesus is inviting us to be honest and assess ourselves with a critical eye.

This coming Wednesday we begin our holy season of Lent. With all that has been happening over the past months and with the hope that things have turned the corner regarding to the pandemic our parish Lenten theme this year is *A Season of Fresh Hope!* Appropriately chosen as we all have the sincere hope that finally life will return to as normal as it possibly can. It is with this *“season of fresh hope”* that we enter this time of Lent – of sacrifice, prayer, devotion, and reflection. Please refer to the announcement in today’s bulletin about the regulations for fasting and abstaining from meat. Also available after Mass today are Lenten booklets for adults and children and Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services. The Rice Bowls will be part of our collection on Holy Thursday evening and may be returned then. May all of us embrace this time as we prepare for our celebration of Easter and the coming of spring! For with confidence and courage may this truly be...*A Season of Fresh Hope!*

This weekend we join with the rest of our Diocese to kick-off the 2022 Diocesan Appeal ~ *One in Hope,*

*One in Mission.* The Diocesan Appeal is the main source of funding for Catholic Charities which remains the largest non-government social agency in our area. Support of the Diocesan Appeal enables Catholic Charities to continue its outreach to the poor and disadvantaged. Please consider donating to this year’s Appeal as you have done in the past with your generosity and kindness. You should be receiving information about this year’s Appeal in the mail and in today’s bulletin. When making your donation please remember to include Saint William as your parish so we are credited with your response and generosity. Thank you for your support again this year.

**St. William Church**  
**FISH DINNER**  
**EVERY FRIDAY**



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Warren, Ohio

*Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ February 27-March 6, 2022 ~  
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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  
Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK/** Frank Fordeley  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **BRIDGET RAFFERTY/** Tim & Jane Johns  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **FR. MICHAEL SMAR/** McCue Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **DOROTHY SCHEITRUMPF/** Mary Pytlik  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **VIVIAN FLAMINI/** Naim Club

**MARCH 6, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT & ROBERT, JR. CHURA/**  
Donna & Ron Runtas  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CAROLE RUNYAN/** Don & Martha Urchek  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Chuck & Sandy Hudak

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ March 6, 2022 ~  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Deuteronomy 26: 4-10**

*Moses spoke to the people, saying: "The priest shall receive the basket from you and shall set it in front of the altar..."*

**Romans 10: 8-13**

*Brothers and sisters: What does Scripture say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart...*

**Luke 4: 1-13**

*Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

March 6, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Judy Makosky  
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, Rachael Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Catherine Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. John Barco  
8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Bob Mintus  
8:30 a.m. Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus  
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Bob Mintus



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 20, 2022 (WK 34)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,683.00*	\$ 245,302.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 247,146.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 415.00	\$ (1,844.00)
<b>Performance</b>	105%	99%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,550.00 LAST WK — \$ 28,480.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 197 out of 524

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (4 out of 40)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#28 drawn on 2/23/2022

!!WINNER!! **Brian & Susan Lenhart**

Amount: \$482.00



**THANK YOU FROM CROSS CATHOLIC**

Many thanks to Fr. Alan Bower who was here last weekend on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach. More than ever, poor families in developing countries are depending on Catholic missions for assistance with food, water, shelter, medical care, and spiritual nourishment. It's not too late to support Cross Catholic Outreach and the efforts of these vital international missions. To participate, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](http://CrossCatholic.org/outreach) and text BLESSINGS to 474747.

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 8, 2002, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2022. The Mass will include a renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate and reception. Reservations are needed and can be made at the parish office. Deadline to register is April 6, 2022.



**Congratulations!!!**

to **Maximus Joseph Northup**,  
son of Jared and Samantha and brother of  
Jaxon, who was baptized this weekend.



**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)*

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Joseph Marando, Sr.**

and

**Joseph Kuhn**

Grandfather of Eddie Kuhn

and

**Larry Rigo**

Brother-in-law of Marilyn Titchnell

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

## LENT 2022

### ~ A Season of Fresh Hope!

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, March 2, 2022 with Ash Wednesday. Mass and the Distribution of Ashes will be at 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.



### Lenten Regulations

- ❖ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of **Fast and Abstinence** (limit of one full meal and two smaller meals for persons 18 thru 59 years of age; no meat for persons 14 years and older).
- ❖ All Fridays during Lent are days of **Abstinence** (No meat for persons 14 years and older).
- ❖ There is no obligation to fast during the weekdays of Lent. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are encouraged.

**Rice Bowls** are available after Mass. Please take one home with you and use it as a tangible expression of putting into practice the Lenten traditions of *prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving*. They may be returned on **Holy Thursday evening** or at any time during Holy Week.

**Lenten Booklets** for Adults and Children are available after Mass to be used as part of your Lenten prayer and reflection.

## FISH DINNERS HAVE STARTED!

- ❖ Every Friday until April 8th
- ❖ 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!!!
- ❖ Still interested in being part of the *Fish Dinner Crew*? Call the Parish Office.



## Power UP → Reconnect PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

TURNING THE PAGE! March Pledge Payments can be made to the Parish Office or dropped in the Sunday collection. Many thanks to all who are keeping current with pledge payments! **ONLY TWO MORE MONTHS!** *Thank you!*

## 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 28 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel, Niles 7:00 p.m.
  - Mar 1 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
  - Mar 2 ~ Ash Wednesday
  - Mar 2 ~ Adult Choir 8:00 p.m.
  - Mar 2 ~ Folk Group 7:00 p.m.
  - Mar 2 ~ Knights of Columbus 8:00 p.m.
  - Mar 3 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
  - Mar 4 ~ Fish Dinner #2 4:00-7:00 p.m.
  - Mar 4 ~ Stations of the Cross 8:45 a.m.
  - Mar 6 ~ Coffee & Donuts
  - Mar 6 ~ RCIA Rite of Sending 8:30 a.m.
  - Mar 6 ~ First Eucharist Parent Meeting 9:30 a.m.
  - Mar 6 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
  - Mar 6 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 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](http://www.knights7491.org)

## KNIGHTS NEWS

We welcome our latest candidate to join our council during the Major Degree Ceremony held February 23, 2022. Please join us in congratulating Ken Schultz who has taken the bold step to accept the responsibility to serve the parish, community, and nation through the works of the Knights of Columbus.

## SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE

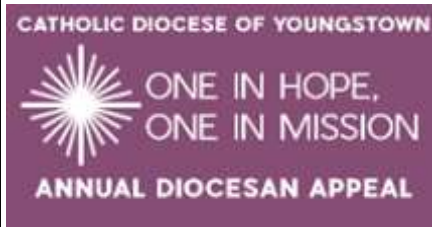
The Knights of Columbus annual raffle to provide funding for many charitable donations given to the Catholic Church, local school systems, and communities is now underway. This year there are 25 chances to win part of the \$108,000 prize pot. Council #7491 is currently selling tickets for \$5.00 per ticket. Contact Mike Kirkwood at 704-999-1741 to purchase tickets.

## COFFEE & DONUTS

Next Sunday  
after the 8:30 and the 11:00 Masses.



## NEW NAME...SAME HOPE AND MISSION!



The Annual Bishop's Appeal is now the **Annual Diocesan Appeal** with a new theme: *One in Hope, One in Mission*. This new name will help focus the good work of our diocesan community, centered in the *hope* and *mission* of Jesus Christ. The cause

the Appeal supports remain the same: to provide resources for Catholic Charities within our diocese and to strengthen the faith of all parishioners through our many diocesan ministries. This weekend all of us are being called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please make your sacrificial commitment to this year's Diocesan Appeal and help us reach our goal of \$45,700.00. *Saint William Parish has met or surpassed our parish goal for the last 13 years! Help us continue for a 14<sup>th</sup> year by making your donation TODAY!* Please be sure to read the information in today's bulletin.

## K OF C ~ CORPORATE COMMUNION

On Sunday, March 13th, the Knights of Columbus Council #7491 welcome all of our brothers and their families to attend the 11:00 AM Mass for Corporate Communion at St. William Catholic Church. A section of chairs will be reserved for the council to sit together. Please arrive by 10:45am. Dress is white logo shirt, blue tie and khaki pants. Following the mass, the council will be serving coffee and donuts and invite all parishioners to join us. Please make every effort to attend.

## ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up today. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

## SHARE THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL!

Small Christian Communities gather the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month to discuss and share thoughts on the Sunday scripture readings. Groups meet from 9:30am-11:00am and again at 6:30pm – 8:00pm. You are encouraged to bring a friend along with you.

*"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

## 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!



**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** will sponsor a Free Community Fellowship Meal on Saturday, March 12 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM in the St. James White Hall, 2532 Burton SE. Everyone is invited.

## ~Contact~

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**Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor

**Robert Mintus**, Deacon

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**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