

St. William Parish

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March 27, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



“How blessed are they who are called to the banquet of the Lord!”

Today’s gospel is well known for the value it places on welcoming those who have turned away. However, it is worth looking at where Jesus stands when he shares this parable – amid tax collectors and sinners. Jesus isn’t preaching to his followers; he’s preaching to a group of people whom his followers want nothing to do with. By physically aligning himself with sinners, Jesus delivers his message in a way that the Pharisees find threatening. They are used to avoiding sinners and keeping themselves “clean” by staying away from those who threaten their holiness. Jesus does not espouse this mindset. Instead, he goes among a crowd of sinners and shares a story of a sinner being accepted. We have heard this story many times. So often we can be quick to recognize our own sinfulness and shortcomings and take the position of the younger brother. Likewise, there are probably times when we have acted more like the older brother, quick to condemn someone and point out their flaws and shortcomings. However, the real point of this story is that it reveals something spectacular about the nature of God. The father in the story would be well within his authority to ignore the return of his younger son. The son asks for his share of inheritance, basically telling his father, *“I wish you were dead.”* It would be perfectly understandable for the father to resist the son’s vain and self-concerned apology. Even so, the father patiently keeps watch for the return of his son, ready to welcome him back. In sharing this parable, Jesus tells us about the incredible nature of our God who loves us beyond any of our faults and shortcomings. Even when we are a long way off from who we are called to

be, God waits for us to return. This season of Lent implores us to be reconciled to God. We are called to return to God, recognizing that we are sinful and will fail again. We fall short no matter how hard we might try. We can rest, however, knowing that God waits for us to return, ready to greet us from a long way off. As Pope Francis writes, *“God never tires of forgiving us, we are the ones who tire of seeking God’s mercy.”* In these last weeks of Lent, let us pray that we may have the strength and courage to always return to God and accept his loving embrace.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ **March 27– April 3, 2022** ~
Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 27, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN**/ North West Neighborhood Assoc.
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **HYSEN SAIT**/ Jim & Theresa White
11:00 a.m. † **NANCY MEYER**/ Women's Guild

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/ Frank Fordeley
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ANDREA GABRIELSON**/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **LEWIS DANVER FAMILY**/ Tim & Jane Johns

APRIL 3, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. ♥ **BARB & JOHN ROBINSON**/ 53rd Anniversary
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BRAD CAMERON**/ Kochunas Family
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Carol Drabek

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **April 3, 2022** ~
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots...

Philippians 3: 8-14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus...

John 8: 1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

April 3, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Viviane Watson
8:30 a.m. Kristin Freudenrich, Woody Pealer
11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 20, 2022 (WK 38)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,206.00*	\$ 274,878.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 276,222.00
Difference	\$ (63.00)	\$ (1,344.00)
Performance	99%	99%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,070.00 LAST WK — \$ 30,985.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 184 out of 524
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 22.00 (6 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#309 drawn on 3/23/2022

!!WINNER!! Charles & Judith Jaskiewicz
Amount: \$636.00



RCIA

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As our Catechumens begin their final preparation to be welcomed into our community and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please continue to pray for them. We also ask that you write a card of welcome.

Maria Hardman: *Maria is an account manager who enjoys crafts, decorating and being with family. She is married to Brian who is her sponsor.*

Nicole McIntyre: *Nicole is a pharmacy technician who enjoys the outdoors, crafting and reading. Her sponsor is Chad Karafa.*



Cards can be returned to the basket in the vestibule any time before Palm Sunday ~ April 10
Thank you!

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

Power UP → Reconnect

PARKING LOT PROJECT UPDATE

ENDING SOON! Our Parking Lot Campaign ends in April. To date \$128,410.00 has been pledged - \$115,775.00 has been collected – **Only \$12,635.00 remains!** *Another great job!* 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!*

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Third Sunday of Lent

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.”
(JOSHUA 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

†† **RECENT DEATH** ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Angela Musil

Mother of Kathy Rogel

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

FISH DINNER UPDATE!

- ❖ Every Friday until April 8
- ❖ Last week **722** Meals Sold
(472 take-out – 250 dine-in)
- ❖ 50/50 Winner – *Tim Brown*



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

Middlefield Bank Investment Services

440-632-3444

Millik Insulating

<http://www.millikinsulating.com>

MUSIC MINISTRY

There will be an insert in the front of the Breaking Bread Music Books with songs we will use for Easter Sunday and the Easter Season. Please leave them inserted in the book under the parish prayer. Thank you.



A reminder to all parents of St. William youth grades 2 and above, who would like to serve in the Youth Choir for Easter Sunday 11 a.m. Mass, to please turn in your registration now to Mrs. Timko or Mrs. Maciejewski so a folder may be prepared for your child. Rehearsals are: Saturdays April 9 and 16 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE TODAY

The parishes of Trumbull County will celebrate a Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service including individual confession **TODAY (Sunday afternoon)** at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Stephen Church in Niles. Another service will be on Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas the Apostle Church in Vienna. Reconciliation is also available every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. Please consider receiving this sacrament in preparation for Easter.

LENTEN RICE BOWLS

Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord's Supper or at any time during Holy Week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

The family of Julia Cicchillo would like to invite the St. William Parish Family to celebrate her 100th Birthday on April 3 after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and before the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Everyone is invited to stop by the social hall to wish Julia "Happy Birthday!" and enjoy a delicious piece of birthday cake and a cup of coffee. Your presence is her present! Happy Birthday, Julia!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Mar 28 ~ RCIA at Mt. Carmel Niles 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 29 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 30 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 31 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 1 ~ Stations of the Cross 8:45 a.m.
- Apr 1 ~ Fish Dinner #6
- Apr 2 ~ Jesus Day 1:00 p.m.
- Apr 3 ~ PSR - 9:30 a.m.
- Apr 3 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.
- Apr 3 ~ Music Ministry Instrument Practice 2:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: April 6, 2022

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting

Come join the fun of "A Very Merry Unbirthday Celebration!" If you would like to participate in the celebration after the business meeting, bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$10.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 6, 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

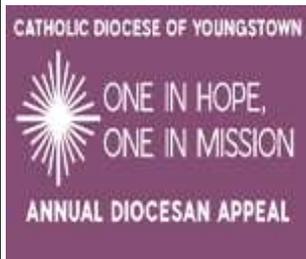
Thank You! Thank you to our St. William family for your generous donation to provide humanitarian relief to the people impacted by the war in Ukraine. \$832 was collected after Mass last weekend. Combined with \$227 donated by Brother Knights at the last KofC meeting and \$500 donated by our KofC council, a total of \$1,559 has been donated to the Ukraine Solidarity Fund. This gift will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications, and religious supplies. These items will all be immediately distributed and 100% of our gift will go directly to displaced people in Ukraine. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world. To date \$7,380,732 has been donated to this fund through KofC Charities.

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.



2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL One in Hope, One in Mission



The 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church continues. Many thanks to all who have already responded towards our parish goal of \$45,700.00. To date 35 parishioners have responded totaling \$10,794.00 Your support is greatly appreciated and needed! If you have not yet offered your gift please do so as soon as possible.

Every parishioner is being asked to prayerfully to support this year's Appeal. You can make your response directly to the Diocese or by dropping it in the collection basket on Sunday.

Your generosity last year helped to provide the following in Trumbull County:

- ~735 people with emergency food vouchers and assistance;
- ~888 people with homeless outreach;
- ~338 pregnant women and families with assistance;
- ~506 seniors with support service;
- ~2046 with utility assistance though Keep Kids Warm;
- ~820 nights of shelter for victims of domestic violence;
- ~16,034 on-site and home delivered hot meals.

Your commitment to the 2022 Diocesan Appeal gives Catholic Charities the support it needs to continue these needed services. Without your generosity, Catholic Charities would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospel. *Thank you to all who have made a commitment to this year's Appeal.*

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.

Thank You! Thank you to all who helped with the Kolachi Bake on Wednesday. We could not do this without your help. We had a large team of workers throughout the day to make the day go smoothly. Thank you to all who continue to support us in purchasing our Kolachi.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th 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.



~Contact~

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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