

St. William Parish

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August 14, 2022 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus's words in today's gospel may seem rather surprising! At first glance, it may even sound like Jesus is promoting division and violence. A closer look, however, finds that Jesus's words remain consistent with what he has taught thus far and will continue to preach through his death and resurrection. Essentially, Jesus reminds us that we have a choice in responding to God's invitation. Some will accept the invitation and others will reject it. Because of this, there will be division among people and families. We must also remember the context of Jesus's mission and ministry. Many people were upset that Jesus taught and preached about the kingdom of God in a way that seemingly contradicted their established religious beliefs. This created a very real tension among people whenever Jesus spoke. As a result, Jesus is inviting us to recognize the reality of following him in our world. As followers of Christ, who willingly accept the message of the Gospel, we are to set the world on fire! The fire and water imagery point to a cleansing and refining that will be found at the end of time. Over the past few weeks, we have made keenly aware to prepare for the coming of the Lord and how significant of an event this will be. Setting the world on fire is a prelude to what is to come. Inviting people to serve God and others before themselves can be an inflammatory suggestion! We who attempt to follow Jesus will not only be warmed and enlightened by him; inevitably we will also feel the painful heat of the gospel challenge. A close and faithful relationship with Jesus should influence all our relationships in terms of values and priorities. The task before us is to accept and embrace the "heat" that comes from living the Gospel message and challenging others to do so as well.

It is hard to believe that summer is quickly winding down. In the coming weeks we are looking forward to resuming many of the groups and activities that have been on hiatus over the past few months. It is going to be a busy time! In a few weeks our Religious Education programs will be resuming along with many of the different meetings of ministry groups; not to mention the beginning of our parking lot project! I hope you will take advantage of the many opportunities to grow and enhance your faith. This happens mostly through our continued presence at Mass but also through the different offerings available at our parish. I ask you to consider joining any of our many different groups and organizations. Every group and/or organization will welcome your presence, talents, and gifts. In the meantime, however, continue to enjoy these last few days of summer!

One very important and significant program is RCIA – the **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults. The RCIA is a process that provides an opportunity to learn more about the Catholic faith and the Church for those who are interested. If you know of anyone who has ever expressed a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith, please extend an invitation for them to join us. RCIA explores possibilities with no commitment, no obligation or pressure. Rather, it provides an opportunity to search and discover God's path in our life. If you are interested or know of someone who would benefit from exploring RCIA, please call the parish office.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ August 14-21, 2022 ~

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 14, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **MARY BEES/** Ron & Donna Runtas
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 1982/** JFK Class of 1982
 10:30 a.m. † **LARRY DINES/** Gerry Dines

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **LARRY GRIFFIN/** Family
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **GENE PETROSKY/** Tim & Jane Johns
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **PHIL DECAPITO/** Bob & Marcia Kane
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER/** Fr. John Lody

AUGUST 21, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOSEPH MAKOSKY/** Makosky Family
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **VIKTOR & ANNA BELLEX/** Peter & Irene Bellex
 10:30 a.m. † **CHRISTOPHER KIEPPER/** Sarah Kiepper

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ August 21, 2022 ~

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 66: 18-21

Thus says the LORD: I know their works and their thoughts, and I come to gather nations of every language...

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

Brothers and sisters: You have forgotten the exhortation addressed to you as children: "My son, do not disdain..."

Luke 13: 22-30

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

August 21, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Judy Makosky
 8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Woody Pealer
 10:30 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. John Barco
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
 10:30 a.m. Daniel Gelet

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Bob Hardman,
Karen Hardman, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Dave Lucanski,
Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus
 10:30 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Jeanette Jaskiewicz,
Christina Pacurar, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 7, 2022 (WK 6)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,632.00*	\$ 42,253.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 43,614.00
Difference	\$ 363.00	\$ (1,361.00)
Performance	105%	97%

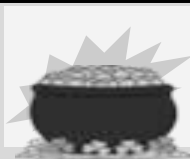
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 596.00 LAST WK — \$ 5,759.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 175 out of 517
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (2 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#412 drawn on 8/9/2022

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$154.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

75 **97** **114**
 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **286** Average: **95**

SUMMER GOES SO QUICKLY!!!

Just a reminder: **Sunday, September 4** is the **LAST** Sunday for our summer Mass schedule. 11:00 a.m. Mass returns beginning Sunday, September 11.



SO CLOSE! – DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE

As we continue to work together throughout our diocesan community to decrease poverty and increase the mission of the Church, a primary source of funding for both endeavors is the Annual Diocesan Appeal—One in Hope, One in Mission. Over the past months, our parish has joined with every other parish across our six counties to support the work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries which extend the mission of the Church. To date Saint William parish has received pledges totaling \$42,600. Our parish portion of the \$4,000,000 diocesan goal is \$45,700. We are just \$3,100 away from reaching our goal! You are asked to make your gift to the appeal and prayerfully consider making a response by Labor Day, September 5. Help us reach our parish goal for the 14th year in a row! Pledges may be made via the diocesan website at www.doy.org/appeal. Thank you again to all who have made a generous response to help get us to where we are today and to everyone who will consider making a pledge to get us even closer to our parish goal.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." ~Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Carol Drabek

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

PARKING LOT UPDATE ~ WE HAVE A DATE!

Finally, we have a start date for our parking lot project! The week of September 11, 2022 is the tentative start date. The surveyors are working on the final preparation and the civil engineers are creating the final drawings.



Financing for the project has been secured and the Diocese has given permission for the project to move forward. Things are finally falling into place. Regarding funding for the project, our capital campaign for the parking lot has reached a total of \$130,755.00 in collected funds. \$4,955 in pledges remains uncollected. Fish Dinner money of \$100,000.00 will also be used and a loan for \$150,000.00 has been secured. As soon as our start date has been finalized more information will be available regarding building access during construction and our Annual Parish Picnic.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on Sunday, November 20, at 4:00 p.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 and older) who has not received the sacrament to join with others of the diocese.



Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish and sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic. A sponsor may not be the candidate's parent. Contact the parish office for more details to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

This Monday is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. Because this day falls on Monday the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, Monday, August 15 is dispensed for this year.



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

DEADLINE FOR THE SUMMER EDITION

Articles, ideas, pictures, poems, stories, etc. are now being accepted for consideration for the upcoming August 2022 edition ~ the deadline is August 19.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 15 ~ Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Aug 15 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
Aug 16 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Aug 17 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Aug 19 ~ Parish Newsletter Articles Due
Aug 21 ~ Knight of Columbus Picnic 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: September 7, 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, August 17, 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

ONLINE GIVING

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

R(ite) of C(hristian) I(nitiation) of A(dults)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which adults seeking answers in their lives are brought into full union with our parish community and the Catholic Church. The RCIA assists in the spiritual journey to learn, discuss and live the faith of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you know of someone....a spouse, family member, friend, relative that has...



If you or someone you know has:

- ...*been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*
- ...*been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?*
- ...*yet to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?*
- ...*joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*

If any of the above applies to you, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions please invite them to consider joining the RCIA journey of faith. Interested in learning more? Please contact Fr. Balash at the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL WALK/RUN EVENT!!!

Come join the Society of St. Vincent De Paul of Trumbull County at the Friends of the Poor Walk/Run event on September 24, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Perkins Park in Warren. Help us raise awareness of the growing number of people living in poverty in our community.

You can register online by going to SVdPTrumbull.org. Please feel free to visit us at 2431 Niles Road SE or contact Shawn Littell, Executive Director at 234-233-2933 and/or at slittell@svdpneodistrict.org if you have any questions.



SAVE THE DATE! TNT NIGHT!

Trumbull New Theater in Niles, OH presents: *The Play that Goes Wrong* by Lewis, Sayer, and Shields. Welcome to opening night of the Cornley University Drama Society's newest production, *The Murder at Haversham Manor*, where things are quickly going from bad to utterly disastrous. This 1920s whodunit has everything you never wanted in a show – an unconscious leading lady, a corpse that can't play dead, and actors who trip over everything (including their lines). Nevertheless, the accident-prone thespians battle against all odds to make it through to their final curtain call, with hilarious consequences! Part Monty Python, part Sherlock Holmes, this comedy is a guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter.



Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.
Sponsored by St. William Women's Guild
More information coming soon!

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

~Contact~

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~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 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