

St. William Parish

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August 21, 2022 ~ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



“We gather here today, one body in the Lord!”

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.”

This verse from today’s gospel reading is where Jesus lays out the reality of the kingdom of God. When we hear these words, we immediately think of Jesus putting some sort of restriction on our relationship with him and the ultimate entrance into heaven. While it may be a foreign concept to us, this image of the narrow gate would have been well-known by Jesus’s followers. Traditional city gates had one large central entrance arch and two smaller portals off to each side. Caravans of goods and livestock used the main entryway, but those without a cart or baggage would enter through the narrow side gates. Grounded in the context of this image, we can recognize that Jesus is not the one who limits who will be saved. We know that Jesus’s salvation is offered to all. We also know, however, that one everyone will need to decide to accept this invitation or not. Our own baggage – our daily actions and lived reality, our possessions, and status – determine whether or not we enter the narrow gate. If we are truly willing to leave all for Christ, we find comfort in today’s gospel when Jesus says, “People will come from the east and west, from the north and south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.” All are welcome into the kingdom of God. We have a choice within our own hearts, and exemplified by our actions, to love and accept others as Christ loves us. It is easy to desire to do good. It is far more challenging to put it into practice.

Earlier this summer the Bishops of the United States initiated a “Eucharistic Revival.” This three-year revival is meant to spur a greater understanding and awareness of the Eucharist and its presence in our lives of faith. A recent study indicated that over one-half of practicing Catholics lack an understanding of the Real Presence in the Eucharist and an overall appreciation of just how important the celebration of Mass is in the life of our faith. Over the next three years a variety of opportunities and events will be provided on a diocesan level and here at our parish to help all of us gain a better appreciation of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Our first event will be a Parish Retreat on Saturday, September 17 entitled “Come to the Table.” The retreat will begin at 11:30 a.m. and conclude with attending 5:00 p.m. evening Mass. All are invited to attend as we continue to “revive” our understanding of Eucharist and Mass. See today’s bulletin for more information.

This weekend we welcome Father Ed Noga (Saturday night) and Father James Korda (Sunday morning) to our parish. I would like to thank Fr. Noga and Fr. Korda for their kind generosity in being here while I celebrate weekend Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish in Niles. Thank you for your kind hospitality and welcoming spirit!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ August 21-28, 2022 ~

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tue 8:30 a.m. † **ROSE & JOHN MAKOSKY/** McCue Family
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Dave & Nancy Lucanski
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **MARTHA Y'BARBO/** Helen Snyder
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK/** Carl & Gloria Karafa

AUGUST 28, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **JOANN HUDAK/** Theresa Craiger
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JOSEPH KIRKWOOD/** Mary Pytlik
10:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Gelet Family

†= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ August 28, 2022 ~

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3: 17-18, 20, 28-29

My child, conduct your affairs with humility, and you will be loved more than a giver of gifts. Humble yourself the more...

Hebrews 12: 18-19, 22-24

Brothers and sisters: You have not approached that which could be touched and a blazing fire and gloomy darkness...

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

August 28, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Tom Shepker
8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Treva Pytlik
10:30 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Taylor Kuhn

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch
10:30 a.m. Nathan Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan,
Judy Jaskiewicz, Brian Lenhart
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Ellie Gates,
Marilyn Nicolaus, Frank Pytlik
10:30 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Jennifer Kusmierek, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 14, 2022 (WK 7)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,839.00*	\$ 49,092.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 50,883.00
Difference	\$ (430.00)	\$ (1,791.00)
Performance	94%	96%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$801.00 LAST WK — \$6,560.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 172 out of 517

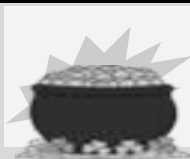
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 2.00 (2 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#179 drawn on 8/17/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$314.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

76

5:00 p.m.

105

8:30 a.m.

107

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **288** Average: **96**

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.



WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE SALE – HUGE SUCCESS!

The Women's Guild Rummage Sale earlier this month was a huge success. Many thanks to all who donated items and helped in any way. The total profit for the event is \$7,400.00!!! Thank you once again for all who supported this year's Rummage Sale!

NEW MEMBERS

Ms. Jean Sebben

Johnson Family

Sophia, Ethan, Gabriel, & Lily

Welcome to our parish family. May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday, October 16, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2022. The celebration includes Mass with Bishop Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception in the parish hall. Advance reservations are required and can be made by contacting the Parish Office before September 16, 2022.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

PARKING LOT UPDATE ~ MOVING ALONG!



Plans are moving forward for our September 11, 2022 start date for our parking lot project. The civil engineer continues making final plans and drawings. Our loan for the project has been approved and all the paperwork has been filed. As soon as more details are known about the length of time needed to complete the project and what access limitations there will be during the work they will be passed on. Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and understanding.

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.

COME TO THE TABLE!

Saint William Parish Retreat
Saturday, September 17, 2022 ~ 11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

In *Eucharist: Bread of Life, Alive in Christ*, Joshua J. Whitfield walks us through "The Desert: Covenant and Sacrifice." You are invited to "Come to the Table!" and walk through the desert and covenant moments between God and his holy people.

Registration will take place after Mass beginning this week. The retreat fee of \$20.00 can be made payable to Saint William Parish.

"For Christians, this extraordinary meal—this remarkable thing that happened in the desert—ultimately points to Jesus and to the sacred meal the church celebrates Sunday by Sunday and every day all over the world." Joshua J. Whitfield

11th ANNUAL FAITH & FAMILY FESTIVAL –SEPTEMBER 25

A day of fun and fulfillment for families, students and friends will be held on Sunday, September 25, 2022 on the campus of Walsh University in Canton. The event will begin with Mass with Bishop Bonnar and featured speaker will be Fr. Leo Patalinghug of *Plating Grace* affectionately known as the "cooking priest." Musical acts by *Vox Audio* and *Echo Valley*. There will be activities for kids, young people and families

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 22 ~ PSR Catechist Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Aug 23 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Aug 23 ~ Bereavement Committee 6:00 p.m.
Aug 27 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.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, September 7, 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

PSR NEWS!!

We will hold our opening PSR Catechist/teacher meeting Monday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m.



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event such as a birthday, anniversary or other special moments. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses during the summer. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.



SAVE THE DATE! TNT NIGHT!

The Women's Guild invites you to a wonderful show and delicious food at the Trumbull New Theater. This year's show is "The Play That Goes Wrong" by Henry Lewis, Jonathan Sayer, and Henry Shields of Mischief Theatre Company. It won Best New Comedy at the 2015 Laurence Olivier Awards.

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 guaranteed to leave you aching with laughter.



Sunday, September 11, 2022 @ 2:00

Doors open at 1:00 for food and drinks and basket raffle!

Tickets \$20.00 will be sold after mass starting on August 27th or contact Theresa Craiger 330-889-9711.

~Contact~

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Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

~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.

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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