

St. William Parish

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August 28, 2022 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



“We believe in the love of our God!”

Today’s gospel reading opens with a well-known parable about the last being first. The entirety of the Christian message can be summarized by Jesus’s words: *Everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but the one who humbles themselves will be exalted.* This is the message of the cross *par excellence*. Christ gives us a model of how we must lower ourselves so as to not cling to power or riches but to find strength in humility and lowliness. While this message takes the form of a parable, it might better be described as a wisdom saying or a foundation for one’s approach to life. If our faith is a celebration of humility and lowliness, it is also a celebration of the vulnerable. There is something unsettling about vulnerability. Even the root meaning of the word suggests that it is something to avoid –*vulnus* which means “wound.” Why would we want to open ourselves to being hurt? This is where we must make an important distinction. We know all too well that there are times when vulnerability, or the capacity to be physically or emotionally open, transparent, and even wounded, has been taken advantage of. Christ’s invitation to humility and vulnerability is grounded in self-knowledge. This concept is so difficult to grasp because it seems to go against everything within us. Rather than climbing up the ladder of power and prestige, wealth and success, Christ invites us to descend, to lower ourselves, to understand and welcome our own weakness and wounds. Instead of exalting ourselves, Christ invites us to follow his example and humble ourselves.



It is hard to believe that the Labor Day holiday is just around the corner. As summer begins to dwindle to just a few more weeks, be sure to take advantage of the remaining nice warm and sunny days. Be sure to get outside, take a walk, and enjoy a cool glass of lemonade this coming week!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ August 28-September 4, 2022 ~
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER**/ Mary Pytlik
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **JILL WYRICK**/ Cheryl & David DiGiacobbe
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **JANET & JERRY OTT**/ Ann & Roy Plant
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **RON MOONEY**/ Chuck & Sandy Hudak

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR**/ MaryAnn & Jerome Drabek
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **GLORIA JEAN HUDAK**/ Joe & Pat Maciejewski
 10:30 a.m. † **DONALD L. TITCHNELL**/ Family
 †= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 4, 2022 ~
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9: 13-18

Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the LORD intends? For the deliberations of mortals are timid ...

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

I, Paul, an old man, and now also a prisoner for Christ Jesus, urge you on behalf of my child Onesimus...

Luke 14: 25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 4, 2022

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Andrea Kochunas
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Ed Runyan
 10:30 a.m. Margie McCummins, Catherine Poponak

Servers

- 5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
 8:30 a.m. Melanie Zappia
 10:30 a.m. Sophia Garito

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Felecia Mooney, Barb Robinson,
 Dan Robinson, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Linda Trunick,
 Mike Trunick, Bob Mintus
 10:30 a.m. Scott Freer, Patty Heib,
 Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 21, 2022 (WK 8)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,237.00*	\$ 55,329.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 58,152.00
Difference	\$ (1,032.00)	\$ (2,823.00)
Performance	86%	95%

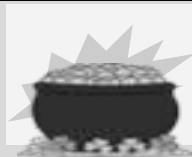
*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 851.00 LAST WK — \$ 7,411.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 179 out of 516
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (6 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#109 drawn on 8/24/2022

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$465.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

78	98	128
5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **304** Average: **101**

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Buddy Thomas

Robert Rogel

Jeanne Wisniewski

and

Pamela Holden

Daughter of Richard & Mary DelVecchio

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

PARKING LOT PROJECT GETTING CLOSE!

Our Parking Lot project is scheduled to begin in just two short weeks on Monday, September 12, 2022. The last details are currently being finalized as the civil engineer finishes the 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.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Aug 29 ~ Welcome Ministry Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Aug 30 ~ Quilters 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.



Wine and Cheese Social 6:00 p.m.

Food, Fun, Fellowship

Come join us to discover what events have been planned for this coming year!



COME TO THE TABLE!

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

How is the Eucharist the beginning of the Christian life?
Does the Eucharist change your thinking or behavior?

These are a few of the questions that we will connect with as we set time apart for ourselves and for God during the parish retreat, Come to the Table! on Saturday, September 17, 2022.

Check-in begins at 11:30am and the day will conclude with the celebration of Mass at 5:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Register for Come to the Table! after Mass through September. The retreat fee of \$20.00 can be made payable to Saint William Parish.

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 – YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- ◆ PSR begins on Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. with our annual Family Meeting in the Social Hall.
- ◆ Youth Ministry begins Sunday, September 11, 2022 at 12:00 noon
- ◆ PSR Catechist/teacher meeting, Tuesday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m. to finalize FFC session.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

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.



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.

ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO GO!!!

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



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Little Rock Scripture Study is a weekly bible study consisting of daily personal study along with weekly group sharing.



LITTLE ROCK
SCRIPTURE STUDY

Participants spend time prayerfully reading and reflecting on an assigned section of the Scriptures. We gather every Monday, morning OR evening for group sharing.

This fall we will study the “prehistory of Israel from the creation accounts, the stories of the fall and the great flood, as well as the story of Abraham and Sarah” in Genesis-Part One.

Cost is \$11.00 which covers the cost of the commentary and personal study guide. Kindly register by September 19. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board.

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.



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 this weekend or contact Theresa Craiger 330-889-9711.

~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.

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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