

St. William Parish

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September 11, 2022 ~ Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“The greatest gift is love!”

This week’s gospel has three parables, all built around the theme of celebrating a sinner who turns back to God. In the first story, when a shepherd loses a sheep, he drops everything to retrieve it. When a woman misplaces a coin, she cleans the whole house in search of it. And when a wealthy father sees his wayward son walking home, he throws a blowout party. The joy and relief in return of what has been lost is so overwhelming that the celebration is extended to include all. These stories are told in response to the Pharisees. The religious leaders are critical of Jesus, or anyone else for that matter, who associates with those deemed harmful and exist outside the scope of appropriate society. Has this changed at all? Do we avoid “bad people” and situations with sinners, because we are afraid they will lead us to sin? Or are these encounters viewed as an opportunity to be and give love? Throughout his ministry, Jesus models accompaniment. He accompanies sinners, walking and eating with them, dignifying them with his presence. One way to define mercy is “kindness beyond that what is expected in a given situation.” Perhaps there is no clearer example of mercy than the father who welcomes home his son. After the son demands his inheritance and then squanders it on a “life of dissipation,” the situation certainly would not call for the father to

show kindness. Even so, while his son was still along way off, the father sees his homecoming and rejoices. The father’s love is limitless and unmatched. The same is true of God’s love for us, all sinners in our own ways. In these three stories the worth of the lost item increases from a sheep to a coin to a son. Likewise, our worth only increases in God’s eyes when we act and live in accord with his teachings as disciples of the Lord. May we continue to do so in our everyday lives!

This Sunday we pause and remember the tragic events twenty-one years ago when our world and lives changed forever. The tragic loss of life in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania is a stark reminder of how hate and evil continue to exist. At the same time, we remain committed to spreading goodness and love throughout our world. By our commitment to God’s love, living our faith, and spreading the message of Christ, goodness continues to abound. May we never grow weary in our belief that good can triumph over evil, love over hate, kindness over destruction. Let us continue to pray for all people throughout the world to live in peace and harmony with one another.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ September 11-18, 2022 ~

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † ANGELA MUSIL/ Kochunas Family
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ Rita & Vince DeSalvo
- 11:00 a.m. † JOHN & CHARLENE BOUCHER/ Mintus Family
- Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
- Tues 8:30 a.m. † IDA MAE SWITTER/ Don & Martha Urcheck
- Wed 8:30 a.m. † RON MOONEY/ Karen & Richard Daugherty
- Thur 8:30 a.m. † ANDREA GABRIELSON/ John & Sharon Bradburn
- Fri 8:30 a.m. † JANET & JERRY OTT/ Ann & Roy Plant

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † RON SPRAGUE/ Ann Sprague
- Sun 8:30 a.m. † PHILIP DECAPITO/ Gloria Mintus
- 11:00 a.m. † JOSEPH BABNIK/ Rich & Mary Babnik

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 18, 2022 ~

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8: 4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask...

1 Timothy 2: 1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone...

Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 18, 2022

Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Tom Shepker
- 8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Marilyn Nicolaus
- 11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

- 5:00 p.m. John Barco
- 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
- 11:00 a.m. Collin Lee

Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan, Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman
- 8:30 a.m. Michele Jeffers, Dave Lucanski, Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik
- 11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford, Jeanette Jaskiewicz, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 4, 2022 (WK 10)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,773.00*	\$ 69,608.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 72,690.00
Difference	\$ 504.00	\$ (3,082.00)
Performance	107%	96%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,162.00 LAST WK — \$ 8,978.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 180 out of 513
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 5.00 (4 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#305 drawn on 9/7/2022
 !!!NO WINNER!!!
 Amount: \$786.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

90
5:00 p.m.

94
8:30 a.m.

121
11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **305** Average: **102**

THIS WEEK!

Liturgy Committee: The Liturgy Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. to begin planning the season of Advent and Christmas.

Parish Council: The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.



PRAYER REQUEST

Prayers are requested for Sr. Mary Cora Skrivan who will be having surgery. Your prayers are requested for her speedy recovery!

COME TO THE TABLE!

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

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.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

†† RECENT DEATHS ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Patricia Bessman

Sister of Pam Dillon

and

Jack DeSalvo

Brother of Vince DeSalvo

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

PARKING LOT PROJECT - DELAYED!

Unfortunately the start date of the Parking Lot Project has been delayed until proper approval from ODOT is secured. Because Mahoning Avenue is a state route, ODOT has to approve the relocation of the entrance driveway. A strategy meeting with Miller-Yount Paving, Phillips-Sekanick Architect and Fr. Balash is scheduled for this coming week to determine the project and settle on a specific start date. Stay tuned for more details!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 13 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept 13 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
Sept 13 ~ Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
Sept 14 ~ Prayer Shawl 6:30 p.m.
Sept 15 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.
Sept 17 ~ Parish Retreat 11:30 a.m.
Sept 18 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Sept 18 ~ Youth Ministry 9:30 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 16, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2022. The Mass includes a renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Bishop Bonnar will be the main celebrant and following Mass there will be a reception for couples and their families. Reservations are required for this event and can be made by contacting the Parish Office before September 16, 2022.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

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.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

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.

The Women's Guild will be hosting a craft night on October 5, 2022 at 7:00 pm *Painting Ceramic Christmas Ornaments*. This event is OPEN to our church families.

Cost: \$10 per Adult ~ Includes 3 Ornaments
\$5 for ages 9-16 ~ Includes 2 Ornaments
Free for ages 0-8 ~

A variety of ornaments will be provided to choose from and paints and brushes will be provided. Sign up sheets will be available next week after Mass.

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

DO YOU HAVE A KNACK...AND DESIRE....

- ♦ to know and learn more about our liturgical celebrations?
- ♦ to be creative, innovative, and imaginative...or just ready pitch in when needed?
- ♦ to be more involved in our weekly worship?

If so...we NEED YOU! Consider becoming part of our Parish Liturgy Committee! The Liturgy Committee meets monthly in the early evening to plan, create, and develop the liturgical seasons for our parish. This involves determining a “parish theme” for Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time and then developing this theme through sight, sound, and prayer. Be a part of setting the tone and theme for our weekly and seasonal worship each Sunday. The only qualification is a willing spirit and open heart! Our first meeting of the year is this Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30 p.m. Hope to see you!!!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

THE WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 24/25

IT'S GONNA BE



WOMEN'S GUILD

CHANGE AUCTION

St. William Social Hall
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Tickets are on sale now!

Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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.

~Contact~

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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.

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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