

# St. William Parish

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September 18, 2022 ~ Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“Praise Him with the trumpet!”*

In last Sunday’s gospel we met a prodigal son; this week we meet a prodigal steward or business manager. Both squander property. Whether the steward’s wastefulness was because of negligence, incompetence, or malice we are not told. Where he is efficient, however, is in the speedy formulation of a plan that will ensure his future now that he has been denounced. He thinks quickly and shrewdly by granting debt reductions. In doing so he feathers his own reputation and assures himself of receiving another debt, one of gratitude which will result in making him welcome in the homes of those who have benefited from what he did for them. In the end, the master praises his manager, not for his business ethics, but for his flair and creativeness in a time of crisis. At the heart of the parable however is the teaching of Jesus. When Jesus says, “*you cannot serve both God and mammon,*” we typically define *mammon* as wealth or riches, which certainly makes sense in the context of this story. But *mammon* also means anything that we might rely on, including power and privilege. When Jesus tells us we cannot serve God and mammon, he essentially insists that we cannot serve both God and anything that might prevent us from fully serving



God. As we strive to do this, we must intentionally discern what is of God and what is not. We accomplish this in every day of our lives. In simple terms, feelings and desires that bring us joy and happiness or experiences of faith, hope, and love are all of God. On the contrary, when we experience fear, inadequacy, doubt or sadness, we recognize these feeling are not of God. As we grow in faith and relationship with God, we are better able to discern what is of God and what is not. Another important practice of discernment is learning how we might use our gifts to best serve God. While our lives and experiences take different forms and paths, all of us are called to respond to God’s invitation. How do we respond? Do we use our time and talents to work for justice and the betterment of others? Do we share our gifts with those who might best benefit from them? Probably none of us will ever be featured in the list of the top billionaires, but Jesus tells us that whoever can be trusted in little things can also be trusted with great things. Today, we pray that we may listen attentively to this command to serve God and in doing so be blessed with great gifts and wonders.

*Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash*



~ September 18-25, 2022 ~

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **SPECIAL INTENTION**/ Mary Jenyk  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **MARYLOU STRATHERN**/ Kochunas Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK**/ Gilda Stigliano  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **BOB ROGEL**/ Linda Horm

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **VICKI VALARIA**/ Ron & Donna Runtas  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **REG HOERIG**/ Jeanne Ferkany  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Wanda Robinson & Pamela Herriman  
†= In Memoriam †= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ September 25, 2022 ~

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Amos 6: 1, 4-7**

*Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory...*

**1 Timothy 6: 11-16**

*But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness...*

**Luke 16: 19-31**

*Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

September 25, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Viviane Watson  
8:30 a.m. Nancy Lucanski, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Cathy Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch  
11:00 a.m. Brian Wilson

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Brian Lenhart, Barb Robinson,  
Dan Robinson, Carol Timko  
8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Gloria Mintus,  
Pamela Kuebler, Jamie Taneri  
11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Dan Gelet,  
Jennifer Kusmierek, Chuck Poponak



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ September 11, 2022 (WK 11)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,232.00*	\$ 76,840.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 79,959.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (37.00)	\$ (3,119.00)
<b>Performance</b>	99%	96%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$711.00 LAST WK — \$9,689.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 195 out of 512  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$27.00 (7 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#280 drawn on 9/12/2022  
**!!WINNER!! Bob & Renita Mintus**  
Amount: \$950.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**89**                      **129**                      **121**  
5:00 p.m.                      8:30 a.m.                      11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **339**                      Average: **113**

**CATECHETICAL SUNDAY**

Today is Catechetical Sunday and we congratulate and recognize all those involved in Religious Education and Formation programs in our parish. The national catechetical theme this year is "This is My Body Given For You." As we begin our religious education and formation programs this year, we honor, thank, and congratulate our catechists, team members, and staff who remain committed to providing the best opportunity possible for our young and old to learn, live, and love our Catholic faith. We congratulate the following who are assisting this year:

**PSR Catechists:**

*Carol Timko, Christine DePascale, Pamela Herriman, Jennifer Kusmierek, Erin Lee, Bette Lloyd, Tina McCue, Christina Pacurar, Steve Prebonick, Sara Schwartz, Marilyn Shay, Melanie Zappia*

**Youth Ministry:**

*Maria Butcher, Brian Lenhart, Tina McCue, Robert Mintus*

**RCIA Team:**

*Deanna Barco, Gloria Mintus, Mike and Linda Trunick, Donna Runtas*

**Adult Faith Formation:**

*Bette Lloyd, Tina McCue, Felicia Mooney*

**WOMEN'S GUILD TNT REFUND**

Due to the cancellation of the TNT performance last weekend, ticket sales will be refunded after Mass. If you do not receive your refund this weekend, please call Theresa Craiger at 330-889-9711. Thank you for your continuous support of Women's Guild events.

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." ~Luke 16:13*

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

## PARKING LOT PROJECT - HAPPENING SOON!

Our Parking Lot Project will be happening soon...hopefully within a matter of a few weeks. While the parking lot is under construction access to the Church building will be maintained however the available parking area will be limited. **During the construction period the north driveway will be the only access to the property and serve as both the entrance and exit.** Please be mindful that the driveway will become one way in both directions once construction has started.



## 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> 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. Deadline to make a required reservation is this Monday. Contact the Parish Office.

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

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

## 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 Monday. 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.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 20 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Sept 20 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.  
Sept 21 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 21 ~ Folk Group 7:00 p.m.  
Sept 24 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.  
Sept 24 ~ New Member Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Sept 25 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Sept 25 ~ Youth Ministry 6:00 p.m.

*Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events*

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

**Next Meeting:**

Meeting: October 5, 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 after Mass.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, September 21, 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](http://www.knights7491.org)

## GOLDEN AGERS

**Join us for the first of the meeting of the year, Tuesday, September 20, 2022.**



As you age, it is important to keep active and your mind engaged. Social activities can help you stay mentally sharp and help ward off loneliness and prevent feelings of isolation. If you are looking for ways to fill your days, make new friends, provide a sense of purpose, and have something to look forward to regularly, St. William Golden Agers is for you.

We meet the third Tuesday of the month, at 12:30 p.m. in room 103, September to June. We start with prayer, lunch, and refreshments (pizza and pot luck items) and then our business meeting. We conclude with two door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Meetings are about an hour long. Dues are only \$10.

## SEMINARIAN ASSIGNED TO OUR PARISH

Mr. Garrett Guerrieri, who is a seminarian for our Diocese has been assigned to St. William for the coming year as part of his practicum for preaching. Garrett will be at our parish once a month through February to offer a brief reflection after Communion as part of his practicum for his Liturgical Preaching course being offered at the seminary in Cleveland. He will be split his time between our parish and St. Thomas Parish in Vienna. Garrett is from the Youngstown area and Saint Charles Parish in Boardman. He is a graduate of Cardinal Mooney High School and attended John Carroll University and Youngstown State University graduating with a bachelor's degree in history and Italian. He entered the master's program at Youngstown State before entering the Saint Mary's Seminary in Cleveland. After a sabbatical year teaching theology at Cleveland Central High School, he is currently a fourth-year seminarian. He is scheduled to be ordained a deacon in June 2024 and a priest in June 2025. We welcome Garrett to Saint William Parish for this coming year.

## WOMEN'S GUILD

# CHANGE AUCTION

St. William Social Hall  
Tuesday, October 11, 2022

Tickets are on sale after Mass or call the parish office at 330-847-8677. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*

## CHANGING PHONE NUMBERS???

Has your phone number changed recently? Eliminated your land line? If so, please let us know your new contact or primary phone number so that we can keep our parish record and your registration record up to date! Call or email the Parish Office at [parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:parishoffice@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.



## ~Contact~

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**Rev. Michael D. Balash**, Pastor

**Robert Mintus**, Deacon

**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate

**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director

**Carol Timko**, Religious Education

**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager

**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](http://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