

St. William Parish

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



“In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will be done!”

On this holiday weekend – the unofficial end to summer and the beginning of fall – we hear a gospel reading that can leave us feeling uneasy at best. Jesus continues to lay out the reality of what it means to follow him. When a disciple makes the decision to give up the pursuits of this world to center life and love on Christ, that can be very scary, especially for family members who have expectations and assumptions based on their own experiences. Jesus uses the metaphors of an architect making calculations and a king planning for battle. In each of these situations, Jesus makes the point that massive projects take intentional foresight. If we are to align our lives with the work of Christ, we have to take stock of what it will affect in our life and, to that end, who might be hurt by our decisions. Just because someone chooses to follow the gospel doesn’t mean that everyone will understand it. In that same vein, we have to be aware of how following Christ will alter our own desires and comfort. Jesus doesn’t want us to bite off more than we can chew or expect too much of ourselves without proper preparation. Imagine how strange it must have felt for Jesus’s disciples to hear him say, “*whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.*” As disciples, we must realize that the crosses of our life are not something to be avoided but rather embraced. The cross is an image of complete self-gift. Jesus gave himself totally for us through his death on the cross. We, too, have been called to share the gift of ourselves, even when we might not literally be called to die for our faith. We practice self-gift when we give our time to others, listening attentively, and making decisions that benefit the good of others instead of ourselves. We practice self-gift when we recognize that we do not exist as isolated individuals and all of God’s creation does not revolve around us. Indeed, let us follow Jesus’s command to carry our cross after him that we might know the joy that comes in living for others.

As we mark Labor Day and the beginning of September we are slowly returning to activity and events here at the parish from the summer hiatus. I hope that you will take advantage of the many opportunities to be involved in our parish by considering joining any group or organization. Meetings are always open to anyone who wants to join in or attend and every group needs new members! In addition to our worship each week, this is how we live out our call to discipleship and mission. Many thanks to all for your continued commitment, dedication, and service to the message of the Gospel and the mission of the Church lived out by the many activities and projects of our parish groups and organization!

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ September 4-11, 2022 ~

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † NO SERVICE
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † BOB & ANGIE MUSIL/ Kathy Rogel
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † EUGENE PETROSKY/ Theresa Craiger
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † ANGELO NATURALE/ Jean & Jerry Ruggieri
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Mary Pytlik

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

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ September 11, 2022 ~

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once to your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt..."

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Beloved: I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy...

Luke 15: 1-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

September 11, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Judy Makosky, Tim Timko
 8:30 a.m. Kristin Freudenrich, Rachael Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski
 8:30 a.m. William McCreedy
 11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Ruth Bubba,
 Judy Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Gloria Mintus,
 Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Sandra Hudak,
 Christina Pacurar, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ August 28, 2022 (WK 9)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,506.00*	\$ 61,835.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 65,421.00
Difference	\$ (763.00)	\$ (3,586.00)
Performance	90%	95%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 405.00 LAST WK — \$ 7,816.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 169 out of 513

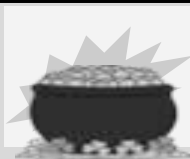
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (3 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#304 drawn on 8/31/2022

!!!NO WINNER!!!

Amount: \$627.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

78

5:00 p.m.

105

8:30 a.m.

120

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance:

303

Average:

101

THIS IS IT!!!

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



PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 7:00 p.m to review last year's parish financial reports and finalize the budget for this year.



PSR – YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

- ♦ PSR begins NEXT 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

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

PARKING LOT PROJECT GETTING CLOSE!

Our Parking Lot project is scheduled to begin 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.



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

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



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

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.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Sept 5 ~ Labor Day
Sept 5 ~ Parish Office Closed
Sept 6 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Sept 6 ~ Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.
Sept 7 ~ Women’s Guild 6:00 p.m.
Sept 7 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Sept 8 ~ NAIM Club 12:30 p.m.
Sept 8 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
Sept 11 ~ 11:00 a.m. Mass Returns
Sept 11 ~ PSR Opening Family Meeting 9:30 a.m.
Sept 11 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 noon
Sept 11 ~ Women’s Guild TNT 3:00 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.

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!



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

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.

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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

We welcome Christine DePascale as cantor! She has completed cantor classes at St. William this past summer and is a member of our Adult Choir. Returning as cantor is Maureen Scott who is a member of our Folk Group. Thank you for serving in this music ministry of sung prayer.

Anyone interested in serving as cantor please contact the parish office to arrange a meeting with our music director. It is suggested that you be a member of St. William Music Ministry in Adult Choir or Folk Group, have a pleasant singing voice, and are comfortable leading the assembly in sung prayer, teaching new music, and be willing to practice and prepare for the liturgy. Knowing how to "read" music is helpful.

REMINDER to Cantors: practice this Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring R & A book, Breaking Bread, cantor music folder and new music schedule.

Adult Choir begins Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m.
Folk group begins Wednesday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Beginning September 11 and through Thanksgiving we will sing Mass of Spirit and Grace beginning with the Glory to God # 924, Holy # 927, Mystery of Faith: When we eat this bread # 929, Amen # 931 and Lamb of God #932.

A music insert for the fall season will be in the front of our music book, please do not remove this insert.

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

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.

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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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

~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