

# St. William Parish

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October 16, 2022 ~ Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*“Lift up your hearts to the Lord!”*

*“Pray always with our becoming weary!”* In today’s gospel, Jesus uses the example of someone who won’t give up, who continues to ask, over and over, for what she justly deserves until the judge relents and gives in. To do anything without ceasing is difficult. Perhaps this is why there is often an urge to dismiss Jesus’s commands as utterly impractical or unrealistic. If we are to understand Jesus’s words, we must begin to understand prayer as a lived reality, something we do every day. Only when we live our lives as a prayer – when we understand and acknowledge that everything we do connects us to God – can we begin to pray without ceasing. Prayer is less about what we do or say and more about our relationship with God. Part of growing in relationship with God is being transparent with God. We do not tell God our needs and petitions to let God know what is in our hearts. God knows us better than we know ourselves and God knows our needs better than we can possibly express. Instead, we share our needs with God so that we might grow in greater transparency with God. Part of our growing in relationship with anyone is practicing authenticity, where one can simply be one’s self around others. When we are able to live authentically and grow as the person we are called to be, we are indeed living lives of prayer. Pope

Francis reminds us that to pray without ceasing is to be keenly aware of the needs of others. Every time we work for justice, peace, and unity we articulate our prayer through our lives. When we put someone else’s needs before our own or help meet the spiritual or physical needs of someone, we grow in relationship with Christ. There is a popular phrase attributed to Pope Francis: *“you pray for the hungry and then you feed them. This is how prayer works.”* When we live in right relationship with God and others, we can heed Jesus’s command and truly pray without ceasing. Prayer that is persistent and constant must also have the qualities of trust and patience that support the belief that God answers persevering prayer. Bearing this in mind, we should not give up when it seems that our prayers aren’t being answered.



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



~ October 16-23, 2022 ~

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**OCTOBER 16, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. √ **SPECIAL INTENTION** /Theresa Craiger  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **ALBERT FRANEK**/ Judy Franek  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Jim & Theresa White

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **JOE HUDAK**/ Theresa Craiger  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **LOUIS & CATHERINE CHURA**/  
Ron & Donna Runtas  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK**/ Patricia & Joseph Susko  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **LAURA Y'BARBO**/ Helen Snyder

**OCTOBER 23, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BOB & ANGIE MUSIL** /Kathy Rogel  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL**/ Gloria Mintus  
11:00 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK**/ Cathy & Chuck Poponak  
†= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ October 23, 2022 ~

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Sirach 35: 12-14, 16-18**

*The LORD is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial toward the weak...*

**2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18**

*Beloved: I am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand...*

**Luke 18: 9-14**

*Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

October 23, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Kathy Rogel, Donna Runtas  
8:30 a.m. Nancy Lucanski, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Melanie Shoaf

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Alexa Szykulski  
8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch  
11:00 a.m. Milania Shaker

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman,  
Felicia Mooney, Carol Timko  
8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Laurie Sitch,  
Linda Trunick, Mike Trunick  
11:00 a.m. Sandra Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierck,  
Christina Pacurar, Regina Speaker



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ October 9, 2022 (WK 15)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,190.00*	\$ 105,043.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 101,766.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (79.00)	\$ (3,992.00)
<b>Performance</b>	99%	96%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 701.00 LAST WK — \$ 13,068.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 172 out of 511  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 28.00 (10 out of 35)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#407 drawn on 10/12/2022  
!!!NO WINNER!!!  
Amount: \$150.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**78** **106** **113**  
5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **297** Average: **99**

**LITURGY COMMITTEE**

Members of the Liturgy Committee are reminded that our next meeting is this Tuesday, October 18 at **5:30 p.m.**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY REMINDER:**

Saturday, October 22 all PSR children and families are encouraged to participate in St. William Make A Difference Day activities. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. and will conclude at 1:00 p.m.. Please contact Carol Timko with how many from your family will be attending by October 19 so we have an accurate count for lunch.

**GOLDEN AGERS NEWS**



St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, October 18 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes donated by Gary and Ellie Gates. **Guest Speaker: Chris Klingemier, who's subject will be the History of Champion.** Refreshments will include pizza and "pot luck" and beverage.. Always a good assortment of food. *Bring a friend to the meeting.*

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR MISSION SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is Mission Sunday. A second collection will be taken for all those serving those in need through the Missions. This collection will provide for Propagation of the Faith which supports missionaries throughout the world; Catholic Home Missions which helps dioceses in the U.S. unable to provide basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service; and the Black and Indian Missions. Thank you for your generosity.

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

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

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." ~2 Timothy 4:2*

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

## ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November we remember all those who have embraced eternal life, especially in the past year. Wednesday, November 2 is the Feast of All Souls. At all Masses on October 29-30, we will remember in a special way all of our loved ones who have passed away during the last year and whose departing we continue to mourn and grieve. You are invited to write the names of loved ones in our All Soul's Day Book of Remembrance located in the vestibule. All of our loved ones who have entered eternal life will be remembered throughout the entire month of November.

## ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

Wednesday, November 2 is the Feast of All Souls, a day in which we remember all those who have embraced eternal life. The *All Souls' Envelope* in your packet is a special offering for deceased loved ones...please remember to write your intentions on the front of the envelope. These will be placed near our Book of Remembrance for the entire month of November and your intentions will be included at all Masses throughout the month.

## PLANNING AHEAD! ~ ALL SAINTS DAY

Tuesday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. Mass for the holy day will be celebrated **6:30 p.m.** (*Note: New Time*)

## THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

We are once again taking part in the Thanksgiving Food Drive with local area churches and Champion Schools. The box for unexpired, nonperishable food items is located in the vestibule. Ex: peanut butter, soups, tuna, boxed potatoes, pasta and sauce, cereal etc.



Monetary donations for Sparkle gift certificates can be dropped in the collection basket, dropped at the parish office, or given to Darlene Frantz. All checks made to St. William Parish.

**If you are in need of a food basket, request forms are on the bulletin board in the vestibule.**

We are in need of helpers to sort the food on Friday November 18 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and on Saturday November 19 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon to help distribute food and pack bags.

If anyone is interested in chairing this event next year, please contact Darlene Frantz at (330) 638-0938 with any questions.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Are you looking to earn a little extra cash for Christmas this year? Catering has several upcoming events that require servers and bussers. If you or anyone you know are interested in a part time job (16 and over) contact the parish office for an application.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Oct 17 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.  
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Oct 18 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Oct 18 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.  
Oct 18 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.  
Oct 19 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Oct 20 ~ Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.  
Oct 22 ~ Renee's Closet 9:00 a.m.  
Oct 22 ~ Make a Difference Day 10:00 a.m.  
Oct 23 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.

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

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting:

Meeting: November 2, 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, October 19, 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)

## SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE

~ 100 TICKETS SOLD!!

Over 100 tickets have been sold!!! We have reached the Tier 1 Prize Level...but let's not stop selling!!! With 100 tickets sold the Grand Prize now stands at \$10,000.00! WE CAN DO BETTER!!! We need to reach 400 sold tickets for the second tier Prize Level with the goal of 500 sold tickets for the top tier!!! The Super Cash Bonanza Raffle will be on March 4, 2023 with over \$45,000.00 in potential prizes if we SELL 500 tickets! 100% of all proceeds will go towards our parking lot loan. Tickets can be purchased at any time and monthly payments can be made. As soon as you have a ticket committed to a buyer, please turn the stub with any payment into the Parish Office so the ticket can be counted among the 500. Payments for the ticket can be made at any time. All purchased tickets paid in FULL or are 50% paid (\$125.00) by November 30, 2022 are eligible for the first Early Bird Raffle. Also remember for every 3 tickets you sell, you are entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle for \$2000.00!!!! **Note:** Because of the Super Cash Bonanza Raffle the annual Christmas Cash Raffle will not take place this year.



## **PARKING LOT PROJECT – UNFORTUNATE NEWS**

This week we received the disheartening news that ODOT will not grant permission for a new entrance/exit drive to the property. The proposed design had the current south entrance being eliminated and a new entrance/exit boulevard drive being relocated near our current parish sign. In order to do this ODOT needed to grant the request since they have jurisdiction over Mahoning Avenue (State Route 45.) ODOT's initial objection was with regards to left hand turns (heading north) from the new exit. ODOT stated that there was not adequate sight distance for a left turn onto Mahoning Avenue from vehicles traveling north due to the increase grade (hill) as you approach our south property line. As a result, we offered that the next exit would be a "right turn only." This proposal was also rejected by ODOT stating that the curvature of the road and utility poles looking north prevents adequate sight distance with traffic heading south. A second concern was that there would be conflicting left turns from the property across the street as well. The architect and civil engineer advised that possible recourse and alternatives to satisfy ODOT's concerns would require a traffic study (at our cost) that would delay the project indefinitely with no guarantee of a reversed decision. As a result, it was decided to keep the current south entrance as is and abandon the new entrance as part of the project. New drawings to reconfigure the parking area are being drawn. While these developments are disappointing, we hope to continue to move forward with the project. Because funding for the parking lot has already been secured based on the original design we will also continue to move forward with our "Super Cash Bonanza Raffle" as planned to address our current debt. Thank you for your patience and understanding throughout the planning of this project, which has become more involved and complicated than originally planned.



## **SENIOR PASTA DINNER**

St. Rose Church in Girard is hosting a Pasta Dinner for Senior Citizens on November 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., or 1:30 p.m. This event is free for those age 60 or older, and tickets will be handed out at participating parishes. For more information, contact Jeannine Frederick at 330-545-4351. Sponsored by Trumbull Area Catholic Teens.



## **COME TO THE TABLE!**

Saint William Parish Retreat  
Saturday, November 12, 2022  
11:30am – 6:00pm

What does the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist mean? How would you help someone struggling with Catholic faith in the Eucharist?

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, November 12, 2022. Check-in begins at 11:15am 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 October. The retreat fee of \$20.00 can be made payable to Saint William Parish.



## **~Contact~**

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**Carol Timko**, Religious Education  
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**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