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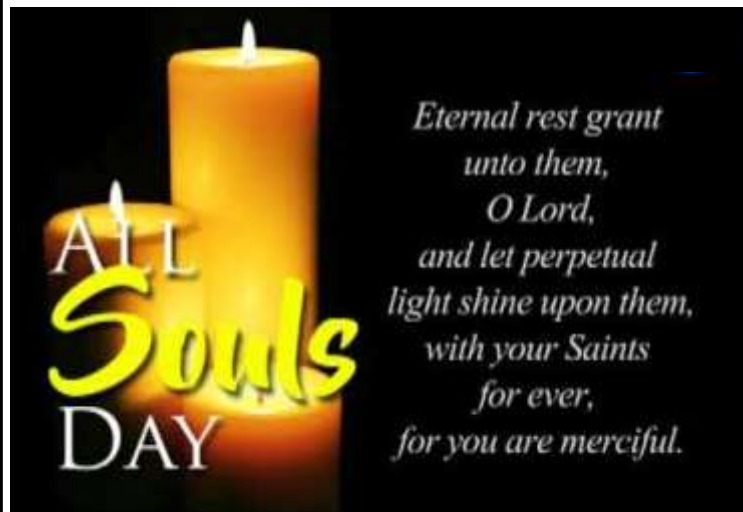
October 30, 2022 ~ Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Come fill our hearts with a spirit of love!”

This weekend we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus. We often look at Zacchaeus as the sinner who turned to Jesus that he might be saved. Zacchaeus is “seeking to see who Jesus was.” He’s curious and he endeavors to get a better look at the person who is causing such a fuss in Jericho. Instead of crying out for Jesus, or muscling his way through the crowd, he climbs up a tree to see what’s going on. It’s remarkably innovative and yet delightfully mundane. This bothers everyone who knows Zacchaeus because he is a religious sellout, working as a tax collector. However, if we focus on Zacchaeus’s sinfulness, we miss an important part of the story. When he climbs the tree, he puts himself in a position where he was readily available to Jesus. He sought out the Lord and did what was necessary to make himself present to God. At the end of the gospel when Jesus proclaims, “*the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost,*” we might also immediately think of sinfulness. To be lost, however, simply means to be in the wrong place. Zacchaeus was physically in the wrong place, so he did what was necessary to move towards Jesus. However, his promise to care for the poor and repay what he owed shows his conversion of heart. Zacchaeus, once lost, now finds himself in the right place –in relationship with Jesus. This relationship with God is not something new. In the reading from the book of Wisdom we hear that God loves all things he has made, making God’s relationship with us intimate. It is important to remember that just as God chooses his people and Jesus chooses Zacchaeus, God has also chosen each of us. Because Jesus knows the path to conversion, he honors

Zacchaeus and enters his home. As a result, Zacchaeus has a total conversion experience. Jesus chooses to engage and enters the space of a sinner, in order to invite him to seek better things. We might ask how do we, like Zacchaeus, avail ourselves to our relationship with God being offered to us through Jesus. And more importantly, how have we allowed our relationship to Jesus bring about conversion and change in our lives?



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash



~ **October 30-November 6, 2022** ~
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 30, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **GLORIA JEAN HUDAK** / Joe & Pat Maciejewski
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **HARRY J. NIDEL** / Family
 11:00 a.m. † **JAMES MCNEILL** / Carl & Gloria Karafa

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**

ALL SAINTS DAY

Tues **6:30 p.m.** † **RON MOONEY** / Mary Pytlik

ALL SOULS DAY

Wed **8:30 a.m.** † **ALVIN CHURA & FAMILY** / Ron & Donna Runtas
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELA MUSIL** / Poponak Family
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **ANGELO NATURALE** / Jean & Jerry Ruggieri

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DOROTHY & WILLIAM JOHNSON** /
 Ron & Donna Runtas

Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JILL WYRICK** / Cheryl & David DiGiacobbe
 11:00 a.m. † **PAUL MCCUMMINS** / Family

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **November 6, 2022** ~

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

It happened that seven brothers with their mother were arrested and tortured with whips and scourges by the king...

2 Thessalonians 2: 16 - 3: 5

Brothers and sisters: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us...

Luke 20: 27-38

Some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, came forward and put this question to Jesus, saying...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

November 6, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Tim Timko
 8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Marilyn Nicolaus
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Cathy Poponak

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan,
 Brian Lenhart, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Frank Pytlik,
 Treva Pytlik, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Scott Freer,
 Chuck Poponak, Bob Mintus



LITURGICAL MINISTRY

November 1, 2022

All Saints Day

Lectors

6:30 p.m. Melanie Zappia, Deanna Barco

Servers

6:30 p.m. Therese Tuttle, Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 p.m. Renita Mintus, _____,
 _____, _____



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

80

5:00 p.m.

99

8:30 a.m.

110

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **289**

Average: **96**

JUST A REMINDER...

All Saints Day ~ Tuesday ~ November 1

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

(Note: New Time)

All Souls Day ~ Wednesday ~ November 2

Mass on Wednesday, All Souls Day, will be offered at 8:30 a.m. in special remembrance of all our dearly departed loved ones and especially those inscribed in our Book of Remembrance.

All Souls Day Envelopes

The All Souls' Envelope in your packet is a special offering for deceased loved ones. 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.

NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES

Next week we will join parishes around the country for a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. This collection taken every three years helps to provide for pastoral care to those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled in a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any Veterans Affairs Medical Centers or working in the federal government beyond U.S. borders. To learn more about the Archdiocese for the Military Services visit: www.milarch.org/nationalcollection. Thank you for your generous support next weekend.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ October 23, 2022 (WK 17)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,641.00*	\$ 119,385.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 123,573.00
Difference	\$ 372.00	\$ (4,188.00)
Performance	105%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 656.00 LAST WK — \$ 14,610.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 183 out of 511

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 13.00 (9 out of 35)

POT-OF-GOLD

#43 drawn on 10/26/2022

!!WINNER!! **Cliff Evans**

Amount: \$470.00



SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE – FIRST EARLY BIRD DRAWING APPROACHING!!



The first Early Bird Raffle Prize is approaching! All purchased tickets paid in FULL or are 50% paid (\$125.00) by November 30, 2022 are eligible for the first Early Bird Raffle. We are up to 159 tickets sold and have reached the Tier 1 Prize Level...but let's not stop selling!!! 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. Also, remember for every 3 tickets you sell, you are entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle for \$2000.00!!!!

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. Checks should be made to St. William Parish.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the youth of St. William Church for the hand decorated Halloween pumpkins painted for Make-a-Difference Day 2022. Your talent and generosity brightened up the lives of the many recipients of the pumpkins!



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

“But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, ‘Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.’” LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Oct 31 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m.
- Oct 31 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 6:30 p.m.
- Nov 1 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Nov 1 ~ All Saints Day Mass 6:30 p.m.**
- Nov 2 ~ All Souls Day Mass 8:30 a.m.**
- Nov 2 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Nov 2 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 3 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- Nov 4 ~ Newsletter submissions Due
- Nov 6 ~ Daylight Savings Ends
- Nov 6 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Nov 6 ~ Youth Ministry 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
We will be playing a friendly game of Bingo after the meeting!
Come join the fun and we hope to hear you yell BINGO!

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, November 2, 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

ANNOUNCEMENT



Advent Lessons and Carols will be Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. **NEW THIS**

YEAR! A poem will be recited during the service. **AUDITIONS** for reading this poem will be held! Also needed are 7 scripture readers, 7 candle bearers, and a few Youth Ministry to serve as greeters. **SINGERS NEEDED!** If you enjoy singing in a group but do not have time to join Adult Choir or Folk Group this is a great opportunity for you! Just attend TWO rehearsals Tuesday, November 15 & 22 at 7:00 p.m. If interested in any of the above, please see Pat Maciejewski after any Mass, call the church office, or use the sign up page in the vestibule! Lessons and Carols is a beautiful 45 minute reflective service with scripture, prayer, and song to start our Advent Season. Save the date now!

Reminder to PSR parents: CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR is held two Saturdays, December 3 & 17 from 10:00 -11:30 a.m. Please return the green sign up sheet to Mrs. Maciejewski or Mrs. Timko! The Youth Choir will join Folk Group at the 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY – 2022

This weekend we remember all of our parishioners who passed away in the last year. We pray for their families who continue to grieve their loss.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in Peace.

Mary Ellen Hoolihan	Ann Marie Palcich
Avis Amoline	Carol Drabek
Vivian Flamini	Nancy Meyer
Philip DeCapito	Jeanne Marie Wisniewski
Katherine Shellhammer	Joseph Marando
Donna Senkowitz	Buddy Thomas
Pauline Lesh	Joseph Kirkwood
Martha Peters	Robert Rogel
Hysen Sait	Mary Bees
James McNeill	Anthony Marando
Reginald Hoerig	Howard Youngs
Timothy Park	Mary Louise Badanjek
Andrea Gabrielson	Eugene Petrosky
Janet Ott	Adrian Hovanic

*and all the deceased members of
Saint William Parish*



All Souls Day

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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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.

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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