

# St. William Parish

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November 20, 2022 ~ Christ the King



*“Happy Thanksgiving!”*

As we enter into today’s celebration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is helpful to go back to the beginning of Jesus’s public ministry. Luke writes of Jesus’s temptation in the desert: *“when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.”* The devil does not leave Jesus forever but waits for opportune times to resume temptation. As we read these words in concert with today’s gospel, the soldiers’ shouts seem even more significant: *“if you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.”* This scene has multiple stories and journeys taking place. The soldiers next to the three crosses are making fun of Jesus. By dehumanizing those they are executing, the Roman soldiers are able to justify their actions. Sneering and jeering at Jesus are ways for the soldiers to signify that Jesus is “other” and worthy of being killed. One of the criminals executed with Jesus joins in the opportunity to separate himself from Jesus, who is currently reviled by the crowd. But the second criminal goes against all expectations. He not only defends Jesus, but places Jesus above himself by asking to be remembered when Jesus enters his kingdom, showing all those gathered that he believes Jesus’s claims to be true. Jesus responds with mercy. In doing so, Jesus becomes the epitome of kingship precisely because he rejects these false notions of power and authority. Jesus does not act in self-interest. As always, Jesus lives and loves for others, and calls us to do the same. The Lord, robed in majesty, offers salvation to the repentant thief and to all of us. As we look forward to the new liturgical year that begins in Advent, may we remember this image of Christ the King and turn to it often, for it helps us understand the realities of Christianity: power comes from humility, selfishness falls to sacrifice, and death springs from life.

Next week we begin the holy season of Advent and our preparation to celebrate the coming of Christ and commemorate his birth among us. Our Advent theme this year is *“God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger.”*



As we begin this holy time, we should be grateful that the Church offers us a season of respite from all the outside distractions by providing an opportunity for reflection and renewal. May this upcoming season of Advent be a time for all of us to take a step back each week and remember what truly matters and deserves our attention. Let us not forget *God is with us as we journey not only to the manger but continue our path of faith and life.*

It is hard to believe that this week we begin another holiday season. I remain most thankful and grateful for the ongoing support and kindness you have shown to the Church, our parish, and to me over the past year. I hope you will consider starting your holiday by joining us at Thanksgiving Day Mass this Thursday at 8:30 a.m. as we gather to offer thanks to God for all that he has given to us. All of you will be remembered in a special way at Mass Thanksgiving morning.

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

~ November 20-27, 2022 ~  
Christ the King

**NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † EUGENE PETROSKY/ Fairway Place Condo Assoc.  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † FRANK STIGLIANO/ Gloria Mintus  
11:00 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Mon 8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † RUTH COLE/ Helen Snyder  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † DOROTHY CHURA/ Donna & Ron Runtas  
~Thanksgiving Day~  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † NO MASS

**NOVEMBER 27, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † ELEANOR POLAND/ Family  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † TONY & ROSELINE IANARO/  
Vince & Rita DeSalvo  
11:00 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ John & Barb Robinson  
†= In Memoriam √= Special Intention ♥= Birthday/Anniversary/Celebration

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ November 27, 2022 ~  
First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

*This is what Isaiah, son of Amoz, saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come, the mountain of the LORD's house...*

Romans 13: 11-14

*Brothers and sisters: You know the time; it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer...*

Matthew 24: 37-44

*Jesus said to his disciples: "As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

November 27, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Viviane Watson  
8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Ed Runyan  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Cathy Poponak

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Dan Gelet  
8:30 a.m. Olivia Zigarovich  
11:00 a.m. Collin Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan,  
Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman  
8:30 a.m. Penny Hudak, Gloria Mintus,  
Linda Trunick, Mike Trunick  
11:00 a.m. Karen Daugherty, Jennette Jaskiewicz,  
Chuck Poponak, Regina Speaker



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 13, 2022 (WK 20)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,315.00*	\$ 140,800.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 145,380.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 46.00	\$ (4,580.00)
<b>Performance</b>	101%	97%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 846.00 LAST WK — \$ 16,302.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 190 out of 510  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 16.00 (7 out of 35)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#279 drawn on 11/16/2022  
!!WINNER!! John & Ruby Petersal  
Amount: \$471.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**101**

5:00 p.m.

**112**

8:30 a.m.

**115**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **328** Average: **109**

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS**

Start your holiday on Thanksgiving Day morning by joining us for Mass at **8:30 a.m.** as we give thanks and praise to God for the goodness and blessings of this life.

**HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will close at **2:00 p.m.** on Wednesday and will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND**

Today's is the annual collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generosity

**LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE**

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for liturgical ministers for the next schedule, including Lent, Holy Week, and for any special occasions.

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Christ the King**

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."*

~Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Dan Torisky**

Brother-in-law of Denny Durno

*May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## CONGRATULATIONS! CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!

Congratulations to Kyle Haynie, Ty Horm, and Mario Humenik who celebrated the Rite of Enrollment last Sunday and are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming March.

## GOLDEN AGERS/NAIM CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

### Enzo's Restaurant

2918 Elm Rd NE, Warren, OH 44483

Tuesday, December 6 at 12:00 noon

\$25.00 includes tax and gratuity. Make check out to St. William Golden Agers. Place in envelope marked Golden Agers. Please indicate: Chicken Parmigiana, Chicken Francaise, or Fried Whitefish

If you have any questions: call Ellie at 330-219-5318

## KOLACHI BAKE

Wednesday, November 30

Prep work - 8:00 a.m.

Rolling - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Baking - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Wrapping - 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.



Help is always needed, especially in rolling. Please bring your favorite rolling pin.

Orders may be picked up same day, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Orders not picked up will be sold, unless paid in advance.

*Thank You!* For your generous donations of food and monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide food and Sparkle gift certificates to 42 families!

## ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sign up sheets for the 2022 Parish Family Dinner are available this weekend after Mass. The Parish Christmas Dinner will be held on December 4 following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.



## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree is in the vestibule. Each tag has several gift suggestions...*only one gift is to be purchased.* **The gifts are due back by December 11. Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag.** Our parish has always responded very well to this Christmas activity and hopefully the same will be true this year. *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 21 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m.  
Nov 21 ~ Liturgy Committee Advent Prep 1:00 p.m.  
Nov 21 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 6:30 p.m.  
Nov 22 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Nov 22 ~ Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 23 ~ Office Closes at 2:00 p.m.  
Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving ~ Office Closed  
Nov 24 ~ Office Closed

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 4, 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, December 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](http://www.knights7491.org)



## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS "God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger Advent Evening Prayer"

This year our Advent theme is "God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger." To help usher in our season of Advent you are invited to join us at our annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols* on Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this special time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for a Christ-filled Christmas holiday knowing that God is with us as we journey to the manger.

## CONGRATULATIONS New Lay Leaders of Prayer

We congratulate Mrs. Christine DePascale and Mrs. Bette Lloyd who were commissioned as new Lay Leaders of Prayer for our parish this past Wednesday. They completed the Lay Leader of Prayer Formation Series recently held at Immaculate Conception Church in Ravenna. This eight-week series prepared them to serve as presiders in various acts of worship. In our parish the Lay Leaders of Prayer often preside at a Liturgy of the Word Service with Holy Communion on Monday mornings and assist at other liturgical celebrations when needed. We offer our best wishes and congratulations to Christine and Bette in this new ministry!



## SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE

### ~First Early Bird Drawing in 10 DAYS!!

Just 10 more days until our first Early Bird Drawing on November 30? All purchased tickets paid in FULL or are 50% paid (\$125.00) by November 30, 2022 are eligible to win \$250.00. Turn in your sold tickets as soon as possible. Don't miss out on \$250.00!



### ~THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

How does \$25,000 sound for Christmas!! Give the best gift ever...a ticket to our Super Cash Bonanza Raffle!

### ~1<sup>ST</sup> TIER PRIZE LEVEL

We're at Tier 1 Prize Level!! \$19,000 in prizes!! **Let's make it better!** We need to reach **400** sold tickets for the Tier 2 Prize Level. Our goal is **500** sold tickets for the top tier!!!

### ~March 4, 2023 IS THE DAY!

The Super Cash Bonanza Raffle will be on March 4, 2023, with over \$45,000.00 in potential prizes if we SELL 500 tickets!

### ~Exclusive Seller's Raffle

Don't FORGET ~ every 3 tickets you sell, you are entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle for \$2000.00!!!! Over 30 people have already qualified for this drawing!

### ~Remember!

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.

### "Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary"

Tickets Sold	214	<b>100-399 tickets sold</b> Grand Prize - \$10,000.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00 4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00 Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea. Seller Prize - \$1,000.00
Seller Entries	36	
Total Collected	\$52,225.00	
Tier 1 Prize Level	\$19,000.00	
Total (applied to Loan)	\$33,225.00	

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Beginning in Advent we will once again have new Breaking Bread music books. Please do not insert the front cover of the music book into the front sleeve of the binder. Thank you.

**Our Gathering Song for Advent** is: "Everyday God" by Bernadette Farrell. The cantor will lead different verses each Sunday of Advent and we will respond. Our Gospel Acclamation is "Advent Alleluia" by Michael Joncas and we sing: *Hallelujah!* Both songs will be on the insert inside the front cover of the music binder.



**A Celebration of Advent Lessons and Carols** is Sunday, November 27 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and begin the Advent Season with scripture, prayer, and song! One more youth candle bearer is needed! Please see Mrs. M for info. Thank you to all the Music Ministry who attended our first rehearsal.

**The first "Youth Choir for Christmas" rehearsal** is quickly approaching! Rehearsals are Saturday, December 3 and 17 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. St. William youth in grades 2+ are most welcome to attend. **Parents:** Please turn in the green permission slip by Sunday, November 27 so that a folder may be prepared for your child. The youth will join St. William Music Ministry to sing at 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve.

### ~Contact~

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