

St. William Parish

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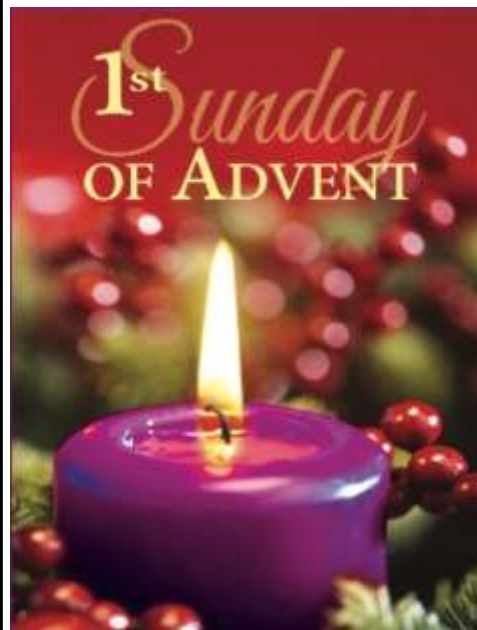


November 27, 2022 ~ First Sunday of Advent



“God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger “

As we begin this holy season of Advent, the church tries to make us more attentive to and prepared for the moment of the great advent of God: the second coming of Christ, when the eternal kingdom of God is fully established. In today’s gospel, Jesus warns his disciples that they are not to be like the people of Noah’s generation, immersed in the ordinary and everyday routine to the point they were unaware of the flood of evil that was gradually encroaching on their lives. His message tells us to stay awake and be ready! We are told that fields still must be plowed and flour still ground at the mill. The message being that work and leisure, relationships and others, cannot be so all consuming that we are not alert and committed to the coming of God in our lives. One of the problems of the early church was that because of the expectation that Jesus’s second coming was just around the corner, many thought to do nothing except wait for it or calculate its arrival! This temptation continues to surface in our own time despite repeated and excused failures! Jesus will come definitively to each one of us at our own individual end time, which will be our death. For the whole of creation, it will be an “end time” not so much *of* the world but *for* the world. Until this happens, we must stay awake and be prepared. “Staying awake” means remaining attentive to how small choices can build robust lives of faith. It means cultivating an awareness of God’s presence in the mundane realities of life –turning our attention toward things that matter and turning away from things that are distracting. Advent is an invitation to shake off all the things that distract us and keep us from knowing the Lord and enter into the fully vibrant lives that God wants for us. How we answer and make this a part of who we are here and now will determine how we will celebrate the Lord’s birth in the coming weeks.



As we end this holiday weekend, I hope that Thanksgiving was a good and happy day for you and your family. We all have a great deal to be thankful for, especially to God for all the blessings of this life. As we enter the season of Advent, I hope that many of you will join us this Tuesday evening for our special Advent Evening Prayer of Lessons and Carols. This reflective prayer of scripture and song helps set the tone for these weeks before Christmas and provides an opportunity for all of us to wait together for the coming of Christ.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ November 27– December 4, 2022 ~
First Sunday of Advent

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Tues 8:30 a.m. † **MITZI PITTMAN/** Bob & Marcia Kane
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK/** Mary Pytlík
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **LOU KRIVANEK/** Joan Krivanek
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **RON MOONEY/** Jane & Tim Johns

DECEMBER 4, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON SPRAGUE/** Ann Sprague & Marianne Babnik
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **RICHARD COLES/** Mary Pytlík
 11:00 a.m. † **JANET OTT/** Women's Guild

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 4, 2022 ~
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11: 1-10

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom...

Romans 15: 4-9

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction...

Matthew 3: 1-12

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 4, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Donna Runtas
 8:30 a.m. Nancy Lucanski, Rachael Zigarovich
 11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
 8:30 a.m. William McCready
 11:00 a.m. Milania Shaker

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Felicia Mooney, Barb Robinson,
 Dan Robinson, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Carole Baniak, Ellie Gates,
 Laurie Sitch, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Sandra Hudak, Jennifer Kusmierek,
 Christina Pacurar, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 20, 2022 (WK 21)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,828.00*	\$ 147,628.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 152,649.00
Difference	\$ (441.00)	\$ (5,021.00)
Performance	94%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 666.00 LAST WK — \$ 16,968.00 YTD
 Envelopes ~ 175 out of 510
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 12.00 (8 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#457 drawn on 11/22/2022
!!WINNER!! Lynn Vastag
Amount: \$140.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

79 **102** **89**
 5:00 p.m. 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **270** Average: **90**

Special Advent Evening Prayer
"God Is With Us as We Journey to the Manger"

Tuesday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this special Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols
 A 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."

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!

Many thanks to all who took gift tags
 from our Giving Tree this year. **The gifts
 are due back by December 11. Please
 attach the tag directly to the gift. Do
 not wrap or use a gift bag. Thank you
 for your generous and kind response!**



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS!

A sister writes, "Our prayers belong most
 of all to the generous benefactors who
 donated to our annual Religious
 Retirement Collection. Thank you!"
 Prayer-filled thanks for your support and
 generosity to last week's Annual
 Religious Retirement collection.



COME JOIN US!

Judge James Fredericka will be presenting "Why is
 Probate Important?" on November 30, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.
 at St. William Church. Judge Fredericka will cover
 topics such as "The Importance of a Will", "Probate
 Court Serves You", "Estate Administration", and
 "Guardian Angels of Trumbull County." *If you are
 interested, please sign-up on the sheet in the vestibule.*
 Don't miss this very important discussion regarding
 necessary end of life arrangements.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which
 day your Lord will come."* ~Matthew 24:42

People who have had health issues or near-death
 experiences generally have a greater appreciation for
 each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually
 take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But
 when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize
 all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to
 see God's active presence in your life. You grow in
 gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

GOLDEN AGERS/NAIM CLUB CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, December 6 at 12:00 noon

Enzo's Restaurant ~ \$25.00 includes tax & tip

Put name, number of reservations, and money in envelope marked "Golden Agers" in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. **If you have any**

questions: call Ellie at 330-219-5318.



PARISH FAMILY DINNER

The Women's Guild invites all Parishioners to the Parish Family Dinner taking place at 12:00 noon on December 4, 2021 in the Social Hall. Begin the Holiday Season by sharing a delicious meal while catching up with old friends or getting to know new ones. Santa is expected to make a visit! To have an idea of how much food to prepare, please use the signup sheets in the vestibule. **TODAY** is the last day to make reservations!



HELP WANTED

PSR is in great need of two people to help in the classroom this school year. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Carol Timko in the parish office.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Wednesday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at 6:30 p.m.

Advent Communal Reconciliation Services

Two Advent Communal Reconciliation Services will be held for all Trumbull County Parishes on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish in Vienna and Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at both services as part of our Advent preparation for Christmas.

KOLACHI BAKE

This Wednesday

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.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 28 ~ Fish Dinner Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Nov 28 ~ Small Christian Communities 6:30 p.m.

Nov 29 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.

Nov 29 ~ Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.

Nov 30 ~ Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.

Nov 30 ~ "Why is Probate Important?" 6:30 p.m.

Dec 1 ~ Parish Family Dinner Decorating 9:00 a.m.

Dec 1 ~ WG Craft Show Food Prep 5:00 p.m.

Dec 1 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.

Dec 3 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.

Dec 4 ~ Confirmation Session 9:30 a.m.

Dec 4 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.

Dec 4 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

Dec 4 ~ Parish Family Dinner 12:00 p.m.

Dec 4 ~ Advent Communal Reconciliation 2:00 p.m.

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



MUSIC MINISTRY

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.



St. William Parish
Christmas Craft Show
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022
10:00 AM — 2:00 PM
Over 70 tables of Crafts
Ethnic Foods Available
Wedding Soup * Pierogi * Haluski * Cabbage Rolls
Take-out Available

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE



~First Early Bird Drawing THIS WEDNESDAY!!

Be the 1st Winner in our Super Cash Bonanza Raffle!!! The first Early Bird Drawing is Wednesday, November 30th for all tickets paid in FULL or are 50% paid (\$125.00). Turn in your sold tickets as soon as possible. Don't miss out on \$250.00!

~LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT!

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

~1ST 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!!!

~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	249	100-399 tickets sold Grand Prize - \$10,000.00 2 nd Prize - \$3,000.00 3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00 4 th 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	

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

St. William Parish Community Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form
 Moving out of the parish
 Change of address / phone number

~Contact~

Church Office 330-847-8677
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Very 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

~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