

St. William Parish

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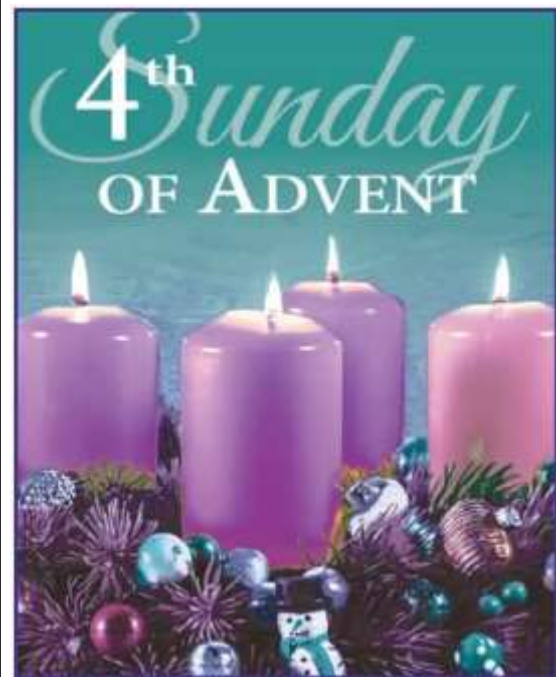


December 18, 2022 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



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

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear Joseph’s side of the story and it is mostly a story about being left out of a very big decision. Although he is left out of the main event, Joseph is faced with a decision to make. He chooses the radical hospitality and message of a stranger sent by God and accepts Mary into his home and her child as his own. He even shares his lineage with Jesus. Joseph, from the outset, trusts in God’s outrageous plan for his family despite every reason to give up. By the power of the Holy Spirit, his wife is going to give birth to the savior of the world. God urges Joseph to believe in this far-fetched reality and resist the social expectations of marriage and family life. God asks big things of Joseph and he also asks the same of us as well. How we ready our hearts so that, when the time comes, we too, can answer God’s call is the focus of these last days of Advent. Familiar stories of Christmas will accompany us in the coming days. Let us listen with a fresh perspective and awe at the miracles being proclaimed: the Savior is born into *this* world; his mother, Mary conceived through the power of the *Holy Spirit*; Joseph heard *God’s messenger* speaking in his dreams. It is often said these late December days are a magical time of year. But what happened with Mary and Joseph is no illusion. In this last week before Christmas let us marvel at God’s goodness as we approach the celebration of the birth of Christ.



As we enter this last week before the holiday there is probably much still to be done. In the midst of the hectic and busyness of these coming days be sure to take a moment of quiet and solitude each day to remember the true meaning of Christmas so as we gather next Saturday and Sunday the Lord’s light might shine forth in our hearts and souls. For those traveling to be with family for the holiday please do so safely. Know of my best wishes for you and your family to have a blessed and holy Christmas holiday. For those celebrating with us, I look forward to sharing the holiday with you and your family next weekend! Be assured of my prayers and best wishes as we experience the joy of Christmas and thank you for all your kindness and support to our parish over this past year and during this holiday season. I will remember all of you at Mass on Christmas Eve and Day.

Make it a great Advent week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ December 18, 2022 ~
Fourth Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † EUGENE PETROSKY/ Carl & Gloria Karafa
Sun 8:30 a.m. † FELIX & LAURA Y'BARBO/ Helen Snyder
11:00 a.m. † DWAYNE BOWSER/ Carl & Gloria Karafa

Mon 8:30 a.m. COMMUNION SERVICE
Tue 8:30 a.m. † MARTHA PETERS/ Women's Guild
Wed 8:30 a.m. † MURPH GELET/ Cheryl & Jim Barbauld
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JIM MCNEILL/ Roy & Ann Plant
Fri 8:30 a.m. † DR. FRANK VARGO/ Butcher Family

DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sat 5:00 p.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM
Sat 10:00 p.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM
Sun 10:00 a.m. † PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 25, 2022 ~
Christmas

Isaiah 9: 1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone...

Titus 2: 11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires...

Luke 2: 1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 25, 2022

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus
10:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, _____
10:00 a.m. Melanie Zappia, Linda Horm

Servers

5:00 p.m. Nathan Goldner, Marianne Babnik
10:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff, Dan Gelet
10:00 a.m. Therese Tuttle, Zach Shoaf

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Sandy Hudak, Carla Gilronan,
Pam Kuebler, Jamie Taneri
10:00 p.m. Dave Bickford, Barb Bickford,
Bob Hardman, Karen Hardman
10:00 a.m. Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik,
Melanie Shoaf, _____



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 11, 2022 (WK 24)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,732.00*	\$ 170,428.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 174,456.00
Difference	\$ 463.00	\$ (4,028.00)
Performance	106%	98%

* Includes MyEoffering: \$ 646.00 LAST WK — \$ 19,306.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 191 out of 518
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 15.00 (7 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#505 drawn on 12/14/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$156.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

78

5:00 p.m.

106

8:30 a.m.

117

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance:

301

Average:

100

PARISH HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 23 through Tuesday, December 27. On Wednesday, December 27 and Thursday, December 28, the Parish Office will be open 8:30 a.m. –12:00 noon. For New Year weekend, the Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 29 through Monday, January 2.



LAST CHANCE

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

The winner of the \$200 raffle was Ellie Gates. A big "Thank you" to everyone who supported our raffle. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

BISHOP BONNAR TO VISIT

Bishop Bonnar will visit Saint William Parish on Sunday, January 8, 2023 to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany with us. Bishop Bonnar will preside at 11:00 a.m. Mass and there will be a light reception after Mass. Plan to join us and meet the Bishop!

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

~MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may led us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Dolores Huncherick

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

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 (9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.) OR evening (7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.) for group sharing. Sessions will be held January 9, 23, 30; February 13, 27; and March 13.



Cost is \$11.00 which covers the cost of the commentary and personal study guide. Kindly register by January 1. Registration information can be found on the bulletin board.

2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Please note, Friday, **December 30, 2022** is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2022 tax year. All contributions made after December 30 will be credited to the 2023 tax year.

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

FISH DINNER NEWS!

Our Fish Dinners are tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, February 17, 2023. The Fish Dinner Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to work out details and particulars for this year's Fish Dinners. We are anticipating the same smooth process for ordering, purchasing, and receiving Fish Dinners used last year. The annual Fish Dinner Worker Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.



GREAT EFFORT AND THANKS!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Angel Giving Tree. All but a few gifts were returned by last Sunday afternoon. Great effort and thanks to all for making Christmas brighter for those less fortunate this year!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 19 ~ Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.
Dec 19 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Dec 20 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Dec 20 ~ Adult Choir Practice 3:00 p.m.
Dec 20 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Dec 21 ~ K of C Christmas Dinner 6:00 p.m.
Dec 23 ~ Office Closed
Dec 24 ~ Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 p.m. & 10:00 p.m.
Dec 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass 10:00 a.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.

DESIGNER PURSE BINGO

Women's Guild is now taking reservations for Designer Purse Bingo on Thursday, April 20, 2023. Each ticket includes dinner and 10 rounds of bingo. Door Prizes, Basket Raffles, and 50/50. For more information call Maria at 330-360-1568.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 21, 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

FROM THE QUILTERS

Thank You! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket on the 2022 Raffle Quilt. The winning ticket was drawn during the St. William Christmas Craft Show last weekend and Carol Szczurek is the lucky winner. Congratulations, Carol!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Weekend ~ Saturday-Sunday December 24-25

Saturday, December 24 – Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m. ONLY

New Year Weekend ~ Saturday – Sunday December 31-January 1

(Regular Weekend Schedule)

Saturday December 31 – New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.



SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE

~GIVE THE PERFECT CHRISTMAS GIFT ~ \$25,000.00!!!!

Super Cash Bonanza Raffle tickets make the perfect gift!!!! Just imagine giving someone your care about \$25,000.00!!!!



~Nest Drawing!

The next Early Bird Raffle Drawing will be on January 30, 2023 for all tickets paid in FULL or are 75% paid (\$200.00). Win \$250.00

~JUST 100 TICKETS AWAY!

We are just 100 tickets away from Tier 2 Prize Level and jumping from \$19,000 in prizes to \$32,000 in prize!! 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!!!! 54 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	291	100-399 tickets sold
Seller Entries	54	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00
Total Collected	\$70,525.00	2 nd Prize - \$3,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	<u>\$19,000.00</u>	3 rd Prize - \$2,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	\$51,525.00	4 th Prize - \$1,000.00
		Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
		Seller Prize - \$1,000.00

Thank You! Thank you to all who helped with the Kolachi Bake on Wednesday, November 30. We could not do this without your help. We had a large team of workers throughout the day to make the day go smoothly. Thank you to all who continue to support us in purchasing our Kolachi.



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~

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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