

# St. William Parish

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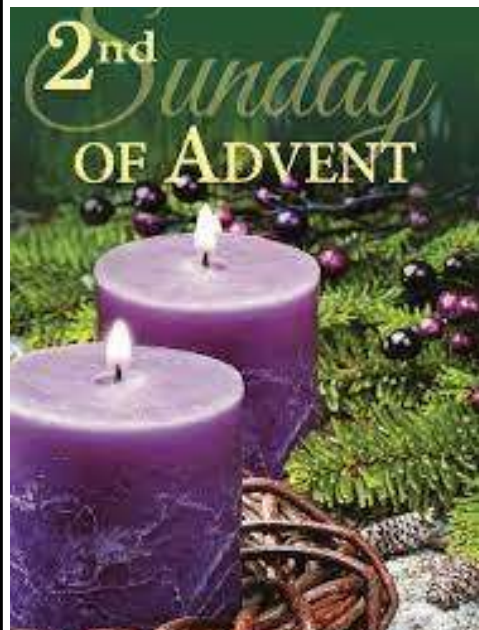


December 4, 2022 ~ Second Sunday of Advent



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

Last Sunday as we began the season of Advent, the gospel passage announced the advent or “arrival” of Jesus as the end of human history. Today, as watchman and awakener, John announces the advent of salvation and consolation to the people and proclaims that their hope for the dawn of messianic times is near. The desert imagery in today’s gospel may be difficult for us to imagine. Even so, the desert remains an important image in Scripture and today we hear that John the Baptist leaves his time of prayer and contemplation to proclaim the words of the prophet Isaiah. For John the desert is an important place. He chooses the place where Israel crossed over from its wilderness wandering into the Promised Land. We are used to heavy equipment and technology that builds roads to speed travelers on their way rather than wandering in the wilderness of the desert. Advent is the season of Christian “road work,” with John the Baptist as our overseer. With John’s voice, we are being asked both personally and communally to level and straighten out whatever is an obstacle or danger on our journey to God. We might ask what are the potholes in our discipleship? From what do we need to be converted if we are to make the way smoother for others who find it difficult to travel to God. What kind of “road rage” do we have as we try to follow the gospel truths in our own lives? This time before Christmas affords us the opportunity to make straight our paths; to work out the curves and bends of life that prevent us from living the gospel message. Our readings today are woven with the theme of preparation, most notable being our Gospel in which John the Baptist appears at the Jordan River proclaiming the words of the prophet Isaiah, “*prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.*” As the forerunner of Jesus, John’s work was to prepare the people to receive the one who was coming – “the salvation of God.” May we continue to do all that we can to prepare ourselves for the coming Messiah...both at Christmas and at the end of time.



Advent has often been characterized at “*patient waiting.*” The outside world is quickly getting decorated with lights and music, hope and anticipation! However, within the Church this season is marked by simplicity, calmness, and quiet – a season in which we can prepare with humble hearts. The challenge of Advent is for us to get in touch with the God who became human for us, who is present in our lives now, and whose future reign we await with joyful hope. Let us all make an effort to spend some quiet time reflecting on how Jesus has made all the difference in our lives so that our hearts can filled with the wonders of His love this coming Christmas!

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

~ December 4, 2022 ~  
Second Sunday of Advent

**DECEMBER 4, 2022**

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **HANK & MARY SAXON/** Helen Snyder  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ANDREA GABRIELSON/** John & Sharon Bradburn  
**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Thur 6:30 p.m. † **PHIL DECAPITO/** Andrea & Ed Runyan  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Jim & Theresa White

**DECEMBER 11, 2022**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **DARLENE & HYSEN SAIT/** Ron & Donna Sait  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BOB ROGEL/** Gilda Stigliano  
11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Diane Gelet

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ December 11, 2022 ~  
Third Sunday of Advent

**Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10**

*The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers...*

**James 5: 7-10**

*Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth ...*

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

*When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

December 11, 2022

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Viviane Watson  
8:30 a.m. Christine DePascale, Marilyn Nicolaus  
11:00 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff  
8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale  
11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Bob Hardman,  
Karen Hardman, Brian Lenhart  
8:30 a.m. Michele Jeffers, Frank Pytlik,  
Treva Pytlik, Jamie Taneri  
11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,  
Dan Gelet, Melanie Shoaf



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 27, 2022 (WK 22)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 7,681.00*	\$ 155,309.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 159,918.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ 412.00	\$ (4,609.00)
<b>Performance</b>	106%	97%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$455.00 LAST WK — \$17,423.00 YTD  
Envelopes ~ 190 out of 510  
Children's Envelopes ~ \$8.00 (7 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#52 drawn on 11/30/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$158.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**80**

5:00 p.m.

**101**

8:30 a.m.

**114**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **295** Average: **98**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ December 8 ~**

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is this coming Thursday, December 8. It is the patronal feast day of the United States and is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at **6:30 p.m.** on December 8.

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!**

Many thanks to all who took gift tags from our Giving Tree this year. **The gifts are due back NEXT SUNDAY, 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!**



**ADVENT COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated at two Advent Communal Reconciliation Services for all Trumbull County Parishes. There is a service TODAY 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 Parish in McDonald. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available every Saturday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. and on Monday, December 21 at 6:30 p.m. for Christmas.

**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**  
Second Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

## NOT BY CHOICE!

You may have noticed our new hymnals for this year contain the printed Scripture readings for Sunday. This was not done by choice, rather the version of Breaking Bread we were accustomed to using was discontinued. It is important to remember that our Scripture readings are to be proclaimed, listened to, and heard. The General Instruction to the Roman Missal states: *When the Sacred Scriptures are read in the Church, God himself speaks to his people, and Christ, present in his word, proclaims the Gospel. Therefore the readings from the Word of God are to be listened to reverently by everyone...(#29).* While it might be convenient to follow along, it is desirable that we continue our past practice of listening to (*not reading!*) the Word of God proclaimed in our midst. Thank you for maintaining our current and desired practice.

## OPTIONS EXHAUSTED...

Last week we received word that ODOT will not approve our new proposed entranceway as part of our Parking Lot project even after appealing to our elected officials for assistance. As a result, we will maintain the current entrance and exit driveways when the lot is paved. We have scheduled the work to begin in late April-early May of next year and have confirmed this with Miller-Yount Paving Company. We will be moving forward with adjustments to the original plans. This will result in a reduction in the total cost of the project and will also allow us to add some features previously not included in the original project. Look for additional updates in the coming weeks.

## 2022 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, December 31, 2022 is the last day to make a contribution to the church for the 2022 tax year. All contributions made after December 31 will be credited to the 2023 tax year. Envelopes turned in the weekend of December 31, 2022/January 1, 2023 and dated 2022 will be credited to the 2022 tax year and those dated 2023 will be credited to the 2023 tax year.

## HELP NEEDED

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.

## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Dec 5 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.  
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Dec 6 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Dec 6 ~ Golden Agers/Naim Club Luncheon 12:00 p.m.  
Dec 6 ~ WG Craft Show Food Prep 4:00 p.m.  
Dec 6 ~ Youth Ministry 4:00 p.m.  
Dec 6 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 7 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 7 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Dec 8 ~ WG Craft Show Food Prep 9:00 a.m.  
**Dec 8 ~ Immaculate Conception Mass 6:30 p.m.**  
Dec 8 ~ Adult Choir 6:30 p.m.  
Dec 10 ~ WG Craft Show 9:00 a.m.  
Dec 11 ~ Adult Choir 8:30 a.m.  
Dec 11 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 11 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:30 a.m.  
Dec 11 ~ Folk Group 11:00 a.m.  
Dec 11 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 noon  
Dec 11 ~ Instrument Practice 2:00 p.m.

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

## 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)

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

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

*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*

## 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

### ~WE HAVE OUR FIRST WINNER!!!

Congratulations to Jamie & Jennifer Taneri! Our first Early Bird Winner of \$250.00! The next Early Bird Raffle Drawing will be on January 30, 2023 for all tickets paid in FULL or are 75% paid (\$200.00).



### ~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!!!!

### ~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!!!

### ~Exclusive Seller's Raffle

Don't FORGET ~ every 3 tickets you sell, you are entered in the exclusive Seller's Raffle for \$2000.00!!!! Close to 40 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	286	<b>100-399 tickets sold</b>
Seller Entries	52	
Total Collected	\$69,275.00	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	\$19,000.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	<b>\$50,275.00</b>	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

## YOUNG ADULT ADVENT EVENING OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 17 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Cyril Center-Lower Level  
2532 Burton St SE, Warren

All young adults (19-39) are invited to attend this evening of prayer, reflection and spiritual sharing as we prayer for the coming of the Christ Child! Light refreshments will be provided.



## 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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Church Building 330-847-7026

**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](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