

St. William Parish

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January 8, 2023 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



“Endless song of thankful praise!”

Today we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany and in doing so our Christmas season in Church continues. The visitation of the Three Wise Kings to the infant child serves as a reminder to us of God’s presence in our world. Through his humble birth, Jesus enters our world and lives as the manifestation and revelation of the living God. The prophet Isaiah calls upon the Israelites to rise up and shine in today’s first reading. It is not an easy task for people worn and weary after years of exile. The Israelites lived in darkness for so long. Isaiah’s vision of the glory to come may seem farfetched –yet, if this season of Christmas has taught us anything, it is that nothing is impossible with God. The divine light can and will transform even the darkest corners and thickest clouds. God’s glory persists. It engulfs his beloved people and shines bright for all to see. Who is God calling you to be in this new year? The Epiphany story points to the many ways God calls each of us. Like the magi, we may experience a major moment of clarity when God’s calling shines brightly as a star in the night sky. More likely, we will experience God’s callings in the midst of our everyday lives just as the magi did, in the fields of our homes, schools and workplaces. Just as God is encountered through people, the feast of Epiphany is a prime celebration of God present and active in nature. The magi notice God’s presence in the beauty and wonder of a star in the night sky. We might ask how do we encounter God in our lives? Like the magi, may we be willing to see God’s presence in all people, places, and things. Our celebration today --knowing that Jesus Christ lives among us each day of our lives-- should

give us a sense of hope and fulfillment in this New Year. As we begin 2023 may we realize and remember the presence of the Lord in one another in the coming weeks and months and may our hope and courage gain in strength and our fear and insecurity vanish away. Traditionally today is also a day to bless our homes asking that God will continue to watch over and guide us in the coming year. In today’s bulletin there is a special house blessing prayer for you to use to bless your home.

Finally, we extend a warm welcome to Bishop Bonnar this weekend. He visits our parish and will celebrate 11:00 a.m. Mass with us. A reception will be held after Mass in the Social Hall and all are welcome to attend.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

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JANUARY 8, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ELIZABETH DRAPCHO/** Kochunas Family
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK/** Mary Pytlik
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **CAROL DRABEK/** Women's Guild

Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **PHIL DECAPITO/** Lindy Lucas
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **JANICE KUNOVICH/** Theresa Craiger
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Janice Ventling
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Ted Bogan

JANUARY 15, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BOB & ANGIE MUSIL/** Kathy Rogel
Sat 8:30 a.m. † **ADRIAN HOVANIC/** Judge & LouAnn Fredericka
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **JANET & JERRY OTT/** Bob & Marcia Kane

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 15, 2023 ~
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49: 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken...

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth...

John 1: 29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 15, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Tim Timko
8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Marilyn Nicolaus
11:00 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Margie McCummins

Servers

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

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ted Bogan, Ruth Bubba,
Judy Jaskiewicz, Felicia Mooney
8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Michele Jeffers,
Frank Pytlik, Jamie Taneri
11:00 a.m. Dan Gelet, Jennifer Kusmierck,
Christina Pacurar, Regina Speaker



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ January 1, 2023 (WK 27)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,897.00*	\$ 192,130.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 196,263.00
Difference	\$ (372.00)	\$ (4,133.00)
Performance	95%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,060.00 LAST WK — \$ 21,062.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 168 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 9.00 (9 out of 41)

Christmas Collection YTD: \$9,382.00

Solemnity of Mary YTD: \$1,111.00

POT-OF-GOLD

#57 drawn on 1/3/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$284.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

114

5:00 p.m.

65

8:30 a.m.

99

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **278**

Average: **93**

NEW AND SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

On this celebration of Epiphany we believe that the light of Christ shines in each of us. Our new Diocesan Communication initiatives shine a light on the good news of our Catholic community. Today's collection supports the Diocesan Communications efforts including the new *Catholic Echo* magazine what will be publishing beginning this Spring and will be sent to every Catholic household free of charge. Your support next weekend is greatly appreciated.

THIS WEEK!

Liturgy Committee: The Liturgy Committee meets on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. to disassemble the Christmas Environment and begin planning for Lent.

Parish Council: The Parish Council meets on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Fish Dinner Committee: The Fish Dinner Committee meets on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

PSR

SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS: If you put the prayer card to your youth prayer partner in an envelope, PLEASE DO NOT seal the envelope. I need to read all the cards from the adults AND from the youth before I distribute them. Thank you and if you have any questions, contact Carol Timko.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Solemnity of Mary

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Edward Radnothy

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

2022 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2022 Contributions **for itemizing deductions on your tax return**, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Statements will be available in the vestibule.

IT'S ALMOST FISH DINNER TIME.... IN CASE YOU ARE WONDERING....

Fish Dinners begin on:

Friday, February 17, 2023

Fish Dinner Worker Meeting on:

Thursday, February 8 – 6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

Interested in helping with this year's dinners? Call the Parish Office to get on the list.

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.



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 9 ~ Little Rock Scripture Study 9:30 a.m.
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Jan 10 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Jan 10 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
Jan 10 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.
Jan 10 ~ Parish Council 7:00 p.m.
Jan 11 ~ Fish Dinner Committee 6:30 p.m.
Jan 12 ~ NAIM Club 12:30 p.m.
Jan 15 ~ Confirmation Session 9:30 a.m.
Jan 15 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Jan 15 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: February 1, 2023

6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting

Start the year off with an evening of fun and laughter with Game Night at the Women's Guild Meeting on January 4, 2023. Hope to see you there!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 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



NAIM CLUB

Our first meeting of the new year will be a "Pizza Party" right here at St. William in room 103. Lunch begins at 12:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING PRAYER

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally a day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. As the Holy Family welcomed the three wise astrologers, we too, pray for blessings to come upon our homes and all who visit in the coming year. The family is asked to gather at the doorway of the home and say the following prayer:

*May we who live in this home guard
the sacredness of this doorway.*

*May God protect all who enter and
leave through this door.*

May we welcome all to this home in the name of Christ.

*May the blessing of God and His peace and grace
rest upon all who pass this threshold. AMEN.*

After the prayer, the following mark is written above the doorway in chalk

20 + C + M + B + 23

These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names, Casper, Melchoir and Balthazar. The numbers at the beginning and end represent the year and are separated by four crosses. The letters are also the Latin abbreviation for "Christus mansionem benedicat," which means "Christ blesses this house."

SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE UPDATE

~Early Bird Drawing!

January 30, 2023, for all tickets paid in FULL or are 75% paid (\$200.00). Win \$250.00



~GETTING CLOSER!

We are less than 100 tickets away from Tier 2 Prize Level and jumping from \$19,000 in prizes to \$32,000 in prizes!! 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!!!! 57 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	308
Seller Entries	57
Total Collected	\$75,900.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	\$19,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	\$56,900.00

100-399 tickets sold
Grand Prize - \$10,000.00
2nd Prize - \$3,000.00
3rd Prize - \$2,000.00
4th Prize - \$1,000.00
Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
Seller Prize - \$1,000.00

ST. WILLIAM PARISH CAREGIVING MINISTRY

"For I was ill and you cared for me. Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." ~Matthew 25: 35-36, 40

Saint William Caregiving Ministry is seeking volunteers to pray with and bring Eucharist to those who are sick and homebound. Those who feel called to this ministry are invited to a formation meeting in room 103 on Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Contact Felicia Mooney at 330-638-4586, or Tina McCue at 330-883-2044 if you have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS LAY LEADERS OF PRAYER

Congratulations to the following parishioners:

Nancy Lucanski	Patricia Maciejewski
Tina McCue	Felicia Mooney
Woody Pealer	Theresa Petrosky
Cathy Poponak	Donna Runtas

who have received a new three-year commission to serve as a Lay Leader of Prayer. They join newly commissioned Leaders of Prayer, Christine DePascale and Bette Lloyd. A Leader of Prayer is a lay person commissioned to lead acts of worship which in the past were often led by ordained clergy but which are not reserved exclusively to them. In our parish, Lay Leaders of Prayer are asked to preside at Liturgy of the Word Services with Holy Communion on Monday mornings, Stations of the Cross, and other devotional services. They are also trained to lead a Sunday Celebration in the Absence of a Priest should an emergency ever arise and a priest cannot be present. We congratulate our Lay Leaders of Prayer for their dedication and enthusiasm with which they have responded to serve in this ministry.

~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