

St. William Parish

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January 15, 2023 ~ Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



“Let us seek each other in our God!”

Today we enter Ordinary Time in the church year before the start of Lent in mid-February. This “in-between” time allows us to catch our breath and is a welcomed break between the joyous festival of Christmas and the upcoming solemn season of Lent. Today’s gospel reading harkens back to Advent as we hear again of John the Baptist. John made Jesus’s identity known from the very beginning. Our reading introduces a new title for Jesus –Lamb of God. It evokes an image of Jesus as a weak, wobbly animal who will one day be slaughtered in sacrifice. It certainly is not the image the people expected yet this is the way God chose to come in this world –not crowned with jewels or heading up armies– but as a little child, a sacrificial lamb who will one day give up his very life out of love for us. John the Baptist kept a watchful eye for a sign of God’s presence. In a moment of awesome wonder, the great prophet saw the Spirit come down upon Jesus “like a dove from heaven.” John testifies in today’s gospel about a particular experience of seeing the Spirit, and in doing so, paves the way for all disciples to pay attention to God’s Spirit alive in the world. As we go about our daily lives we might consider where or in whom we encounter the Spirit of God? What presence does the Spirit embody and what can we learn? Today’s reading paints a portrait of discipleship. God calls disciples to be servant leaders who shine the light of God’s good news to the ends of the earth; to lives of holiness in communion with all other believers. As we continue into this new year, let us reflect on how we might become a disciple of God living out the presence of the Spirit in each of us.



Like all other places, the Church has put away the manger scene, lights, and tress for another year. The poinsettias are gone and a simple environment has returned for the next few weeks. I would like to thank all of you once again for the wonderful and joyous celebrations of Christmas over the past weeks and to all who participated, planned, and contributed to our Christmas celebrations. It was a wonderful and blessed time in our parish. May these blessings and good wishes continue in the coming weeks as we look to the holy season of Lent.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ January 15-22, 2023 ~
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. **NO SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **DENNIS Y'BARBO/** Helen Snyder
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **EDWARD BANIAK SR./** Family
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

JANUARY 22, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ANGELA TOMBAR/** Theresa & Steve Sernulka
 Sat 8:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Mary Pytlik
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **MURPH GELET/** Cheryl & Jim Barbauld

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 22, 2023 ~
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

First the Lord degraded the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the end he has glorified the seaward road...

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I urge you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree in what you say...

Matthew 4:12-23

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and went to live in Capernaum...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

January 22, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Kathy Rogel
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Woody Pealer
 11:00 a.m. Taylor Kuhn, Renita Mintus

Servers

5:00 p.m. Tim Timko
 8:30 a.m. Eric Sitch
 11:00 a.m. Nathan Goldner

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Brian Lenhart, Barb Robinson,
 Nola Tunnicliff, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale, Pamela Kuebler,
 Linda Trunick, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Jeanette Jaskiewicz,
 Melanie Shoaf, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ January 8, 2023 (WK 28)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 8,019.00*	\$ 200,149.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 205,532.00
Difference	\$ 750.00	\$ (3,383.00)
Performance	110%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 602.00 LAST WK — \$ 21,664.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 168 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 7.00 (7 out of 41)

Christmas Collection YTD: \$11,107.00

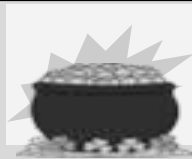
Solemnity of Mary YTD: \$1,166.00

POT-OF-GOLD

#575 drawn on 1/11/2022

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$437.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

72

5:00 p.m.

78

8:30 a.m.

182

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance:

332

Average:

111

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION

Many thanks to all who supported this year's Diocesan Communications Collection last weekend. Your gift will help spread the good news of our Catholic community in every county of the diocese through *The Catholic Echo* – a new magazine and multimedia website and contemporary social media studio that will help produce videos, podcasts and more. Thanks to all who donated last weekend.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all who attended 11:00 a.m. Mass and welcomed Bishop Bonnar to our parish last weekend.

A word of gratitude to our Music Ministry for their inspiring and enthusiastic contribution to our celebration of Epiphany. Thanks also to the Women's Guild for a delicious and delightful reception after Mass. It was a wonderful way for our parish to end the Christmas season and welcome the New Year! Thanks again to all!

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 17 in observance of Martin Luther King Day

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.

NEW MEMBER

Robert Kent

Welcome to our parish family.
 May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



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:

Wednesday, February 8 – 6:30 p.m.

Mark Your Calendars Now!

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



FISH DINNER SIGN-UP

There is still time to join the crew to help out at this year's Fish Dinners. If you are interested, please use the sign-up sheets in the vestibule or call Linda Horm at 330-540-1464. **Many thanks to all who continue to be a part of our Fish Dinners!**

GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, January 17 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes donated by Barb Mendik and Peg Poponak. Refreshments will include pizza and "pot luck" and beverage. Bring a friend to the meeting.

MASS FOR LIFE

A Mass for Life will be celebrated on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 4:00pm at St. Columba Cathedral. Bishop Bonnar will offer a special Blessing of Children in the Womb. Following the Mass there will be a reception including information on "Walking with Mom's in Need." Donations will be accepted. All are welcomed to attend.

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next week will be the annual **Church Overseas Combined Collection**. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: Bishops' Overseas Relief; Holy Father / Peter's Pence; the Church in Eastern Europe; and the Church in Latin America. Thank you for your generosity and support next weekend.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Jan 16 ~ Office Closed
Jan 17 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Jan 17 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
Jan 17 ~ Parish Caregiver Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Jan 18 ~ Folk Group Practice 7:00 p.m.
Jan 18 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
Jan 19 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
Jan 22 ~ PSR—FFC 4:00 p.m.
Jan 22 ~ Youth Ministry 4:00 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

Unbirthday Celebration Game following meeting.

Bring a wrapped gift worth \$10 to participate.

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, 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



ANGELIC QUILTERS

The quilters are starting the new year by making quilts for charity. We are inviting anyone who is interested in leaning or helping to create these quilts to join us on Tuesday mornings 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. No experience is necessary ~ All supplies provided. We have big ideas but few hands. For more information call 330-847-0250 or 330-847-0648.

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.



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

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	310
Seller Entries	57
Total Collected	\$76,400.00
Tier 1 Prize Level	\$19,000.00
Total (applied to Loan)	\$57,400.00

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

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.

COME TO THE TABLE

You are invited to Come to the Table! as we contemplate the words Jesus spoke: "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In *Eucharist: Bread of Life, Alive in Christ*, Joshua J. Whitfield walks us through "The City: Discerning the Body."



Registration begins: January 21. Cost: \$20.00.
Come to the Table! ~Saint William Parish Retreat
Saturday, February 11, 2023 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Have you ever thought of memorializing a special event – birthday, anniversary, or any other special happening? Mass intentions are not limited to only remembering loved ones who have passed away; they can also be offered to commemorate a special event. In addition, Mass can also be offered for other causes as well – the sick, lonely, unemployed, less fortunate etc. We are currently in need of Mass Intentions for upcoming weekday Masses. Please contact the parish office or drop your requests in the collection basket. If you are remembering a special event please be sure to include that with your request. The customary offering is \$10.00 for each intention.

~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