

# St. William Parish

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**February 12, 2023 ~ Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time**

On this last weekend before the start of the holy season of Lent we once again hear very strong and straightforward words from Jesus. Like last week, Jesus explains to his disciples that being his followers will require more of them than a literal reading of the law they have always been taught. They are called beyond an approach of compliance with minimum requirements to a life of radical generosity that imitates the love of God, whose love spills forth and gives us life. They are challenged to offer forgiveness and love that is not deserved. The life to which Jesus invites us is one of integrity, where our hearts, minds, and actions are all in alignment with each other. Jesus knows the shortcomings of the human condition. He knows we get annoyed, jealous, judgmental, and are prone to a whole host of other emotions that make it hard to love others. That is why Jesus makes this summons in the context of community. The work of loving as God loves is the work of all of us, together. Let us keep today's gospel in mind as we prepare for Lent. Who are the people we find difficult and how might we open our heart more fully to these people in the days of Lent?

Speaking of which, this coming Wednesday begins the season of Lent and our preparation for the celebration

of Easter. Our theme for Lent is *"A Path in the Wilderness."* Appropriately chosen as we enter this time of – sacrifice, prayer, devotion, and reflection. Please refer to the bulletin insert about the regulations for fasting and abstaining from meat. Also available after Mass today are Lenten booklets for adults and children and Rice Bowls from Catholic Relief Services. The Rice Bowls will be part of our collection on Holy Thursday evening and may be returned then. May all of us embrace this *path in the wilderness* in preparation for our celebration of Easter and the coming of spring!

This weekend we join with the rest of our Diocese to kick-off the 2023 Diocesan Appeal ~ *One in Hope, One in Mission*. The Diocesan Appeal is the main source of funding for Catholic Charities which remains the largest non-government social agency in our area. Support of the Diocesan Appeal enables Catholic Charities to continue its outreach to the poor and disadvantaged. Please consider donating to this year's Appeal as you have done in the past with your generosity and kindness. When making your donation please remember to include Saint William as your parish so we are credited with your response and generosity. Thank you for your support again this year.



ONE IN HOPE,  
ONE IN MISSION

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**



**Help us reach our goal of \$4 million  
for the work of Charity and the Church**

*Catholic Diocese of Youngstown*

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

~ February 19-26, 2023 ~  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT ROGEL/** Carl & Gloria Karafa  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Felicia Mooney  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **DAVID MENDIK/** Helen Snyder

**COMMUNION SERVICE**

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **BRIDGETT RAFFERTY/** Tim & Jane Johns  
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **ODIELIA LARSON/** Baniak Family  
6:30 p.m. † **EUGENE PETROSKY/** Kochunas Family  
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **MARY LOUISE BADANJEK/** Women's Guild  
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **ANDREA GABRIELSON/** Theresa Craiger

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ED RADNOTHY/** Barb & John Robinson  
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CARMELLA POWELL/** Family  
Sun 11:00 a.m. † **DAN GELET, SR./** Family

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ February 26, 2023 ~  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 2:79-9; 3:1-7**

*The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life...*

**Romans 5:12-19**

*Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men...*

**Matthew 4:1-11**

*At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights...*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

February 26, 2023

**Lectors**

5:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Donna Runtas  
8:30 a.m. Margaret Foster, Woody Pealer  
11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

**Servers**

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle  
8:30 a.m. Melanie Zappia  
11:00 a.m. Collin Lee

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Ron Gilronan,  
Judy Jaskiewicz, Felicia Mooney  
8:30 a.m. Michele Jeffers, Gloria Mintus,  
Frank Pytlik, Linda Trunick  
11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,  
Karen Daugherty, Christina Pacurar



**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 12, 2023 (WK 33)**

	LAST WK	YTD
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	\$ 6,825.00*	\$ 234,171.00*
<b>Amount Needed</b>	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 239,877.00
<b>Difference</b>	\$ (444.00)	\$ (5,706.00)
<b>Performance</b>	94%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 901.00 LAST WK — \$ 25,884.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 175 out of 509

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 10.00 (9 out of 41)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

#47 drawn on 2/15/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$457.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**109**

5:00 p.m.

**97**

8:30 a.m.

**108**

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **314**

Average: **105**

**LENT 2023**

~ A Path in the Wilderness!

Lent begins this coming Wednesday, February 22, 2023 with Ash Wednesday. Mass and the Distribution of Ashes will be at **8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**



**Lenten Regulations:** Today's bulletin insert contains information about Lenten Regulations regarding Fasting and Abstinence.

**Rice Bowls** are available after Mass today. Please take one home with you and use it as a tangible expression of putting into practice the Lenten traditions of *prayer, sacrifice and almsgiving*. They may be returned on **Holy Thursday evening** or at any time during Holy Week.

**Lenten Booklets** for Adults and Children are available after Mass to be used as part of your Lenten prayer and reflection.

**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](mailto:parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org)

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."*  
~MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

**Our Sincere Sympathy**

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

**Yvonne Vastag**

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



## FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 22, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

## GALA RESERVATIONS DUE MONDAY!

Monday is the deadline to make reservations for our Parish Gala featuring our Super Cash Bonanza Raffle. The evening will begin with cocktails and hor d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m.; Basket Raffle Drawing at 7:30 p.m.; and the Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Drawing at 8:00 p.m.

## FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Contribution envelopes and Pot-of-Gold envelopes for the month of February were mailed directly from the Parish Office a few weeks ago. The company that usually sends Weekly Contribution envelopes had to suspend February's mailing. Please use the envelopes received from the Parish Office for your weekly contribution TODAY and for February 19 – Ash Wednesday – and February 26 and the Pot-of-Gold envelopes. **Be sure to verify your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER (if you know it) and DATE each week especially if you participate in the Pot-of-Gold.** Thank you for your kind cooperation, patience and understanding. Regular Contribution envelopes will resume and be delivered by the first Sunday in March.

## DIOCESAN APPEAL

### *One in Hope, One in Mission*

The Diocesan Appeal ~ *One in Hope, One in Mission* begins this weekend. The Appeal is centered in the *hope* and *mission* of Jesus Christ and supports the mission of Catholic Charities within our diocese and to strengthen the faith of all parishioners through our many diocesan ministries. This weekend all of us are being called upon to support the work of our Lord Jesus made possible through the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please make your sacrificial commitment to this year's Diocesan Appeal and help us reach our goal of \$46,200.00. Donation cards are available in the vestibule for anyone who has not received information in the mail. *Saint William Parish has met or surpassed our parish goal for the last 14 years! Help us continue for a 15<sup>th</sup> year by making your donation TODAY.*



## GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

St. William Golden Ages will meet Tuesday, February 21 at 12:30 p.m. in room 103. Door prizes donated by Ann Sprague and Marianne Babnik. Refreshments will include pizza and "pot luck" and beverage.. Always a good assortment of food. *Bring a friend to the meeting.*



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Feb 20 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
- Feb 20 ~ Small Christian Communities 6:30 p.m.
- Feb 21 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 21 ~ Lenten Environment 12:30 a.m.
- Feb 21 ~ Golden Agers 12:30 p.m.
- Feb 21 ~ Finance Committee 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 22 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m.**
- Feb 22 ~ Ash Wednesday Mass 6:30 a.m.**
- Feb 23 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Feb 24 ~ Stations of the Cross after 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Feb 24 ~ Fish Dinner #2
- Feb 25 ~ Rene's Closet 9:00 a.m.
- Feb 26 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
- Feb 26 ~ Youth Ministry @ Blessed Sacrament 6:00 p.m.

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

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### *Next Meeting:*

Meeting: March 1, 2023

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



Louise Crump will be our guest speaker to discuss Impressionist Art, a popular style of art originating in Paris, France in 1860's. She will share her very own personal paintings as well as other "secrets" about her artistic talents. Come view the beautiful artwork of our talented parishioner.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



### *Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, March 1, 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](http://www.knights7491.org)

## *Fish Dinners HAVE STARTED!*



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
  - ◆ 4:00 p.m. – **6:30 p.m.**
  - ◆ Dine In / Take Out ~ \$13.00
  - ◆ Choice of Baked or Fried Fish
  - ◆ 3 Sides – \*Mac & Cheese or Haluski ~ French Fries ~ Coleslaw
  - ◆ Surprise Dessert!!!
  - ◆ Still interested in being part of the *Fish Dinner Crew?* Call the Parish Office.
- \*Mac & Cheese and Haluski are served on alternate weeks*

## **THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK**

**Holko Roofing**

<https://holko.com/>

**Best Furnace Ltd.**

<https://www.bestfurnaceltd.com>

## JUST 3 WEEKS UNTIL OUR SUPER CASH BONANZA RAFFLE!!



~Help us reach 400 sold tickets and increase the prize pool to \$32,000.00

### “Super Cash Bonanza Raffle Summary”

Tickets Sold	360	<u>100-399 tickets sold</u>	<u>400-499 tickets sold</u>
Seller Entries	67	Grand Prize - \$10,000.00	Grand Prize - \$20,000.00
Total Collected:	\$89,850.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$4,000.00
Tier 1 Prize Level:	\$19,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00	3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$3,000.00
Total (applied to Loan):	<b>\$70,850.00</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00	4 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$2,000.00
		Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.	5 <sup>th</sup> Prize - \$1,000.00
		Seller Prize - \$1,000.00	Four Prizes - \$500.00 ea.
			Seller Prize - \$2,000.00

## RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Trumbull County Catholic Parishes are working together with Rise Against Hunger for a meal packaging event. This experience is open to people of all ages.



- ◆ Sunday, March 23, 2023
- ◆ John F. Kennedy Catholic School – Upper Campus
- ◆ 2550 Central Parkway SE, Warren
- ◆ Register online for either of these shifts <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/DOYRISE2023>
- ◆ 2pm-3pm or 3:15pm-4:30pm

Online registration is required. For families, please register every person in the family. Please contact Tina McCue if you need assistance with online registration. We ask that each participant consider donating \$10.00 (family maximum of \$25.00) to help offset the cost of the meals. If you are unable to participate in the meal packing experience, please consider donating through the online registration site. Teens will also be available after all Masses next weekend to receive your donations.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you Saint William family for your overwhelming generosity to help feed those who hunger!

**THANK YOU!**

Saint William Parish Youth Ministry's 2023 Collection

raised:  
**\$575 and 356 food items**

Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

**February 13, 2023**

Alison Reese  
Executive Director  
Tackle Hunger: Home of the Souper Bowl of Caring

### ~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](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