

St. William Parish

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February 26, 2023 ~ First Sunday of Lent



“He will raise you up on eagle’s wings!”

Every year on the First Sunday of Lent, the gospel proclaimed is the wilderness temptation of Jesus. Temptations can be difficult to avoid! Even the Lord’s Prayer concludes with the exhortation to “lead us not into temptation.” Jesus endures his time in the desert, facing the temptations of humanity, to model for us the way we should live as we endure similar circumstances. The temptations we hear of today are quite extraordinary, which is exactly the point. Not many of us would necessarily be tempted by the ability to turn stones into bread or jump from high precipices. These are not the type of temptations we encounter every day, yet they are especially significant because the devil knows and proclaims Jesus as the Son of God. Jesus makes it abundantly clear that he will not take the easy way out. Rather than succumbing to the temptations of comfort, convenience, and power, Jesus shows us that the path of life is through the cross. As believers, we strive to imitate Christ, yet sometimes this might seem impossible. How we emulate the divine that is in each one of us is our constant challenge. Jesus shows us the way by living and struggling with his own humanity; much in the same way we do, so that the divine might shine forth. Our liturgical year offers us the rhythm for living the life of faith. Each year we are blessed with the season of Lent that beckons us to reflect on the struggle of human weakness and become aware of our divine care. We are invited to take up the practices of prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving, to bring us back into a right relationship with God and one another. This holy season is a time for all of us to examine and reflect upon our lives and to see where we might need improvement and growth as we anticipate celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord and our resurrection as well. This Lent we are given the opportunity to accept Jesus’s invitation to journey on our “path in the wilderness.” As we begin this Lenten season, let us ask for God’s grace to sustain us; and for pardon and mercy for the times we have given into temptation. In doing so, may our hearts be mended so that we can offer a new kind of hope that brings us back to the message and mission of the gospel.



Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ February 26-March 5, 2023 ~
First Sunday in Lent

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

COMMUNION SERVICE

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **JIM MCNEILL/** Mercedes Sutyak
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **NOREEN SHAGNOT/** Butcher Family
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB/** Theresa & Jim White
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **DWIGHT DUTTRY FAMILY/** Tim & Jane Johns
 Fri 8:30 a.m. †

MARCH 5, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **BOB & ANGIE MUSIL/** Kathy Rogel
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **JANET & JERRY OTT/** Ann & Roy Plant
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **WALTER DWAYNE BOWSER/** Bob & Marcia Kane

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **March 5, 2023** ~
Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you..."

2 Timothy 1:8-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God...

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

March 5, 2023

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Viviane Watson
 8:30 a.m. Sandy Frantz, Treva Pytlik
 11:00 a.m. Erin Lee, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

5:00 p.m. Tim Timko
 8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale
 11:00 a.m. Milania Shaker

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Ruth Bubba, Brian Lenhart,
 Carol Timko, Bob Mintus
 8:30 a.m. Ellie Gates, Pamela Kuebler,
 Mike Trunick, Bob Mintus
 11:00 a.m. Scott Freer, Jeannette Jaskiewicz,
 Regina Speaker, Bob Mintus



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ February 12, 2023 (WK 34)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,232.00*	\$ 240,403.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 247,146.00
Difference	\$ (1,037.00)	\$ (6,743.00)
Performance	86%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 646.00 LAST WK — \$ 25,530.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 147 out of 508

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (3 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#404 drawn on 2/22/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$590.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

97

5:00 p.m.

70

8:30 a.m.

119

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **286**

Average: **95**

"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU"

~ **An Evening of Reconciliation**

Wednesday – March 8, 2023

"How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost," Pope Francis tells us. The Light is ON for You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation will



be on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in Church. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent —*the light will be ON for them.*

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

JOIN THE PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Anyone interested in joining our group of parishioners dedicated to praying for the intentions and concerns of our church family, friends, and community, can do so by contacting the parish office at 330-847-8677 or by emailing parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org.



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

First Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" ~Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things, and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

†† **RECENT DEATH** ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Amelia Knapick

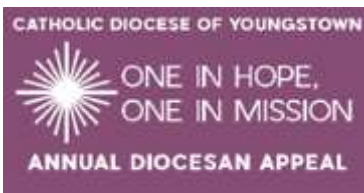
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

A few days ago we began our Season of Lent. We know that this sacred time is characterized by our increased awareness of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We unite closer to God in our daily conversations with him; we examine those things that keep us from placing him at the center of our lives; and we focus on the ways we can extend God's blessings in our own lives to the lives of others in need. A wonderful way to do just that is through our support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: *One in Hope, One in Mission***. 60 cents of every dollar raised goes to the service of our brothers and sisters in need through the compassionate ministry of Catholic Charities in our six counties. The remaining 40 cents is used to enhance a wide variety of ministries in our parishes, schools, and other institutions throughout the diocese. Together, we are working to raise \$4,000,000 to fulfill our mission. Our parish share of that goal is \$46,200.00. To date 10 parishioners have already responded pledging \$4,913.00. Please complete and return your pledge card, either received in the mail or picked up at Church, as soon as possible. Your support is invaluable in our reaching our goal. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Through our shared commitment to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we hope, "That all may be one!"

Saint William Parish has met or surpassed our parish goal for the last 14 years! Help us continue for a 15th year by making your donation TODAY!



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Feb 27 ~ Little Rock Scripture 9:30 a.m.
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- Feb 28 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Mar 1 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
- Mar 1 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 2 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Mar 3 ~ Fish Dinner #3
- Mar 4 ~ Super Cash Bonanza Raffle 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 5 ~ PSR-FFC 4:00 p.m.
- Mar 5 ~ 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: 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

BULLETINS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home or assisted living and would like to receive a weekly bulletin, please notify the office with their name and address.



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



News Around Town

Blessed Sacrament & St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parishes ~ Lenten Soup & Bread Series~

Eucharist—Discovering the Mass in the Bible will be held on Wednesdays, March 1-April 5 from 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Church Reagan Hall. Bring your bible!

Fish Dinners HAVE STARTED!



- ◆ Every Friday until March 31st
- ◆ 4:00 p.m. – **6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ Last week 454 Meals Sold
- ◆ 50/50 Winner – Donna Runtas
- ◆ 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*

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