

St. William Parish

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April 2, 2023 ~ Palm Sunday



“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”

*“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.”
Hosanna in the highest!”*

This verse from the Gospel of Matthew, read today as we bless our palms, opens for us our celebration of Holy Week. Our Lenten season ends in the coming days as we celebrate Palm Sunday today. It has been said that *“human life is like a great way of the cross. We do not have to be in Church to go through the different stations. This way of the Cross is everywhere, and we travel it every day, in spite of ourselves and without being aware of it.”* Today we recall the Way of the Cross, the journey of Jesus’s suffering and death. When we think of the crosses we encounter, it is easy to name events of death and destruction where people endure disease, famine, and lack of resources. We also experience the cross in the greed and distaste of how people talk and treat one another. However, the “cross” can also be experienced in the joy of life. We see examples of the cross not only in pain and suffering, but also when people practice humility and kindness with one another. We encounter this in our own self-gift, much like Jesus who gave himself to others. As we begin this solemn time of the year we might ask if we recognize this self-gift in our midst? How do we carry our cross in life and more importantly how do we build up others who carry a cross greater than ours? As we bring our Lenten season to a close may we find true renewal and rebirth of our faith in God, His Son, and the Church so that our season of joy and hope may continue this Easter and beyond!



I hope this has been a good and holy time for you and your family. The hallmarks of Lent – prayer, sacrifice, and almsgiving – have pointed us toward this coming week of joy and resurrection. Thank you for a wonderful and blessed season of Lent. As our world comes to life and springtime abounds, may the upcoming Easter season be one of great joy and blessings for you and your family.

Finally, many thanks to everyone for making our annual Fish Dinners a huge success this year! I would like to thank all who generously supported our dinners and most especially all who worked so hard each week to make this year’s dinners a great event for our parish.

Make it a great week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ April 2-9, 2023 ~
Palm Sunday

APRIL 2, 2023

Sat 5:00 p.m. ♥ **JIM & THERESE TUTTLE/ 27th Anniversary**
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **YVONNE VASTAG/ Lucanski Family**
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **ANTHONY MARANDO/ Tim & Linda Ozanich**
 Mon 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **KRISTEN LARSON/ Baniak Family**
 Thur 6:30 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
 Fri 6:30 p.m. † **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

APRIL 9, 2023

Sat 8:00 p.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
 Sun 11:00 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ April 9, 2023 ~
Easter Sunday

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Peter proceeded to speak and said: "You know what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism..."

Colossians 3:1-4

Brothers and sisters: If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God...

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb...

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 26, 2023 (WK 39)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,216.00*	\$ 276,326.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 283,491.00
Difference	\$ (53.00)	\$ (7,164.00)
Performance	99%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 705.00 LAST WK — \$ 30,478.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 182 out of 510

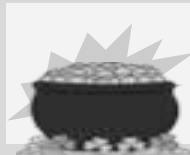
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (3 out of 41)

POT-OF-GOLD

#276 drawn on 3/27/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$1,330.00



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Palm Sunday

"As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross." Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him "carry his cross." These opportunities aren't usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

68

5:00 p.m.

83

8:30 a.m.

117

11:00 a.m.

Last week's attendance: 268

Average: 89

HOLY WEEK LITURGICAL MINISTRY

April 6, 2021 ~ Holy Thursday

Lectors

6:30 p.m. Deanna Barco, Donna Runtas

Servers

6:30 p.m. John Barco, Joe DePascale

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 p.m. Renita Mintus, Jeannette Jaskiewicz, Laurie Sitch, Dan Gelet



April 7, 2021 ~ Good Friday

Lectors

6:30 p.m. Linda Horm, Deanna Barco

Servers

6:30 p.m. John Barco

Eucharistic Ministers

6:30 p.m. Judy Jaskiewicz, Pam Kuebler



April 8, 2021 ~ Easter Vigil

Lectors

8:00 p.m. Renita Mintus, Linda Horm, Donna Runtas, Deanna Barco

Servers

8:00 p.m. John Barco, Dan Gelet

Eucharistic Ministers

8:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Barb Robinson, Dan Robinson, Ellie Gates



April 9, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday

Lectors

8:30 a.m. Rachael Zigarovich, Melanie Zappia

11:00 a.m. Kathy Rogel

Servers

8:30 a.m. Joe DePascale

11:00 a.m. Theresa Craiger

Eucharistic Ministers

8:30 a.m. Dave Lucanski, Treva Pytlik, Frank Pytlik, Pam Kuebler

11:00 a.m. Sandy Hudak, Jeannette Jaskiewicz, Judy Jaskiewicz, Bob Mintus



YOUTH MINISTRY
SPRING FLOWER SALE

Orders are being accepted until April 19 and pick up is May 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the parish parking lot. The hanging baskets are provided by Bernard's Garden Center. Order forms can be found on the parish website, in the parish office, and in today's bulletin.

Contact Tina McCue at tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org with any questions.



WHAT EXACTLY HAPPENS THIS WEEK?

The *Triduum*, which means “*three days*,” is a celebration of liturgy that begins on Holy Thursday, continues to Good Friday and ends with the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Thus, it is not three separate liturgical events, but one liturgy that takes three days to celebrate! The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday begins the “*three-day*” liturgy that includes the washing of feet and solemn stripping of the sanctuary. On this night we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, the institution of ministry, and we turn the church from a place of presence to one of absence as we recall the agony of Jesus in the garden. We continue on Good Friday with the reading of the Passion and Veneration of the Cross Service. This service continues what was started the night before and looks forward to the resurrection. A highlight is the Veneration of the Cross in which we acknowledge and accept the cross we bear in life in solidarity with Jesus Christ.

Finally on Holy Saturday, the Triduum Liturgy concludes with the Easter Vigil – our first parish celebration of Easter! We recall and celebrate the new life received by the Resurrection of Jesus. It is hoped that many of you will join us this year for this solemn and special liturgy that represents the core meaning of our faith and beliefs. If you have never experienced this liturgy on Holy Thursday and concluding on Holy Saturday, perhaps this year is the year to do so!

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

NEW MASS TIMES BEGIN MAY 6-7, 2023

4:00 p.m. Saturday // 10:30 a.m. Sunday

HOLY WEEK NEWS and UPDATES

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Chrism Mass: The annual Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. at Saint Columba Cathedral. You are invited to watch the Chrism Mass via live stream at: <https://catholicecho.org/live/>

Lenten Rice Bowls: Lenten Rice Bowls may be returned on Holy Thursday evening at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper or at any time during Holy Week.

Good Friday Collection: The Pontifical Good Friday collection helps Christians in the Holy Land supporting Catholics in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines, and caring for refugees. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Week Parish Office Hours: The Parish Office will be closed this Thursday, Friday and next Monday for the Easter Holiday.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Apr 3 ~ Small Christian Communities 9:30 a.m.
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- Apr 3 ~ Reconciliation 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 3 ~ Adult Choir Practice 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 4 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Apr 4 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 5 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 6 ~ Office Closed
- Apr 6 ~ Adult Choir/Folk Group Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 6 ~ Mass of the Lord’s Supper **6:30 p.m.**
- Apr 7 ~ Office Closed
- Apr 7 ~ Adult Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.
- Apr 7 ~ Veneration of the Cross **6:30 p.m.**
- Apr 8 ~ Youth Choir Practice 10:00 a.m.
- Apr 8 ~ Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12:00 p.m.
- Apr 8 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 6:45 p.m.
- Apr 8 ~ Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 p.m.**
- Apr 9 ~ Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN’S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: April 12, 2023

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



April 12 Meeting: Have you ever thought about the Women of the Titanic? A guest speaker will present on the women of the Titanic; from the crew, to the nurses, to the passengers who were in attendance on the famous luxury passenger liner. Hope to see you there on the 111th anniversary of that fateful voyage!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 5, 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

Thank You! Thank you to the women and men who helped with the Kolachi Bake on Wednesday,

March 22. It is because of your tireless efforts that this fund raiser is a success. Thank you to all who continue to support us in purchasing our Kolachi. A total of 232 rolls were ordered and sold.

NAIM CLUB

Luncheon Meeting, Thursday, April 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Meet at Enzo’s Restaurant (not meeting at church.)

Questions?: Call Barb at 330-847-8375.

HOLY WEEK AT SAINT WILLIAM

Holy Tuesday – April 4

Chrism Mass, 10:30 a.m. St. Columba Cathedral

Holy Thursday – April 6

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:30 p.m.

REMEMBER YOUR RICE BOWLS!!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 p.m.

Night Prayer, 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday – April 7

Good Friday Passion and Veneration of the Cross Service, 6:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday – April 8

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets 12:00 noon

The Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 9

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass

~Contact~

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Dan Robinson, Office Manager

Chuck Poponak, Maintenance Manager

DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

This week, we are invited to triumphantly enter the holy city with our Lord. We are mindful of how quickly fortunes will change. The voices calling "*hosanna in the highest!*" will soon cry out "*crucify him!*" We live in a world where life's circumstances can change with very little notice. For those times when these changes create little to no hope, Catholic Charities is there to offer assistance and hope. During this holiest of weeks, please pray about your ability to unite in supporting the work of Charity and the Mission of the Church through the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal – One in Hope, One in Mission. Pledge cards are available in the vestibule, or log on the www.doy.org and click on to the annual appeal button. May the coming joy of Easter find us all celebrating the grace and peace offered by our Risen Lord, and may we lovingly extend the disciplines of prayer and charity. God bless you.



~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

Fish Dinners CONTINUE!

◆ Last week 524 Meals Sold

◆ 50/50 Winner – Gloria Karafa

Fish Dinner Thank You and Appreciation

Many thanks to all our volunteers and everyone who contributed to the success of this year's Fish Dinners.

The cooperation, patience, and hard work of so many made our dinners a great success! A special thank you to all who donated desserts and to all our volunteers – set-up, prep-workers, cooks, runners, servers, packers, clean up, finance, and Fish Dinner Committee for a job well done! As soon as all the bills are in and paid a full result report will be distributed.

◆ **SAVE THE DATE! ~ FISH DINNER VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GATHERING!**

May 5, 2023 ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Cinco de Mayo Celebration!!!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS OF THE WEEK

JSS Painting and Construction

440-543-2588

Petrosky Brothers

330-637-7627

Middlefield Bank Investment Services

440-632-3444



~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