

# St. William Parish

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NOVEMBER 12, 2023

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

As we begin to end the church year, we are aware that the Gospel readings of last week and those today are attempting to prepare us for the day we will meet Christ at the end of our lives. The main theme of these readings is how the characters in the story react and respond to delay and waiting.

The lessons from these parables has to do with the time between the resurrection and the coming of Christ. The teaching of the wise and foolish maids builds on the previous teaching of the wise and foolish servants. Both parables illustrate the need to live in a manner that expects the return of the Lord, even when the return is delayed.

We may find ourselves secretly sympathetic to the foolish maidens. Does the church really live as though the bridegroom's arrival is certain? Some have become caught up in trying to determine the day and the hour, while others have let their lamps run out. To live in vigilance means for the disciples to do the tasks that they have been appointed to do in preparation for the Lord's coming. In Matthew's Gospel, those tasks include bearing witness to God's kingdom by welcoming the stranger, feeding the hungry, visiting the sick and imprisoned, and making disciples in all the world.

Next weekend is the annual Religious Retirement Collection. This important effort assists religious orders in caring for their elderly and retired members who faithfully served the needs of the church. Your generous response is greatly appreciated.

*Have a good week,  
Fr. Ryan*

## *~Trumbull North~* **MASS TIMES**

### SATURDAY

- ◆ St. William ~ 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Thomas ~ 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ St. Robert ~ 6:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY

- ◆ St. William ~ 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ St. Thomas ~ 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ St. Robert ~ 8:30 a.m.

### WEEKDAYS

- ◆ St. William  
8:30 a.m. ~ T, W, & Th
- ◆ St. Thomas  
8:30 a.m. ~ T & F  
6:00 p.m. ~ Th
- ◆ St. Robert  
8:30 a.m. ~ M, W, & F



~ November 12-19, 2023 ~

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **DARLENE & HYSEN SAIT**/ Ron & Donna Runtas  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **NANCY MERCANDINO**/ Roy & Ann Plant

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **PAUL MCCUMMINS**/ Family  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **TED PYTLIK**/ Mary Pytlík  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

**NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **SR. JOHN PAUL BOBEK**/ SND Associates  
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **JACK DESALVO**/ Theresa & Stephen Craiger

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

*Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:*

~ November 19, 2023 ~

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31**

*When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize...*

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-6**

*Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know...*

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them..."*

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY**

November 19, 2023

**Lectors**

4:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Judy Makosky  
 10:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Katy Welch-Young

**Servers**

4:00 p.m. John Barco  
 10:30 a.m. Theresa Craiger

**Eucharistic Ministers**

4:00 p.m. Carole Baniak, Judy Jaskiewicz,  
 Donna Runtas, Nola Tunnicliff  
 10:30 a.m. Scott Freer, Dan Gelet,  
 Penny Hudak, Jeanette Jaskiewicz



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

[www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org)

**OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 5, 2023 (WK 19)**

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 9,792.00*	\$ 134,916.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 138,111.00
Difference	\$ 2,523.00	\$ (3,195.00)
Performance	135%	98%

\*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 740.00 LAST WK — \$ 13,699.00 YTD  
 Envelopes ~ 177 out of 507  
 Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 28.00 (15 out of 51)

**POT-OF-GOLD**

# 163 drawn on 11/8/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$314.00



**MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND**

Mass attendance last weekend was:

**112**

4:00 p.m.

**201**

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **313** Average: **157**

**LOOKING AHEAD!**

**Thanksgiving Day Mass:** Start your holiday on Thanksgiving Day morning by joining us for Mass at 8:30 a.m. as we give thanks and praise to God for the goodness and blessings of this life.

**"The Gift of the Present"** ~ This year our Advent theme is "The Gift of the Present." To help usher in our season of Advent you are invited to join us at our annual *Festival of Lessons and Carols* on Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Join us for this special time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for a Christ-filled Christmas holiday knowing that God is with us.



**WOMEN'S GUILD KOLACHI BAKE**

Wednesday, November 29, 2023. We will be taking orders this weekend and next after all Masses. Limit of four. Kolachi pickup November 29 after 5:00 p.m. Questions: call Gloria Karafa 330-507-4580.

**WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS**

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."*

~Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

**NEW MEMBERS**

**Patricia Boynton**

**Hope Szabo**

**Mary Ann Smile**

**Rebovich-Sherwood Family**

Sirena, Jack, Christian, and Anteo

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





## CHAMPION PRIDE COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

This year the Champion Pride Council will be providing gift certificates to those families in need for Thanksgiving. All money collected will stay with the church where the money was donated. Donations will be accepted to distribute gift certificates to our parishioners in need and the residents of Woodland Meadows. The last day to donate is **TODAY**. For more information check the bulletin board in the vestibule, or contact the parish office 330-847-8677.

*If you are in need, please take an application form from the bulletin board in the vestibule. The last day to apply for assistance is November 12 (TODAY).*

## CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree will be in the vestibule beginning next weekend, November 18/19. Each tag has several gift suggestions...*only one gift is to be purchased. The gifts are due back by December 3. Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag.* Our parish has always responded very well to this Christmas activity and hopefully the same will be true this year. *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*



## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

*"The nuns left a lasting impression on me,"* writes a donor. *"I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education."* Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week is the Annual Collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously next weekend.

## 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.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SAUSAGE SANDWICH DRIVE THRU

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Sausage, Peppers & Onions Sandwich Drive Thru on Saturday, November 18, 2023 from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. (or until sold out!). DiRusso's Sausage will be featured and each sandwich is \$8.00. Each meal includes sandwich, cookie, and chips.



## THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 13 ~ Little Rock 9:30 a.m.  
Nov 13 ~ Directory Photos 2:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Nov 13 ~ Little Rock 6:30 p.m.  
Nov 14 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.  
Nov 14 ~ Directory Photos 2:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Nov 14 ~ Cantor Practice 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 14 ~ Parish Council 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 15 ~ Directory Photos 2:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.  
Nov 15 ~ Prayer Shawl Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Nov 15 ~ Celebration of Life 6:30 p.m.  
Nov 15 ~ Knights of Columbus 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 16 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.  
Nov 18 ~ K of C Sausage Sandwich Sale 12:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Nov 19 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.

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

## WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

### Next Meeting:

Meeting: January 3, 2024

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



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:

Thursday, November 15, 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)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Corporate Communion, November 19 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All Knights and their families are urged to support this function. Coffee and donuts will be served in the social hall after Mass.



## CHANGE OF PERSONAL STATUS

Have you changed your telephone number? Has your personal status changed? Please notify the parish office and help us keep our records current.

## NOTICE! Change of Date

The Golden Agers will meet Tuesday, **November 14** at 12:30



p.m. in room 103. Plans for the TCTC Thanksgiving lunch and Combined Golden Agers/NAIM Club Christmas luncheon at Enzo's will be discussed. Bring a favorite dessert or side dish. Pizza and beverages will be provided. Door prizes donated by Barb Kufchak and Kitty Kubovick.

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Saint William celebrates the Eucharistic Revival by responding to the invitation of Bishop Bonnar to provide *Becoming Eucharistic People: The Hope and Promise of Parish Life* by Tim O'Malley to parishioners. The books are still available in the vestibule.

You are invited to participate in a Small Faith Sharing Group to discuss the book.

- ◆ Form a small group with your friends or family members
- ◆ Join a small group with fellow parishioners by signing up in the vestibule
- ◆ Incorporate faith discussion into current book clubs or parish meetings

Whether you decide to form, or join a Small Faith Sharing Group, or read the book on your own, Small-Group Discussion Guides are available to you in the vestibule. Please contact Bette Lloyd 440-319-0791, Tina McCue 330-883-2044, or Felicia Mooney 330-638-4586 if you have any questions or need assistance forming a Small Faith Sharing Group.

## ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sign up sheets for the 2023 Parish Family Dinner are available beginning this weekend after Mass. The Parish Christmas Dinner will be held on December 3 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass.



Parishioners are asked to bring a donation for Harriet's Cupboard. The following items are needed: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, feminine hygiene products. For more information about Harriet's Cupboard contact the Catholic Charities Region Agency at 330-393-4254.

## ONLINE GIVING

myEoffering is an easy and safe way to give your weekly financial gift to the church, sign up today. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Advent Lessons and Carols will be Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. We are still looking for 9 scripture readers, 9 candle bearers and Youth Ministry to serve as greeters. **SINGERS NEEDED!** If you enjoy singing in a group but do not have time to join the Adult Choir or Folk Group this is a great opportunity for you! Come to two rehearsals Tuesday, November 21 and 28 at 7:00 p.m. If interested in any of the above, please see Pat Maciejewski after any Mass, call the church office, or use the sign up page in the vestibule. Advent Lessons and Carols is a beautiful 45 minute reflective service with scripture, prayer, and song to begin our Advent Season. Save the date now!



Reminder to PSR parents: CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR will be held on two Saturdays, December 16 and 23 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Please return the green registration form to Mrs. Maciejewski or Mrs. Timko. The Youth Choir will join Music Ministry, Sunday, Christmas Eve at 4:00 p.m. Mass.

## ~Contact~

**Church Office** 330-847-8677

parishoffice@stwilliamchampion.org

**Rev. Ryan Furlong**, Pastor

**Very Rev. Michael Balash**,  
Sacramental Minister

**Robert Mintus**, Deacon

**Tina McCue**, Pastoral Associate

**Patricia Maciejewski**, Music Director

**Carol Timko**, Religious Education

**Bernadette Sartor**, Young Adult & Family Ministry

**Therese Tuttle**, Business Manager

**Dan Robinson**, Office Manager

**Linda Horm**, Receptionist

**Jackie Loges**, Receptionist

**Chuck Poponak**, Maintenance Manager

## ~Celebrate~

### Mass Times

Saturday — 4:00 p.m.

Sunday — 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. T, W, & Th

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Liturgy of the Word Service — 8:30 a.m. M & F

### Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:00 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 ~ 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday Evening Gr. 9-12 ~ 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:00-10:15 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.

## LIVING BREAD RADIO

The Season of Announcement is coming to Living Bread Radio starting November 19<sup>th</sup> with the Announcement to Zechariah and continuing for six Sundays leading up to the Birth of Our Lord. Tune in to participate in the Maronite Rite preparations for Christmas. Listen on AM 1060 (NE Ohio), 94.5 FM (Canton) and 89.5 FM (Youngstown). You can also listen with our cell phone app, Alexa or at livingbreadradio.com.

## 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARISH DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken November 13, 14, and 15. This is the last week to be in the directory. Appointments are available by calling Gloria at 330-507-4580. Photos can be submitted for \$15 and you will receive a directory.

## VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

National Vocation Awareness Week was the week of November 5-11, 2023. This celebration encourages us to recognize and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The need to encourage, pray and foster vocations to ministry continues to be of utmost importance. Of the 17,007 parishes in the United States 3,363 (19%) are without a resident pastor and today there are 9,119 fewer priests in the United States since 2000. Currently 15 men are preparing for the priesthood (over a span of 8 years of study) from our diocese. Please continue to pray for vocations to all aspects of ministry. Anyone who is interested in pursuing a vocation to ministry in the priesthood, religious life, or permanent diaconate is encouraged to contact the Vocation Office of the Diocese.

## Golden Agers ~ NAIM CLUB Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 5 ~ 12:00 p.m. Noon



Enzo's Restaurant. \$25.00 includes tax and tip. Reservations and money due no later than November 29. Please put name, number of reservations and check in an envelope, Marked Golden Agers. Put in collection basket or drop off at the office. Choice of **Chicken Francoise**, **Chicken Parmesan** or **Broiled Fish**. Questions, call Gary at 330-442-3465. If no answer, leave a message.

## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE

Sign-up sheets are in the vestibule for liturgical ministers for the Immaculate Conception, Christmas, and the New Year holiday. Please sign up ASAP!

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## WELCOME

As our Catechumen begins his final preparation to be welcomed into our community and receive the Sacraments of Initiation, please continue to pray for him. We also ask that you write a card of welcome.



**Joseph Portzer:** Joseph is the son of parishioner Lorena Schroeder. He resides on North Park Avenue in Warren and attends school online. He has two sisters and one brother and was baptized and received Holy Communion at St. Mary's. Joseph loves helping his grandfather and praying the Angelus, the Our Father, and Hail Mary with him and his family. For hobbies, he enjoys working out with weights.

Please write a card of congratulations for Joseph and return them by placing them in the basket in the vestibule.

## YOU LUCKY SNOWBIRDS!

For those fortunate to escape winter in Ohio and head south for season....have a wonderful time in the warm sunshine and we hope to see you back in early Spring! In the meantime, we ask two favors while you are away from Saint William Parish: *first....send as much sunshine and warmth back to Ohio whenever you can...and secondly...don't forget your weekly contribution!* Your continued commitment to stewardship to Saint William Parish during your time away is greatly appreciated. Consider on-line giving as a way to stay current with your obligation. *Travel safe!*



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Positions are available for upcoming catering events. If interested, please contact Vikki Pavis at 330-774-9335. Employment would be part-time and is ideal for teenagers (15+) or anyone interested in a little extra cash for the holidays!

## GOLDEN AGERS NEWS

We will again be going to the TCTC Wednesday, November 15 at 11:00 a.m. for a Thanksgiving buffet. Cost is \$16.95 to be paid that day. For reservations, please call Gary Gates at 330-442-3465 ASAP.



## PIROHY SALE ~ST. CYRIL KITCHEN

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. James Hall, 2532 Burton St., Warren. Friday November 17, 12-4 p.m. Potato, Sweet Cabbage \$8/Doz. Haluski Plain or w/ Cabbage \$5/Qt. Pre-order Mon. & Tue. 330-393-0781 NO CASH SALES