

St. William Parish

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NOVEMBER 19, 2023

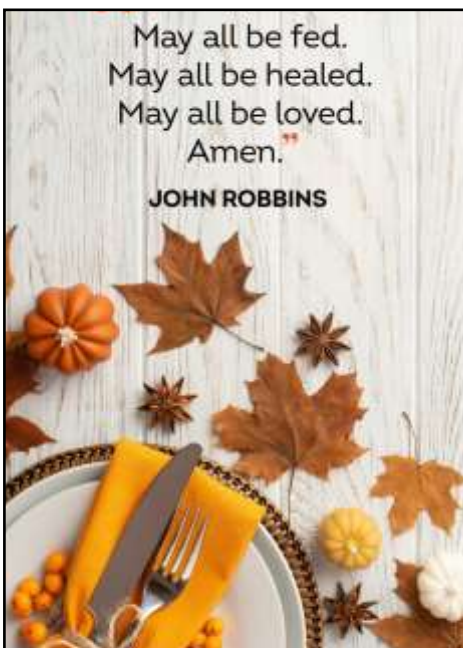
THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

This week while we celebrate Thanksgiving, a feast of plenty, please take a few minutes to give thanks for all that you have. While you are with your family and friends, remember those that suffer with loneliness; while you are indulging in that second piece of pumpkin pie, remember those that may not have had anything to eat today; and, while you are relaxing in a food coma in front of the tv, remember those that toil today so that you may rest. I offer to you my heartfelt wishes for a joyful and “full-filling” Thanksgiving holiday. May you and your family enjoy the holiday and for

those that travel may you return to us safely. For those that do not celebrate this holiday may the day land lightly and peacefulness be your companion.

Have a good week,
Fr. Ryan



A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

*Lord, so oftentimes, as any other day
When we sit down to our meal and pray
We hurry along and make fast the blessing
Thanks, amen. Now please pass the dressing
We're slaves to the olfactory overload
We must rush our prayer before the food gets cold
But Lord, I'd like to take a few minutes more
To really give thanks to what I'm thankful for
For my family, my health, a nice soft bed
My friends, my freedom, a roof over my head
I'm thankful right now to be surrounded by those
Whose lives touch me more than they'll
ever possibly know
Thankful Lord, that You've blessed me
beyond measure
Thankful that in my heart lives life's greatest
treasure
That You, dear Jesus, reside in that place
And I'm ever so grateful for Your unending grace
So please, heavenly Father, bless this
food You've provided
And bless each and every person invited
Amen!*

—Scott Wesemann

~ November 19-26, 2023 ~
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **RICK JONES**/ Ruby Jones
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **NANCY MERCANDINO**/Helen Snyder
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **PEOPLE OF ST. WILLIAM**
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **NO SERVICE**

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † **MURPH GELET**/ Diane Gelet
 Sun 10:30 a.m. † **BRIANNA HEIB**/ John & Patty Heib

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ November 26, 2023 ~

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock...

1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep...

Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

November 26, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Christine DePascale, Kathy Rogel
 10:30 a.m. Eddie Kuhn, Rachel Zigarovich

Servers

4:00 p.m. Joe DePascale
 10:30 a.m. Sophia Garito

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Bob Hardman, Karen, Hardman,
 Pam Kuebler, Laurie Sitch
 10:30 a.m. Sandra Hudak, Michele Jeffers,
 Frank Pytlik, Treva Pytlik



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 12, 2023 (WK 20)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,389.00*	\$ 142,305.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 145,380.00
Difference	\$ 121.00	\$ (3,074.00)
Performance	102%	98%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 799.00 LAST WK — \$ 14,498.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 181 out of 507

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 27.00 (10 out of 51)

POT-OF-GOLD

447 drawn on 11/13/2023

!!WINNER!! Mark & Sandy Frantz

Amount: \$473.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

123

4:00 p.m.

203

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **326** Average: **163**

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.



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.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our Annual Christmas Giving Tree is in the vestibule. 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!*



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities."
 ~ MATTHEW 25:21

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Marie Dye

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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Today is the annual collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests serve for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure that younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Over the last two years we have had many problems with offering envelopes being properly mailed and received by parishioners in a timely manner. As such, parish staff has been working with our envelope provider to transition from quarterly offering envelopes to yearly boxed sets. Boxed sets include all Sunday, special collection, holy days, flower funds, and Pot-o-Gold envelopes.

The cost saving is significant because offering envelopes will no longer be mailed to your home, they will be available for pickup here at St. William. As a matter of fact...the 2024 boxed set is already here and will be available for you to pickup beginning Thanksgiving weekend, November 25/26. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.



HOLIDAY PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday November 22-24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

WELCOME

This weekend, Joseph will be received into the church at St. Columba's Cathedral. 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. Cards are due by December 3.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 20 ~ Small Christian Communities 10:00 a.m.
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Nov 21 ~ Quilter 9:00 a.m.
Nov 21 ~ Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Nov 22 ~ Office Closed
Nov 22 ~ Craft Show Food Prep 12:00 noon
Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Nov 23 ~ Office Closed
Nov 23 ~ Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:30 a.m.
Nov 24 ~ Office Closed
Nov 26 ~ FG/AC Rehearsal 9:15 a.m.
Nov 26 ~ No PSR

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, December 6, 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

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

Sign up sheets for the 2023 Parish Family Dinner are available in the vestibule 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.

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.

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.

LIVING BREAD RADIO

The Season of Announcement is coming to Living Bread Radio starting November 19th 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.

THE GIFT OF THE PRESENT ADVENT EVENING PRAYER

Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

St. William Parish Community Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____ Phone: _____

e-Mail Address: _____

Check One:

- I am interested in membership, please send registration form
 Moving out of the parish
 Change of address / phone number

Drop this form in the collection basket, USPS mail, or send us an email!

~Contact~

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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/Secretary

Jackie Loges, Receptionist/Finance

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

~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.