

St. William Parish

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NOVEMBER 26, 2023

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Dear friends,

This weekend we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. We hear in today's Gospel from Matthew 25:31-46 that Jesus challenges those that follow him to spread the word of God's kingdom in a world that is often broken and confusing. Throughout the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus has been very specific on what the Kingdom of Heaven will be like and how the faithful will access His Kingdom. For those that know Christ, we are held to a higher standard than those who have yet to meet him. We must actively help the disadvantaged by feeding the hungry, sheltering a stranger, and clothing the naked. Those that act as if they do not see the disadvantaged have acted as if they do not know Jesus. They have not followed in Christ's footsteps. For them, the Kingdom of Heaven will be more difficult to enter.

Next week we begin the glorious season of Advent and we begin to prepare for the birth of Christ. Our Advent theme for this year is "The Gift of the Present." As we begin this holy time, we remain ever grateful that the Church offers us a season of tranquility from outside distractions and opportunity for contemplation. I hope that each of you will take some time out of your busy schedules each day and spend a few moments in quiet contemplation and prayer. As you remember what truly matters about this season and what really deserves our attention, may you realize what a wondrous gift you have been given.



~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

Have a good week,
Fr. Ryan

~ November 26-December 3, 2023 ~
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † FELIX & LAURA Y'BARBO/ Helen Snyder
Wed 8:30 a.m. † ODELIA LARSON/Baniak Family
Thur 8:30 a.m. † TED PYTLIK/ Mary Pytlik
Fri 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE

DECEMBER 3, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † CHARLES GALLOWAY/Mary Jenyk
Sun 10:30 a.m. † ANDY MAJERSKY/ Butcher Family

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 3, 2023 ~
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7

*You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever.
Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways ...*

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God ...*

Mark 13:33-37

*Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know
when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad ..."*

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 3, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Andrea Kochunas, Donna Runtas
10:30 a.m. Margie McCummins, Renita Mintus

Servers

4:00 p.m. Melanie Zappia
10:30 a.m. Daniel Gelet

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Joe DePascale, Gloria Mintus,
Linda Trunick, Mike Trunick
10:30 a.m. Jennifer Kusmirek, Christina Pacurar,
Melanie Shoaf, Jamie Taneri



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 19, 2023 (WK 21)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 6,411.00*	\$ 148,448.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 152,649.00
Difference	\$ (858.00)	\$ (4,203.00)
Performance	88%	97%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 475.00 LAST WK — \$ 14,703.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 167 out of 507
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 12.00 (10 out of 51)

POT-OF-GOLD

88 drawn on 11/20/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$151.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

106

4:00 p.m.

163

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **269** Average: **135**

LOOKING AHEAD!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Thursday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be at **6:30 p.m.**

KOLACHI BAKE

Wednesday, November 29

Prep work - 8:00 a.m.
Rolling - 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Baking - 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wrapping - 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Help is always needed, especially in rolling.
Please bring your favorite rolling pin.



Orders may be picked up same day, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Orders not picked up will be sold, unless paid in advance. 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

*"...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers,
you did for me."* ~ MATTHEW 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Tillie Bowser

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

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS!

A sister writes, "We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion." Prayer-filled thanks for your support and generosity to last week's Annual Religious Retirement collection.

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 are available for pickup here at St. William. Throughout the month of December the box sets of envelopes will be available for pickup from tables under the coat racks. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.



ADVENT PRAYER CARDS

St. William is providing parishioners with beautiful Advent prayer cards for the start of Advent. We hope that they will inspire us to reflect on this holy season for "The Gift of the Present" as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior. Members of the Liturgy Committee will be passing the prayer cards out after Mass this weekend.

ST. WILLIAM GOLDEN AGERS

Christmas Money Tree Raffle
\$1 EACH 6 FOR \$5

Get your tickets starting next weekend and at the Women's Guild Craft Show on December 9. Drawing will be held at the end of the Craft Show. *(Tree is not part of the raffle)*



ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER

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



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 27 ~ Little Rock 9:30 a.m.
Nov 27 ~ Little Rock 6:30 a.m.
Nov 28 ~ Quilter 9:00 a.m.
Nov 28 ~ Lessons & Carols Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Nov 29 ~ Kolachi Bake 8:00 a.m.
Nov 29 ~ Fish Dinner Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Nov 30 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Dec 3 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.
Dec 3 ~ Parish Family Dinner 11:30 a.m.
Dec 3 ~ Youth Ministry 11:30 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, 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

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Christmas Dinner & Gift Exchange Wednesday, December 6, 7:00 pm



BBQ and fried chicken will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Also, a wrapped gift for the gift exchange game after dinner. Please call Keith @ 330-847-0747 or email - keithbowser327@aol.com with your reservations.

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.

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

Maranatha (Ma-ra-na-ta) by Lucien Deiss will be our Gathering Song each Sunday of Advent found on the insert in our music book. The cantor will sing the verses. "Come, Lord, come and save us" will be the sung response to the Universal Prayers. "Mass of Christ the Savior" with Mystery of Faith: *Save us, Savior* will be sung throughout the Christmas Season.

The annual Advent Lessons and Carols is Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m. Begin your Advent season and celebrate "The Gift of the Present" with candlelight, prayer, scripture, and song. All are welcome, bring a friend!

Thank you to all who helped box up, recycle, and put our new 2024 Breaking Bread and Advent insert into our music binders. Please take care of these music books containing the Word of God and do not put the front cover into the plastic sleeve. Return the books to the chair holders carefully so they do not bend or fold. Thank you.



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.

POLISH CHRISTMAS TRADITION

One of the most beloved customs practiced locally by families of Polish/Lithuanian heritage is the sharing of the oplatek, or Christmas wafer, at the Christmas Eve supper.

The breaking of oplatek (pronounced O-pwah-tek) between family members and any guests at dinner is probably the most vividly remembered tradition of the holidays - and the one that is most often passed from generation to generation.

The sharing of the Christmas wafer originated more than 300 years ago in Poland, and it is also celebrated in parts of Lithuania, Latvia, and Slovakia during Wigilia, the meatless supper of Christmas Eve. During the 19th century when Poland was partitioned, the sharing of oplatek took on an additional patriotic meaning that the nation would someday regain its independence.

The unleavened Christmas wafer itself is baked from wheat flour and water, the same ingredients as the altar bread distributed during a Roman Catholic Mass as the Eucharist. The oplatek is often a rectangular almost paper-thin wafer embossed with religious images that can be easily broken when grasped by two people. While traditions vary somewhat, they all start with the oldest or especially respected member of the family breaking pieces of the oplatek and distributing it to the rest of the people gathered. Each person then offers a piece to everyone else at the dinner, generally stating in some way how they care about that individual.

For those that take part in this tradition, the wafers are available in the church office beginning December 3.



~Contact~

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Rev. Ryan Furlong, Pastor

Very Rev. Michael Balash,
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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.