

St. William Parish

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends: In turning the page to November, we begin to anticipate the end of the year as the leaves have turned from brightly colorful to a million shades of brown and the world outside slowly readies itself for the slumber of winter. In the few weeks left before Advent, our scripture readings will echo this theme of the “end times.” Today’s parable of the ten virgins provides us an opportunity to think about the second coming of Christ and the time when we will meet the Lord at the end of our own lives.

Through the story of ten virgins, this parable is meant to tell us that we do not know when the Lord’s coming is, so we must stay vigilant. Will we be prepared when the time has come? It also shows that not everyone will be allowed into the Kingdom of Heaven. The five virgins who were prepared at the time of the bridegroom’s arrival were welcomed into the wedding. The five who were not ready in time were left behind the closed door and not allowed entry. It was too late for them. This is why we must be ready at any hour! When the Lord comes, there will not be time to right your wrongs. We must use our time now to prepare for what is to come.

Life throws so many unexpected things at us, but it is reassuring to know that the Lord will return and that we can prepare for his arrival by living out our best lives as Christians.



~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 5-12, 2023 ~

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † NANCY MERCANDINO/ Women's Guild
Sun 10:30 a.m. † OLA WILLIAMS/ Carl & Gloria Karafa

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 6:30 p.m. † PEG POPONAK/ Tom & Michele Jeffers
Wed 8:30 a.m. † LOUISE & BOB FITZGERALD/ Daughter
Thur 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPH SOUKENIK III/ Dianne Kropp
Fri 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

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

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ November 12, 2023 ~

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her...

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve...

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out..."

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

November 12, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Ed Runyan, Melanie Zappia
10:30 a.m. Kristen Freudenrich, Melanie Shoaf

Servers

4:00 p.m. Nola Tunnicliff
10:30 a.m. Brian Wilson

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Carla Gilronan, Bob Hardman,
Karen Hardman, Theresa Petrosky
10:30 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Jennifer Kusmierck, Christina Pacurar



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ October 31, 2023 (WK 18)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,816.00*	\$ 125,124.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 130,842.00
Difference	\$ (1,453.00)	\$ (5,718.00)
Performance	80%	96%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 555.00 LAST WK — \$ 12,959.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 155 out of 507
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 24.00 (15 out of 51)

POT-OF-GOLD

301 drawn on 10/31/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$161.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

150

4:00 p.m.

198

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: **348**

Average: **174**

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.

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!*



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

~ Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions is the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

James Ropchock

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

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 will be November 12. 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.

PSR SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

Secret Prayer Partner prayer cards will be available after Mass this weekend in the vestibule for those who have signed up. If you would like information about the Secret Prayer Partner program or would like to be an adult Secret Prayer Partner there is still time. Please contact Carol Timko at the parish office.

GOLD MASS

The Diocese of Youngstown will honor all parish musicians, cantors, and choirs on Sunday, November 12 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown.

NAIM CLUB

NAIM Club will meet Thursday, November 9 at 12:30 p.m. at Longhorn Steakhouse in Niles. The address is 1980 Niles Cortland Rd SE, Warren, Ohio 44484 (in front of Home Depot).



TNCC FALL SAINTS FESTIVAL

St. Robert, Sunday, November 5, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

There is still time for various groups or individuals to decorate a table representing a specific saint, with a food or drink item to go with the Fall/All Saints theme! For more information or if you'd like to represent your parish group, please reach out to Bernadette by calling the parish office or emailing bsartor@youngstowndiocese.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sacred, Ordinary Day
Saturday, November 11, 2023
9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Sacred, Ordinary Day Parish Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 11. The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola will help us transform this ordinary Saturday into sacred time with God. The retreat fee of \$25.00 includes lunch and *A Simple, Life Changing Prayer* by Jim Manney. Please make checks payable to Saint William Parish.

THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 6 ~ Small Christian Communities 10:00 a.m.
Nov 6 ~ RCIA 6:30 p.m.
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Nov 7 ~ Election Day
Nov 7 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Nov 7 ~ Liturgy Committee 5:30 p.m.
Nov 8 ~ Women's Guild 6:00 p.m.
Nov 8 ~ Folk Group Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Nov 9 ~ NAIM Club 12:30 p.m.
Nov 9 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
Nov 11 ~ Veteran Day
Nov 11 ~ Parish Retreat 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12 ~ Stories & Scripture 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12 ~ Reconciliation Meeting 9:00 a.m.
Nov 12 ~ Gold Mass at DOY Cathedral 4:00 p.m.
Nov 12 ~ Youth Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Meeting: November 8, 2023
6:00 p.m. Social ~ 6:30 p.m. Meeting



Enjoy a "purr-fect" evening at our next meeting on Nov. 8th. Come see what our guest speaker from the Animal Welfare League is "barking" about! Bring someone new to Women's Guild and get an extra ticket for the door prize.

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

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!

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.



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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT for Jack Sherwood & Family

Saturday, November 11, 2023

4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

North Bloomfield Township Garage

*On Route 87 just west of Route 45

Next to N. Bloomfield Assembly of God Church

\$10.00/Adult \$5.00/Child

Dinner includes spaghetti, bread, beverage and dessert

Tickets for Chance Auction and 50/50 Raffle will be available.

Please consider supporting this benefit to help a member of Ann Sprague's family.



~Contact~

Church Office

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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

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

~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.

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!