

St. William Parish

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DECEMBER 3, 2023 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear friends,

In this weeks' reading we find that Jesus is calling on us to "wake" up and smell the roses, or the coffee, or the kolachi that was baked this past Wednesday. No matter what it is that we wake up and smell, the intent is the same...Jesus wants us to be ready for what is coming. On this first Sunday in Advent, we must be awake to the challenges of this world, the injustices of what is happening around us, and the basic needs of those less fortunate in our communities. We cannot be "gonna" people. Being awake means that you are ready for action when you see need. Jesus doesn't care if you were "gonna" feed the starving child...you only get credit for the child you actually fed. Responding to Jesus' call to action is not a passive response but a response that demands immediate action. You must get up and do something. The Gospel lets us know that each day we need to start anew with a determination to build a better world and be part of a larger solution. If you have always been "gonna" do it, well here is your sign to start now. How we answer the call to action and live a life that has awakened, is part of who we are and how we will celebrate the coming of the Lord's birth in the coming weeks.



As we enter the season of Advent, we have much to be thankful for and much to prepare for to celebrate the birth of Jesus. I hope that many of you will join us this Tuesday evening, December 5

at 7:00 p.m. for our special Advent Evening Prayer of Lessons and Carols. This reflective prayer of scripture and song helps set the tone for these weeks before Christmas and provides an opportunity for all of us to wait together for the coming of Christ.

~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 great Advent week,
Fr. Ryan

~ December 3-10, 2023 ~
First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 3, 2023

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

Mon 8:30 a.m. † COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues 8:30 a.m. † JOSEPH SOUKENIK III/ Dianne Kropp
Wed 8:30 a.m. † PEG POPONAK/Felicia Mooney
Thur 6:30 p.m. † JUDY WOLFE/ Theresa Craiger
Fri 6:30 p.m. † ST. ROBERT AND ST. THOMAS

DECEMBER 10, 2023

Sat 4:00 p.m. † MARY ANNE JACKSON/ Sisters
Sun 10:30 a.m. † JOSEPH BABNIK/ Anne Sprague

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

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ December 10, 2023 ~
Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end...

2 Peter 3:8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day...

Mark 1:1-8

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you he will prepare your way...

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

December 10, 2023

Lectors

4:00 p.m. Judy Makosky, Ed Runyan
10:30 a.m. Erin Lee, Catherine Poponak

Servers

4:00 p.m. Nathan Goldner
10:30 a.m. Collin Lee

Eucharistic Ministers

4:00 p.m. Deanna Barco, Felicia Mooney,
Donna Runtas, Nola Tunnickliff
10:30 a.m. Barbara Bickford, Dave Bickford,
Chuck Poponak, Regina Speaker



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 26, 2023 (WK 22)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 5,660.00*	\$ 154,106.00
Amount Needed	\$ 7,269.00	\$ 159,918.00
Difference	\$ (1,609.00)	\$ (5,811.00)
Performance	78%	96%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 925.00 LAST WK — \$ 15,628.00 YTD

Envelopes ~ 139 out of 509

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 12.00 (10 out of 51)

POT-OF-GOLD

521 drawn on 11/29/2023

!!NO WINNER!!

Amount: \$292.00



MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEKEND

Mass attendance last weekend was:

93

4:00 p.m.

135

10:30 a.m.

Last week's attendance: 228 Average: 114

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 THIS 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.

LOOKING AHEAD!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8:

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Friday, December 8. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be held at St. Robert and St. Thomas at 6:30 p.m. A Vigil Mass will be held at St. William on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m.

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)



WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

†† 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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Boxed sets of offertory envelopes are ready for pickup here at St. William. Throughout the month of December the box sets of envelopes for 2024 are available for pickup from tables under the coat racks in the center hallway. If you need any assistance, please call the parish office.



SECURITY MEASURES

The Safety Committee, in conjunction with Diocese of Youngstown safety standards, has been reviewing best practices for the safety and security of our parishioners and property. The first safety protocol to be instituted this weekend will be the monitoring of the front doors. Ushers will be on-hand to monitor entrance to the church before and after Mass. They will lock the doors 10 minutes after Mass begins. Note: doors can be locked to limit outside access however they are ALWAYS unlocked from the inside. If you have any questions or concerns please see Father Furlong.

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Christmas Craft Show

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

9:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Ethnic Foods Available

Wedding Soup * Pierogi * Haluski * Cabbage Rolls

Take-out Available

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Many thanks to all who took gift tags from our Giving Tree this year. **The gifts are due back TODAY, December 3.** Please **attach the tag directly to the gift.** **Do not wrap or use a gift bag.** *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*



THE PARISH CALENDAR

- Dec 4 ~ Small Christian Communities 10:00 a.m.
- Dec 4 ~ Craft Show Food Prep 4:00 p.m.
- Dec 4 ~ Small Christian Communities 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 5 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 5 ~ Golden Agers/NAIM Luncheon 12:30 p.m.
- Dec 5 ~ Fish Dinner Committee 5:00 p.m.
- Dec 5 ~ Lessons & Carols 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 6 ~ Knight of Columbus 7:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 ~ Craft Show Food Prep 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 7 ~ Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 p.m.
- Dec 7 ~ Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass 6:30 p.m.
- Dec 9 ~ WG Craft Show 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 9 ~ GA Money Tree Drawing 12:00 noon
- Dec 10 ~ PSR 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 10 ~ Stories & Scriptures 9:00 a.m.
- Dec 10 ~ 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: 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

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

A communal penance service will be held at St Thomas for all of Trumbull North Catholic Community on Monday, December 18 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Weekend ~ December 23-24-25

Saturday, December 23 - Fourth Sunday of Advent:

4:00 p.m. ONLY St. William and St. Thomas ~ 6:00 p.m. ONLY St. Robert

Sunday, December 24 – Christmas Eve:

4:00 p.m. St. William and St. Thomas and St. Robert ~ 10:00 p.m. St. Robert

Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day:

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

New Year Weekend ~ December 30-December 31-January 1

Saturday, January 30 - Feast of the Holy Family:

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

Sunday, January 1 – Feast of the Holy Family:

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

Monday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary:

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



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.



SECRET PRAYER PARTNERS

- ◆ PLEASE make sure to put your number on the cards for your secret prayer partners. I have a few cards without numbers and do not know to whom they go.
- ◆ Remember, if you put your card in an envelope, DO NOT seal the envelope. I have to read EVERYTHING before I give it to the children and I read everything before I forward it to you.
- ◆ If you are sending your prayer partner a gift, WHICH IS NOT NECESSARY, please make sure I can open it and see what you are giving them.
- ◆ If you have any questions, or you do not remember if you numbered your cards, please contact Carol Timko.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Beginning January 7, the bulletin will now be printed by LPi and shipped to the church weekly. As a result the deadline for submitting materials to the bulletin will change. The new deadline for submitting materials will now be Thursday at 12:00 noon the week before the material is to be printed. For example, if you want something printed in the January 7 bulletin, it must be turned in to the office no later than December 28 or if you want something in the January 14 bulletin the deadline is January 4 (that is a full 10 days!) If you have any questions, please call the parish office.

PAINT & SIP FUNDRAISER

Sunday, December 17, 2:00 p.m. St. Thomas Parish Center. Support the TNCC Young Adult Ministry while enjoying festive drinks and a guided paint tutorial led by a local artist. The cost is \$35 per person and sign up is required by December 14. Payment and name(s) of registrants can be dropped off at the parish office.



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.

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.



~Contact~

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Rev. Ryan Furlong, Pastor
Very Rev. Michael Balash,
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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.