

# St. William Parish

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January 6, 2019 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord



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## CELEBRATING TOGETHER



### Parish Ministries

Please call the Parish Office for Mass and Prayer Intentions, Homebound and Hospitalized Ministry, Funerals, The Catholic Exponent, Family Information Changes, New Parishioner Registration and details about any Parish Organization and Ministry.

### Celebrating the Sacraments:

**Baptism:** Call parish office to make arrangements.

**First Eucharist:** Celebrated in the 2nd grade with parents and children participating in preparation program.

**Confirmation:** Celebrated with the Bishop biannually for 8th graders (or older) who have attended preparation classes.

**Reconciliation:** Celebrated Saturday at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment. Communal Reconciliation Services are held during Lent and Advent.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact the Parish Office to inform us of anyone who is sick (at home or in the hospital) for visitation and anointing.

**Marriage:** Couples should contact the Parish Office/Priest before making any arrangements for marriage (at least 6 months in advance). Couples must be registered in the parish and participate in the marriage preparation program.

**Holy Orders:** For information on religious life, contact Diocese of Youngstown Vocation Office at 330-744-8451.

### Christian Formation and Education

#### Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Sunday Morning Gr. K-8  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

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

Sunday Mornings  
9:30-10:45 a.m.

#### Adult and Teen Enrichment Programs:

Offered periodically throughout the year.  
Consult the weekly bulletin.

#### John F. Kennedy Catholic School

[www.warrenjfk.com](http://www.warrenjfk.com)

#### Lower Campus—Grades K-5

330-372-2375

#### Upper Campus—Grades 6-12

330-369-1804

### Hall Rental/Catering:

Contact the Parish Office for details.

### Catholic Charities Regional Agency:

Trumbull County 330-393-4254

**Bulletin Deadline:** Articles must be submitted to the Parish Office **or emailed to** rkane@stwilliamchampion.org by Wednesday prior to the weekend they are to appear.

### Visit our website at

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



## CELEBRATION OF THE LITURGY

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.

Winter - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday

Holydays - Check weekly bulletin

Communion Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

# Pastor's COLUMN

Today's Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated in many cultures and oftentimes more prominently than Christmas! At a time when many homes have taken down decorations, we are reminded that there is still a celebration to be had. Our Christmas season continues today and the visitation of the Three Wise Kings to the infant child serves as a reminder to us of God's presence in our world. This story helps us to understand how Jesus brought hope to the world. Our celebration today — knowing that Jesus Christ lives among us each day of our lives — should give us a sense of hope and fulfillment in this New Year. As 2019 begins, we might ask how we will reveal the presence of the Lord to one another in the coming weeks and months. Traditionally, today is also a day to bless our homes asking that God will continue to watch over and guide us in the coming year. In today's bulletin there is a special house blessing prayer for you to use to bless your home!

We welcome Father Ken Miller to our parish today. Fr. Miller is the pastor emeritus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Austintown. I hope you will welcome him to our parish this weekend. My sincerest thanks to him for helping out while I am away. See you next week!

*Happy New Year!*  
*Fr. Balash*

## Mass Intentions for the Week

~ January 6 - 13, 2019 ~  
**The Epiphany of the Lord**

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **ROBERT BANIC/** Wife & Family  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DONNA DOBOS/** Rich & Penny Hudak  
 11:00 a.m. † **BETTY PETROSKY/** The Butcher Family  
 Mon 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Tues 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Wed 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Thur 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**  
 Fri 8:30 a.m. † **COMMUNION SERVICE**

### JANUARY 13, 2019

- Sat 5:00 p.m. † **KAREN BOGAN/** Mark C. Hernon  
 Sun 8:30 a.m. † **CAROL DUBEC/** The Kochunas Family  
 11:00 a.m. † **JOE MAKOSKY/** Roy & Nancy Mercandino

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

~ January 12/13, 2019 ~  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

### Lectors

- 5:00 p.m. Tim Timko, Ruth Bubba  
 8:30 a.m. Linda Horm, Margaret Foster  
 11:00 a.m. Renita Mintus, Bob Mintus

### Servers

- 5:00 p.m. John Barco, Alexa Szykalski  
 8:30 a.m. Grace Kufchak, Nathan Goldner  
 11:00 a.m. Marissa Murphy, Marianne Babnik

### Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:00 p.m. Ron Gilronan, Carla Gilronan, Carol Timko  
 8:30 a.m. Linda Trunick, Carole Baniak, Ellie Gates,  
 Penny Hudak, Gloria Mintus, Michele Jeffers  
 11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Dave Bickford, Scott Freer,  
 Chuck Poponak, Melanie Shoaf, Regina Speaker



## OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ December 30, 2018 (WK 27)

|                   | LAST WK      | YTD            |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 5,293.24  | \$ 190,111.00  |
| Amount Needed     | \$ 7,100.00  | \$ 191,700.00  |
| Difference        | \$ ( 999.24) | \$ ( 1,589.00) |
| Performance       | 75%          | 99%            |

Christmas \$1,075.00 YTD \$11,993.50

Envelopes ~ 193 out of 540

Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 9.11 (10 out of 62)

## myEoffering Now Available!:

Sign up for myEoffering today. Information can be found on the parish website: [www.stwilliamchampion.org](http://www.stwilliamchampion.org). Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your accounts. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



## It All Comes Down Next Week!:

Next Sunday we will conclude the Christmas Season with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The Christmas environment will be disassembled after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you can help it would be greatly appreciated!

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ January 12/13, 2019 ~

### The Baptism of the Lord

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

*Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God, Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim her . . .*

**Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7**

*Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways . . .*

**Luke 3:15-16, 21-22**

*The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ . . .*

*Please take time to prepare together as a family the above readings. By families sharing God's word, His word will become part of family life and not just words that are heard in church.*

## >> RECENT DEATHS <<

### Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed please remember

**Jeffery Sponaule**

brother-in-law of Eileen Sponaule

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

### 2019 Parish Pictorial Directory:

Appointments for Photography Sessions will be available beginning TODAY after Mass or schedule your appointment on-line. Visit our parish website for more information.



Photography sessions are scheduled for

- February 7 and 14: 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- February 8 and 15: 2:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- February 9 and 16: 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Special Bonus:** Get your picture taken for the directory and be entered to win \$100.00 just for saying “cheese!”

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will meet Wednesday, January 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Adult Meeting Room.



**Naim Club:** will meet at the church, Thursday, January 10 at 12:30 p.m. for pizza. Dues are due at this time.

*Come pray the Rosary every Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Adult Meeting Room.*



### >>>> THE PARISH CALENDAR <<<<

- JAN 8 ~ QUILTERS 9:00 AM
- JAN 8 ~ WELCOME MINISTRY 7:00 PM
- JAN 9 ~ WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 6:30 PM
- JAN 9 ~ FOLK GROUP REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- JAN 10 ~ NAIM CLUB 12:30 PM
- JAN 10 ~ ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM
- JAN 12 ~ FOLK GROUP SINGS AT 5:00 PM MASS
- JAN 13 ~ PSR 9:30 AM
- JAN 13 ~ YOUTH MINISTRY 9:30 AM
- JAN 13 ~ ADULT CHOIR SINGS AT 11:00 AM MASS

### 2018 Contribution Tax Statements

If you are in need of a copy of your 2018 Contributions for itemizing deductions on your tax return, please fill out the following coupon and return it to the Parish Office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check if applicable:

\_\_\_\_\_ Please include my “Sharing Your Light for Tomorrow” pledge payments made in 2018.

*Statements will be available in the vestibule.*

### Parish Appreciation Event ~ “The Roaring Twenties!” January 26, 2019



Our Annual Parish Appreciation Event will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts during the past year. Join us for this enjoyable and fun-filled evening! This year’s event will feature a delicious dinner, Chance Raffle and Prizes, 50-50 Raffle and “a dastardly deed that will require the solving of a mystery!!!” Mark your calendars now to experience “The Roaring Twenties” and “solve a mystery!” Costumes Welcomed!!

**Sign Up After Mass This Weekend or Return the Coupon below.**  
**Reservation Deadline ~ January 20**

### Parish Appreciation Event The Roaring Twenties~ January 26, 2019 Reservation Deadline ~ January 20<sup>th</sup>

For all adult parishioners who have volunteered their time and efforts during the past year.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_



### **“Pot - of - Gold”** **WE HAVE A WINNER !!!**



*This week’s winning envelope number drawn, January 3 was 160  
Congratulations to Tod & Debra Blazek, winners of the \$184.00 Jackpot!!!  
... one-half of the amount collected.*

**A new Pot-of Gold Jackpot begins this weekend!!!!**

## MOVIE NIGHT

YOU are invited to dinner and a movie along with fellowship.

For Ages  
18 and  
older



Saturday,  
January 19,  
2019

following the 5:00pm Mass.

Paul was an apostle of Christ – and today, we are disciples. At their darkest moment, Paul reminds Luke that, “Love is the only way.”

What does it look like to cultivate Christ-like love?

A light supper of soup and salad will be shared. You are most welcome to bring a friend and a comfortable chair!

Kindly register by January 13, 2019

### Little Rock Scripture Study

*“Letters from Prison”*

In these letters of encouragement, correction, and instruction written from prison, Paul lovingly inspires and challenges us to greater discipleship.

**Mondays:**

**January 28**

**February 4, 11, 25**

**March 4, 11, 18, 25**

**April 8, 15**

9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Cost \$16.00 payable to St. William Parish

Kindly register by January 13



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 7491

*Next Meeting*

Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 p.m.

Coming Event!

**Reverse Raffle and Dinner Dance**

**Saturday February 16, 2019, 6:00-10:00 p.m.**

Check bulletin next week for more information.



## WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

January 9, 2019

6:00 p.m. ~ SOCIAL

6:30 p.m. ~ MEETING

7:00 p.m. ~ INSPIRING MINDS

**SPEAKER(S)**

*Open to All Parishioners*

### PROGRAM: INSPIRING MINDS

*‘Inspiring Minds’ offers free afterschool and summer enrichment programs to underrepresented youth... a safe environment and positive role models, in hopes of leading to promising futures by encouraging children to dream big, providing them with the opportunity to make those dreams come true.*

### SPEAKER(S):

**BONNIE BENTON**, *Director of Advancement*

**JALAYA PROVITT**, *Program Coordinator*

**Current students participating in the program**

*Donations are being accepted for St. William Food Pantry*

*Cereal, instant oatmeal, Kraft mac-n-cheese, spaghetti (sauce and pasta), toilet paper (individual rolls or small packs of 4), canned soups/stews, tuna fish, peanut butter, coffee, boxed dinners*

**THANK YOU!**

## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

### House Blessing Prayer

The Feast of Epiphany is traditionally a day to bless our homes for the upcoming year. As the Holy Family welcomed the three wise astrologers, we too, pray for blessings to come upon our homes and all who visit in the coming year. The family is asked to gather at the doorway of the home and say the following prayer:

*May we who live in this home  
guard the sacredness of this doorway.*

*May God protect all who enter and  
leave through this door.*

*May we welcome all to this home in the name of Christ.*

*May the blessing of God and His peace and grace  
rest upon all who pass this threshold. AMEN.*

After the prayer, the following mark is written above the doorway in chalk

**20 + C + M + B + 19**

These letters represent the three initials of the Magi's names, Casper, Melchoir and Balthazar. The numbers at the beginning and end represent the year and are separated by four crosses. The letters are also the Latin abbreviation for “Christus mansionem benedicat,” which means “Christ blesses this house.”