

St. William Parish

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November 29, 2020 ~ First Sunday of Advent



“Hope of all the earth thou art!”

“Now Is the Time”

This weekend we begin the great and holy season of Advent. Our theme this year is *“Now Is the Time!”* We begin this new church year with a gospel that seems intent on shocking and startling us out of complacency. “Be watchful! Be alert!” are the first words that greet us at the beginning of the new year of the church. Jesus uses parables for many reasons throughout the gospel, but primarily to help his listeners understand the mystery of the kingdom of God. Today Jesus reminds us to be vigilant in waiting and awake in prayer. This is what the season of Advent is all about...waiting in preparation and being ready for the coming of Christ. As we enter into this time of preparation and waiting, we might consider how to incorporate the practice of watching into our lives. At this moment in time, how can we attune our eyes to Jesus’s presence in our world and lives and to his eventual return in glory? *Now is the time* to be watchful even when it seems like the master of the house is delayed in returning. We continue our waiting and vigilance for the time that has been promised when Jesus will return in glory and the kingdom of God will be established in its fullness. As we prepare to celebrate and ready our hearts for Christmas, may this time truly be one of preparation and expectation so that when the Lord comes we can greet Him with hearts full of hope and joy! Now, indeed is the time!

As we conclude this holiday weekend I hope that Thanksgiving was a good and happy day in the midst of all that we continue to face. Hopefully the unusual circumstances did not dampen the day or deter you from giving thanks for all the blessings of this life. I hope that many of you will join us this Tuesday evening for our special Advent Evening Prayer for Healing and Hope. This reflective prayer of scripture and song can be an opportunity for all of us to offer our strong desire for healing to all those affected by the coronavirus and our fervent hope for an end to pandemic and loss of life. Now is the time for us to remain confident and resilient in our prayer and thoughts.



Thanksgiving “Giving”

Have a good week! ~ Fr. Balash

~ **November 29-December 6, 2020** ~
First Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **RON SPRAGUE**/Theresa Craiger
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **DECEASED MEMERS OF TIMKO FAMILY**/
Foster Family
11:00 a.m. ♥ **BOB & RENITA MINTUS**/30th Wedding Anniversary

Mon † **NO SERVICE**
Tues 8:30 a.m. † **FRANK AIELLO**/Ron & Donna Runtas
Wed 8:30 a.m. † **DUGIC FAMILY**/Marie Dye
Thur 8:30 a.m. † **JUDY WOLFE**/Steve & Theresa Craiger
Fri 8:30 a.m. † **IDA MAE SWITTER**/Bob & Marcia Kane

DECEMBER 6, 2020

Sat 5:00 p.m. † **PAUL HATCH**/Ron & Felicia Mooney
Sun 8:30 a.m. † **VERONICA EVANS**/S.N.D. Associates
11:00 a.m. † **STEVE MILLIK**/Millik Family

Scripture that will be proclaimed next weekend:

~ **December 6, 2020** ~
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...

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 5/6, 2020

Lectors

5:00 p.m. Theresa Petrosky, Judy Makosky
8:30 a.m. Ed Runyan, _____
11:00 a.m. _____, _____

Servers

5:00 p.m. Therese Tuttle
8:30 a.m. _____
11:00 a.m. _____

Eucharistic Ministers

5:00 p.m. Donna Runtas, Bob Mintus
8:30 a.m. _____, Bob Mintus
11:00 a.m. Barb Bickford, Bob Mintus

**Sign-Up In
Vestibule**



OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ November 22, 2020 (WK 21)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,595.00*	\$ 151,302.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 149,100.00
Difference	\$ 495.00	\$ 2,202.00
Performance	107%	101%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 673.00 LAST WK — \$ 21,072.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 198 out of 539
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 4.00 (4 out of 62)

POT-OF-GOLD

#252 drawn on 11/25/2020

!!No Winner!!

Amount: \$157.00



RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS!

"Thank you! hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your support and generosity to last week's Annual Religious Retirement collection.

"SPECIAL ADVENT EVENING PRAYER"
Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this special Advent Evening Prayer for Healing and Hope. A time of prayer and reflection as we prepare for a Christ-filled Christmas holiday and offer our hope and courage to overcome the challenges we face due to the pandemic. *The service will also be offered on St. William live-stream.*

THE STARS OF ADVENT

Today's insert is a special Advent guide entitled the "Stars of Advent." It is a list of daily prayer intentions for use throughout Advent as we prepare for Christmas and continue our hope in face of the pandemic.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Christmas Giving Tree Gifts are due back on **NEXT SUNDAY - December 6**. **Please attach the tag directly to the gift. Do not wrap or use a gift bag.** *Thank you for your generous and kind response!*

PSR NEWS

No PSR classes on November 29
Classes resume on December 6, 13, 20
No PSR December 27 and January 3 - Christmas Break
Classes resume on January 10

LOOKING AHEAD!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception – December 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is Tuesday, December 8. It is a holy day however the obligation to attend Mass is part of the general dispensation in place due to the pandemic. For those wishing to celebrate this patronal feast day of the United States, Mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. on December 8. *The service will also be offered on St. William live-stream.*

†† **RECENT DEATH** ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Maureen Thuman

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

CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE

Our first drawing for our Christmas Cash Raffle was held on Thanksgiving morning and continues every other day until December 18th! Grand Prize drawing will be on Sunday, December 20th...just in time for Christmas! Congratulations to Fr. Balash who was our Top Seller and winner of 5 FREE TICKETS. It is still not too late to take a chance to win some CASH just in time for holiday shopping. Tickets are \$10.00 and are still available at the Parish Office. Look for the list of winners next week!



2021 PARISH CALENDARS

2021 Parish Calendars are available after Mass this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. Peter Rossi, Jr. of Peter Rossi and Son Funeral Home for providing our parish calendars this year.



May we be living witnesses of your light in the world, always aware of the signs of the times, and willing to speak God's news in new ways to the people of our time.

THANKSGIVING "GIVING!"

Thank you for your generous support of the Thanksgiving "Giving" for the residents of Woodland Meadows. Each resident at Woodland Meadows received a gift bag which included a \$30 gift certificate to Sparkle Market, a little treat and cards from the children of our parish. These gifts were delivered to residents last Sunday in the name of Saint William Parish. A special thanks to teens in Youth Ministry, their parents, and Darlene and Denny Frantz for their service in preparing and delivering the gifts. We also thank all the children in PSR who wrote beautiful cards and made crafts to include in the bags. The residents were very appreciative and overjoyed to receive your gift and well wishes for a blessed Happy Thanksgiving. We are so proud to be a part of such a loving parish family!

Happy Thanksgiving!

CHRISTMAS YARD SIGN SALE

The Knights of Columbus Champion Council 7491 will hold a "Keep Christ in Christmas" fundraiser. Yard signs are \$10.00 with the theme "Keep Christ in Christmas." 100% of the profit is distributed to local charities. Sign is 18" x 24", printed on both sides of waterproof corrugated plastic board and comes with wire stand. Contact Brian McCue.



THE PARISH CALENDAR

Nov 30 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #3
Dec 1 ~ Quilters 9:00 a.m.
Dec 1 ~ Advent Prayer Service of Healing 7:00 p.m.
Dec 2 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #4
Dec 4 ~ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing #5
Dec 6 ~ Confirmation 9:30 a.m.
Dec 6 ~ PSR 9:30 a.m.
Dec 6 ~ Youth Ministry 12:00 Noon
Dec 6 ~ Women's Guild "Car-o-ling" Dinner 12:00 Noon

Check out the Parish Calendar on our website for more events

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #7491



Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

WOMEN'S GUILD OF ST. WILLIAM PARISH

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Social at 6:00 p.m.

Business Meeting at 6:30 p.m.



CHRISTMAS "CAR-O-LING!"

St. William Women's Guild invites parishioners to:

- ◆ Meet in the Church Parking Lot!
- ◆ Enjoy Christmas Carols from your Car!
- ◆ Take Home a Boxed Dinner to Enjoy!
Pork Loin. Stuffing. Parsley Potatoes.
Green Beans. Applesauce. Cake.

Sunday, December 6 at 12:00 Noon
Come and Sing-a-long with Santa Claus

Reservations for meals are required and are due TODAY!

This event replaces the Annual Parish Christmas Dinner



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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your faithful support of the food pantry. The pantry is in need of the following items: **breakfast cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned pasta (ravioli, etc.), small packages of toilet paper.** We are currently overstocked with **canned vegetables.** Any food donation will gladly be accepted! However, we cannot accept expired food. Donations can be dropped off in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!



NOW IS THE TIME

Our Advent Environment

O Lord, if you would only open the heavens, come down, and make everything right! Return things to the way they should be – in our lives, in our families, and in the world. We all treasure our family and holiday traditions, but there is more going on here. Advent is a holy season of grace and favor from You. Let us follow a path of spiritual preparation so our hearts will soften and our lives will change.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. You have not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do Your work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it – if I do but keep Your commandments.

You do nothing in vain. You know what You're about. You may take away my friends. You may throw me among strangers. You may make me feel desolate, make my sprits sink, hide my future from me – still You know what **You're about.**

"Now is the time" to focus on what really matters. Bring me to a place of quiet. Let me see what link I am within the chain that brings us together. Let me be someone who understands what Advent means.

You come in the most unexpected ways – not as a mighty king but as a little child. With open arms, O Lord, I await You! And You embrace the entire universe. I am a very small part, a link, in that universe. Yet, in Your eyes, a very important part. I welcome Your embrace. Please bring me closer to Your heart – the source of all love, **compassion, and kindness, forgiveness and mercy for "now is the time."**



ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PIROHY SALE

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (SS. Cyril & Methodius Church), 175 Laird NE, Warren is sponsoring a pirohy sale on Friday, December 4th. Two varieties will be offered: potato and sweet cabbage. The cost is \$6.00 doz. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) \$3.75 qt. bag. Kolachi sale will be held on December 11. Advanced orders can be placed by calling 330 393-0781 on Monday and Tuesday. Please leave name and number with order or it will not be filled. Pick up is Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

~Contact~

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Ross Lenhart, Maintenance

~Celebrate~

Mass Times

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Summer - Sunday 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. Tuesday - Friday
Holydays - Check weekly bulletin
Liturgy of the Word Service - Monday 8:30 a.m.

Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 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 ~ 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
Sunday Afternoon Gr. 9-12 ~ 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Sunday Mornings ~ 9:30-10:45 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.

Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday 12:00 noon