

St. William Parish

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March 22, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent



“The New Normal ~ For the Time Being”

No doubt the past week has seen many changes to our daily lives beyond what we could have ever imagined. The current health crisis and situation has impacted every aspect of our world, community, and life. Please know that in this unusual and challenging time, I continue to offer my prayers and thoughts for your well-being along with your family. Please also remember in your daily prayer the many dedicated health professionals doing their very best to protect us and heal all those who are ill.

As you know all publicly celebrated Masses and liturgies have been temporarily suspended through Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020. We are currently working on a variety of possibilities to keep you connected to the Church and parish during this time. Please check the parish website daily for any updates and additional information. In addition the Parish APP is also the best way to stay in touch so I encourage you, if you have not done so, to sign-up by texting APP to 88202.

During this time we will post an abbreviated weekly bulletin, like this, on the website each week along with a homily for your own personal reflection. I encourage you to view Mass on-line or on television, especially on Sunday. Reference to the Scripture readings for each Sunday can be found on page 2 or online at www.usccb.org. As other opportunities become available I will be sure to pass them along.

Currently, the Parish Office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hours, however, I suggest that you to conduct any business by phone or mail. The Church building has been completely sanitized and disinfected and we are limiting access to the building to protect its environment. I ask that no one enter the building without checking in at the office first. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, I realize that these past days have been overwhelming, filled with anxiety and worry. The unknown

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A PRAYER FOR ALL OF US DURING THIS TIME

by Pat Maciejewski

Lord, God,
creator of all good things,
help us in these days of concern and unrest,
of the unknown and maybe even panic.
Be with all medical personnel,
and all in charge of keeping us safe and calm.

We trust in you, O Lord,
to give us the strength and courage,
words and actions,
that we might need in the days and weeks ahead.

Keep us prudent in caring for ourselves,
our loved ones, and all others,
We implore you, O God, to send
your healing and spirit into the whole world.

Remain with us, grant us peace.

AMEN



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and how long all this will last is unsettling. I think it is important that all of us make an effort to take care of one another; perhaps by just calling someone to check in...that might be what makes their day! I have been reminding myself daily of the most repeated phrase in the Bible "do not be afraid...have no fear" and I hope you have found some comfort in your own daily prayer and reflection. As we move through this together, I remain confident that *this too shall pass*.

Have a Good Week and Stay Safe!
Fr. Balash



To all who have mailed, dropped off, or by myEoffering made their current weekly contribution. I very much appreciate and am grateful for your support during these unusual circumstances as we continue to meet our financial obligations. I will keep you up to date as we continue to move forward.

THANK YOU!

Fr. Balash

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ March 15, 2020 (WK 36)

| | LAST WK | YTD |
|-------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Sunday Collection | \$ 5,567.79* | \$ 268,433.39* |
| Amount Needed | \$ 7,100.00 | \$ 262,700.00 |
| Difference | \$ (1,532.21) | \$ 5,733.39 |
| Performance | 78% | 102% |

* Includes MyEoffering: \$ 895.79 LAST WK — \$ 24,166.94 YTD
Envelopes ~ 91 out of 546
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 3.00 (3 out of 62)

Pot-of-Gold: # 407 drawn on 3/18/20. No Winner.
Winner would have received \$121.00.

Check the parish website DAILY for information about what is happening ...

www.stwilliamchampion.org

Scripture that will be proclaimed THIS WEEKEND:

~ **March 22, 2020** ~
Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem? ...

Ephesians 5: 8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light...

John 9: 1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents ...

PARISH APP


Have you signed up for Our Parish APP?



Our Parish APP is still available. Don't miss out on news, updates, reminders **and cancelations!** This easy and convenient APP keeps you in touch and up-to-date on parish happenings, events and news! Text **APP** to **88202** to download **myParish APP** and

select our parish. Visit our website: www.stwilliamchampion.org for easy instructions or call the Parish Office.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED myEoffering?

 Sign up for *myEoffering* today and simplify your weekly contribution. Electronic giving is safe, secure and easy! Information can be found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org. Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

NEW MEMBERS

Holko Family

Joseph & Marea

Mendik Family

Paul & Paul, Jr.

Yvonne Vastag

Yocum Family

Loretta & Donald



Welcome to our parish family.

May you find warmth and spiritual growth in our parish.



Mass Intentions through Easter will be rescheduled to open dates beginning June 1.

Online Mass

Daily Mass is available at www.CatholicTV.org

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our Easter Food Drive has been cancelled for this year.

RENE'S CLOSET

Rene's Closet has been suspended for March.

EASTER KOLACHI BAKE

The Kolachi bake scheduled for April 1 has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled at this time.