

St. William Parish

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May 3, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter



Sunday Mass from Saint William

Available On-Line THIS WEEKEND!!!! May 2-3

beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday!



As we enter into this Fourth Week of the Easter Season, our gospel episode today is not about a resurrection appearance, but rather we hear a parable or, in the words of the gospel, a “figure of speech” from Jesus himself. In speaking to the Pharisees, Jesus uses a “figure of speech” to help them understand his identity. He tells them, “*I am the gate for the sheep!*” However, rather than restricting the sheep, this gate protects them and also leads them to good pasture and abundant life. As we quickly learn, with God as our Shepherd, there is nothing we lack. The way of Jesus is one of abundance and freedom in the love of God and neighbor. In this Easter season, we remember that Jesus is the gate through which we are saved; the means by which we enter the sheepfold, paradise and heaven itself. As we continue this season of Easter joy and blessings – unusual as it may be– let us remain ever mindful of the goodness of God to each of us!

This past week the Bishops of Ohio extended the temporary suspension of Mass and liturgies until May 29 with the hope of publicly celebrating together the Solemnity of Pentecost on the weekend of May 30/31. Until then, all are dispensed from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and we are encouraged to continue watching Mass on television or on-line during this period. This is certainly hopeful news! Additional information will be forthcoming regarding responsible initiatives for welcoming everyone back in a safe and reasonable way. Stay tuned!!

Finally this Sunday is our Parish Scavenger Hunt by Car! This should be a fun event for everyone and it’s not too late to join in. Just visit our parish website to get all the information and clues to solve the puzzle! Many thanks to our PSR catechists for their creativity and effort in putting this event together.



Have a Good Week and Stay Safe!
Fr. Balash

WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE...

Many thanks to all who continue mail, drop off, or use myEoffering to make their current weekly contribution. Your response in these unusual circumstances has been overwhelming and most generous. I very much appreciate and am grateful for your support in helping us to meet our financial obligations.

THANK YOU!
Fr. Balash

With limited office hours, if you plan to drop off your offering, you can place it in the mailbox at the main entrance. It is checked daily at 12:00noon, 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

OFFERTORY SUMMARY ~ April 26, 2020 (WK 42)

	LAST WK	YTD
Sunday Collection	\$ 7,340.00*	\$ 309,355.00*
Amount Needed	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 305,300.00
Difference	\$ 240.00	\$ 4,055.00
Performance	103%	101%

*Includes MyEoffering: \$ 1,105.00 LAST WK — \$ 30,007.00 YTD
Envelopes ~ 151 out of 552
Children's Envelopes ~ \$ 2.00 (2 out of 62)
Holy Land/Good Friday Collection ~ \$1,206.70
Easter Collection ~ \$6,806.55

Pot-of-Gold: #88 drawn on 4/29/20.
No Winner: \$247.00

OHIO BISHOPS EXTEND SUSPENSION OF MASS

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

www.stwilliamchampion.org

THANKS FOR YOUR COOPERATION...

Remember that the Church building remains closed and it is asked that no one enter the building without checking at the office first. The Parish Office is open on Monday and Friday ONLY from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon, however you are encouraged to conduct any business by phone or mail. The office door handles and other surfaces are sanitized often for your safety. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Scripture that will be proclaimed THIS WEEKEND
or visit www.usccb.org for the Readings

~ May 3, 2020 ~

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14, 36-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain ...

1 Peter 2: 20-25

Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God ...

John 10: 1-10

Jesus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate ...

†† RECENT DEATH ††

Our Sincere Sympathy

In your prayers for the departed, please remember

Father William Loveless

Former Deacon at St. William Parish

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

Spiritual Communion via Televised or On-Line Mass

The Act of Spiritual Communion is made when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. The way to make an Act of Spiritual Communion is listed below and can be adapted based upon personal and family needs:

1. Gather with others in your household and begin a time of prayer with the sign of the cross.
2. Watch Mass on television or on-line, or if unable, take time to read and reflect upon the readings from Sunday Mass. Scripture readings can be found at www.usccb.org. A schedule of televised Mass is available at www.doy.org under Media tab.
3. Share prayer intentions quietly or aloud.
4. Pray the Lord's Prayer.
5. Offer a prayer for healing, strength, or forgiveness or any prayer available during the coronavirus pandemic. If viewing Mass, offer a prayer during the normal time of Communion.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

6. Close with the sign of the cross.

ST. WILLIAM SCAVENGER HUNT BY CAR

TODAY!! SUNDAY, MAY 3 2:00 P.M. ~ 4:00 P.M.

FAMILY FUN from the CAR SCAVENGER HUNT

Be part of a "Scavenger Hunt" without getting out of the car! Figure out the clues and take a picture of the magic "X" at various locations. Solve the puzzle! Submit your pictures! Be entered to WIN a PRIZE!

Directions and Clues can be found on the Parish website at: <http://www.stwilliamchampion.org> and click on **Scavenger Hunt**



Online Mass


Daily Mass is available at www.CatholicTV.org

LIVE-STREAM MASS FROM ST. COLUMBA EVERY SUNDAY

Every Sunday Mass is live-streamed for from Saint Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. on WFMJ-TV's website. Go to www.wfmj.com and click on "Weekly Faith Services."

myEoffering?

PARTICIPANTS INCREASE

 Many thanks to those who have recently signed up for myEoffering! There has been an increase in parishioners taking advantage of this opportunity. This is an easy and convenient way to remain current on your weekly offerings. Electronic giving is safe and secure. Sign up for myEoffering today! Follow the easy sign-up registration and instruction steps found on the parish website: www.stwilliamchampion.org to establish your account. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.

"SHEPHERDING ONE ANOTHER"

Our "shepherds" continue to reach out to all of you as we continue to cope with circumstances of the pandemic. They have volunteered to be your "contact" with the parish to provide updates and information about parish happenings and to also make sure everyone is doing OK in these unusual circumstances. These courtesy phone calls are just another way to stay in touch as we physically distance!!

HANGING BASKET FLOWER SALE

Pick Up This Thursday May 7
2:00 p.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.
Church Parking Lot
Payment Due at time of Pick-Up



FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. via ZOOM teleconference.

PARISH APP

SEEING MORE ACTIVITY...

Missing out on news, updates and information? Put your smartphone to good use and sign up for our Parish APP. It's FREE and EASY! Simply text **APP** to **88202** to download **myParish APP**. Select our parish and follow the easy instructions or visit our website for more information. During this time it is important to stay connected. Circumstances change daily and the **BEST** way to stay in touch, get news, and keep you informed is through the Parish APP. Questions??? Call the Parish Office.



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



Dear St. William Parishioners,

I am happy to present our 2020 Fish Dinner Financial Report. Obviously this year was very unusual due to coronavirus circumstances. We were able to hold 3 complete dinners while the fourth dinner was at the very beginning of the pandemic when people were urged to stay home. Our Drive Thru Food Sale along with the "Adopt-A-Fish" and Sponsor Banners provided additional income that greatly impacted our overall profit. In the end and despite the unexpected situation and the forced cancellation of three dinners our results are quite favorable! Many thanks to all of you who volunteered in any way and for all your effort, time and hard work.

Fr. Balash

2020 St. William Fish Dinner Report

INCOME

Fish Dinners

Week 1	\$4,658.00
Week 2	\$8,934.00
Week 3	\$9,400.00
Week 4*	\$5,810.00
Week 5 (Drive Thru Food Sale)	\$1,626.00
Comp Din/Donations	\$1,026.00
TOTAL	\$31,454.00

(2019 \$53,439.15 2018 \$45,657.00 2017 \$54,843.00
2016 \$54,907.00 2015 \$58,644.90)

Other Income

Banner Sponsors	\$1,600.00
Adopt-A-Fish	\$560.00
50/50 Drawings	\$731.00
Other Donations	\$241.00
TOTAL	\$3,132.00

TOTAL INCOME \$34,586.00

(2019 \$54,853.15 2018 \$47,053 2017 \$56,440 2016 \$56,443 2015 \$60,451)

50-50 Drawings

	2020	2019	2018
Week 1	\$191.00	\$162.00	\$153.00
Week 2	\$200.00	\$248.00	\$177.00
Week 3	\$218.00	\$208.00	\$200.00
Week 4*	\$122.00*	\$232.00	\$201.00
Week 5		\$178.00	\$223.00
Week 6		\$182.00	\$227.00
Week 7		\$204.00	\$215.00
TOTAL	\$731.00	\$1,414.00	\$1,396.00

(2017 \$1,597.00 2016 \$1,536.00 2015 \$1,806.00 2014 \$1,945.25)

Attendance Totals

	2020	2019	2018
Week 1	449	574	572
Week 2	806	698	778
Week 3	834	700	744
Week 4*	531	771	722
Week 5		630	705
Week 6		615	747
Week 7		660	806
TOTAL	2620	4648	5074
Wkly Average	655	664	725

EXPENSES

Food/Supplies

Northern Haserot	\$13,003.49
GFS	\$2,565.12
Sparkle	\$15.00
Spickos Shop N Save	\$503.05
Other	\$69.81
TOTAL	\$16,156.47

(2019 \$25,665.29 2018 \$25,451.72 2017 \$27,295.49
2016 \$24,861.66 2015 \$26,005.21)

Other Expenses

Paper Supplies	\$1,979.22
Banners	\$459.00
Publicity	\$155.40
Equipment	\$82.87
Extra Garbage Pickup	\$200.00
Miscellaneous	\$383.63
TOTAL	\$3,260.12

TOTAL EXPENSES \$19,416.59

(2019 26,419.93 2018 \$25,676.31 2017 \$27,692.65 2016 \$25,367.00 2015 \$26,533.00)

2020 RESULTS

TOTAL INCOME \$ 34,586.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 19,416.59

TOTAL PROFIT \$ 15,169.41 44%

(2019 \$28,433.22 52% 2018 \$21,376.69 46% 2017 \$28,747.35 51%
2016 \$31,076.49 55% 2015 \$33,918.19 56%)

Thank You!