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Monday, Wednesday & Friday:
9:00am-3:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday: 1:00pm-3:00pm & 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday: Closed
Saturday: 10:00am-12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration
Thursday, beginning after
8:15 AM TILL 5:00 PM.

March 24th, 2019

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down.’” - Lk 13:7a
Pastor’s Letter

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 24, 2019

The mercy of God is always a cause of divine action. It is the essence of today’s readings. The first reading speaks about a meeting of God, Yahweh with Moses in a burning bush. A miraculous phenomenon and news about the presence of God put Moses in a state of a fear because he became aware of God himself before him. Moses quickly realizes and hides his face, in a correct position to listen to the will of God, although not without criticism. God appears merciful, guaranteeing the realization of the salutary plans toward his chosen nation. Moses on the other hand, humble although not a constrained man becomes an instrument of liberation for the Israel nation from Egyptian slavery according to the will of God. What is remarkable in this passage is that God reveals his name: “I am”, in a sense of His participation and protection of the chosen nation during its history. This is why He recalls its great patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Of course this divine name was revealed in a perfect way in His Son, Jesus Christ, because God not only intervened in the history of Israel through the prophets and heroes but He became one of us experiencing a human condition including a death, which became salutary, medium-act of God. Participation of the chosen nation to the wonders of God during its history didn’t convince all to the faith and conversion; this is why they died on the desert not seeing the promise of God, i.e. not entering the promise land, as St. Paul explains. In the same spirit, Jesus Christ teaches his listeners that thanks to Him they always have access to the presence of God, to believe and to convert. If they do not use His salutary mediation they will also die, like those Galileans killed by Pilate or the others on whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them. Those are tragic situations from the time of Jesus, which He recalled as vivid examples. How many disasters happen every day in our time? The coming of Jesus, like the work of the gardener in his garden and his three-year period of cultivation, taking care of a fig tree could also finish tragically: be cut down and thrown out. The Church wants to encourage us to use this Lenten time to convert.

Jezus zachęca swoją słuchaczy do wykorzystania czasu danego każdemu z nas do nawrócenia i chodzenia drogą Bożą. My jako chrześcijanie jesteśmy w lepszej pozycji od Izraela, ludu wybranego Starego Testamentu, który nie mógł zobaczyć Boga twarzą w twarz. W człowieczeństwie Chrystusa widzimy twarz misericordiosego Boga, który oddaje za nas grzeszników swoje życie, byśmy mogli być zawsze w Jego Bożej obecności. Korzystajmy z tego przywileju przebywania w bliskości Boga w Chrystusie, nawracając się i wierząc w Jego ewangelię.

Jesucristo anima a los oyentes que aprovechen el tiempo que se les ha dado para convertirse y andar por el camino de Dios. Nosotros, como christianos, estamos en la major situación que Israel, el pueblo escogido en el Antiguo Testamento, que no ha podido ver a Dios cara a cara. En la humanidad de Jesús nosotros vimos la faz del Dios misericordioso que da su vida por nosotros, los pecadores, para que podamos estar siempre en la presencia de Dios. Aprovechemos este privilegio de estar siempre en la cercania de Dios en Christo convitriéndonos y creyendo en su evangelio.

Fr. Ryszard Groń
# Mass Intention

**Sunday - March 24**

- 8:00AM † Nancy Bukowski
- 10:00AM **Mass in Polish**
  - † DAWID GNAT
  - † ROMAN CZARNY
  - † JÓZEF KURPASKA
  - † JÓZEF KRÓL, JÓZEF ORZEL
- 11:30AM † GASPARE ORRICO
- 12:45PM **Mass in Spanish**
- 2:15PM **Mass in Polish**

**Monday - March 25**

- 8:15AM † Rocco Carluccio - Birthday Remembrance
  - S.I. Sr. Anna - Happy B-Day

**Tuesday - March 26**

- 8:15AM

**Wednesday - March 27**

- 8:15AM † Jerome Colletti
  - † Attilio Ricchio - Birthday Remembrance
  - † Uncle Art - Birth Remembrance
- 7:00PM **Mass in Polish**
  - † Roman Czarny

**Thursday - March 28**

- 8:15AM † Luba & Aleksander Myronenko

**Friday - March 29**

- 8:15AM S.I. For the Priests & Sisters Working at St. William Parish
- 7:00PM **Mass in Polish**
  - † Roman Czarny

**Saturday - March 30**

- 8:15AM S.I. John & Bernadine Janicek Family
  - † Albert Cappy Jr.
- 4:30PM † Helen Fasano
  - † Anthony & Joan Pearson
  - S.I. - Special Intention
  - † Deceased

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**Weekly Collections:**

- **Budget for Weekly Collection** .............$ 7000
- **Weekend Collection March 10** .............$ 6310
- **Aid for Central & Easter Europe** .............$ 1918

Thank You for Your generosity!
Please remember St. Williams in Your Will.
**ST. WILLIAM’S YOUTH GROUP PRESENTS**

**Lenten Pasta Dinners**

Every Friday  
From: March 8 - Thru April 12, 2019  
Where: Liebrich Hall  
Time: 4:30—6:00pm

Dinner includes: Bowl of pasta salad and bread  
Cost: $6.00 for adults  
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with purchase of an adult dinner  
Beverages also available for purchase  
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Bring your friends to help raise money for the St. William Youth Group’s trip to NCYC!

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**Raising The Roof congratulates all who organized, attended and donated to The Blue & White Gala!**

And we want to remind you, we are next! The next big event at St. William is "Raising The Roof" April 26 & 27 in Liebrich Hall.

Two nights of music, dancing, good, raffles, celebrities and a comedy production, "Hackers, Slackers & Wisecrackers"

All this for just $10 which includes a pasta dinner. Plus we're giving away Cubs and Blackhawks jerseys! Get your tickets this week at the rectory and after selected weekend masses including the Saturday 4:30 mass.

Spring is here and so is Raising the Roof!

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A grateful “Thank you” to all those families who have made a pledge or donation to the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal. We are at 63% of our goal and want to make sure every household has an opportunity to give at a level that makes sense for them. A pledge or donation in any amount is most appreciated. If you have not made your pledge or donation as yet and are still praying for us, please stop by the tables by the Holy Family Shrine and pickup a pledge card today.

This appeal supports parishes, ministries and schools, including our very own St. William School. When we reach our goal, all additional funds will be returned to us for use in our parish. Thank you again for your prayers and financial support of our parish.

God Bless you.
3rd Grade News
The third grade studied about magnets in science class. Students tested different items to see if they were attracted to magnets and also explored the distance the items needed to be in order to stick to the magnet. Now we are studying the water cycle and will make our own rain. In social studies we are learning about our branches of government and what each one does. We are also learning about being good citizens in our community. One of the class’s favorite things to learn is writing in cursive. We have finally learned all of the letters-lowercase and uppercase. The third grade has beautiful handwriting because of their diligent practice. If they ever have to sign autographs they will do a good job.

4th Grade News
Fourth graders each researched 24 different individuals for our Biography Project. Their goals were to discover and share how these individuals made a difference with their work and accomplishments. Students gathered information through books and Internet sites and then prepared written reports and posters.

States of Matter are currently being studied in Science, and students recently completed a learning activity about density. They explored why liquids can form into layers and how some solids will sink or float.

Tabernacle lights:
Katia & Casey Pietrzyk

From Deacon Ed:
No one is in charge of your happiness but you.

Please call the parish office if you would like to add a Parishioner’s name to the sick list. You must be a member of the immediate family.

Please pray for all our sick parishioners, family members, friends and loved ones.

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Please call the parishioners Pris & Tony Panico at 708-456-4120 or Cynthia Maroon at 708-366-8133 or email Cynthia at cmaroon@yahoo.com

Thank you!

MISERICORDIACANDY DAYS
Friday, April 26 and Saturday, April 27

PLEASE VOLUNTEER!
Two or more hours of your time will make a big difference for more than 600 children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities.

To volunteer, please call parishioners Pris & Tony Panico at 708-456-4120 or Cynthia Maroon at 708-366-8133 or email Cynthia at cmaroon@yahoo.com

Thank you!
Religious Education Program

Religious Education Program wants to say thank you to all students who participate in our Confirmation Retreat: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful" on Wednesday February 27th.
Special thanks to our pastor Ryszard Gron and the leaders Fr. Pawel Komperda, Ms. Nancy Holpuch and Ms. Jasmin Quito (school teacher), Mr Greg Fidanzia, Ms. Alicja Pożywio, Sr. Hiacynta Gronka, -Mrs. Krystyna Wojcik-Majka.

Religious Education Program

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of March 30 & 31

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LENTEN “40 OFFERINGS” - MARCH 25 – MARCH 31

**Daily Morning Offering**

Loving God, I hear your invitation, “Come back to me” and I am filled with such a longing to return to you. Show me the way to return. Lead me this day in good works I do in your name and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith. I ask only to feel your love in my life today.

**Inspiration for the Week:** Thank people who deserve it. Cultivate the habit of looking for opportunities to thank others: maintenance people who clean your workplace, garbage collectors who take away the trash, the mechanic who fixes your car: the numerous clerks in the stores. There are people running our city governments: there are dedicated parish staffs finding creative and compassionate ways to minister and meet today’s needs. In person or in writing, thank someone every day this Lent.

**Monday:** Almsgiving
**Tuesday:** Spiritual Reflection (Mass * Private prayer * Light a Candle * Mass Offering)
**Wednesday:** Almsgiving (Rice Bowl)
**Thursday:** Holy Hour Devotion
**Friday:** Stations of the Cross - Day of Fasting
**Saturday:** Prepare almsgiving for Sunday Mass
**Sunday:** Almsgiving Offerings may be dropped off at the altar rail before or after all Mass times.
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