



# St. William Church

## St. John Mission

6 Church Street  
Williamstown, KY  
41097

December 13, 2020



St. William

**Clergy** Pastor, Rev. Benton Clift, Sr. 859-824-5381

### Celebration of the Eucharist

#### St. William

**Saturday Vigil Mass**..... 4:30 pm  
**Sunday Mass**..... 10:30 am  
**Daily Mass (Tues, Thurs, Fri)**..... 8:30 am  
**Wednesday Evening Mass** ..... 6:00 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is offered Friday after the 8:30 am Mass until 11:00 am.

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**Sunday Mass**..... 8:30 am  
**Wednesday Mass** ..... 10:30 am

The Rosary is prayed each Sunday at 8:00 am and each Thursday at 6:00 pm

#### ~Mass Intentions ~

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>December 12, 2020 Vigil</b> Alanna Sininger
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>December 13, 2020</b> †Tom Guthrie Marilyn Paporone
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 14, 2020</b> No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 15, 2020</b> Ethel Clemons (95th Birthday)
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>December 16, 2020</b> Members of our Parishes †Charles Flachs Jr.
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 17, 2020</b> †Helen and Jeff Webb
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 18, 2020</b> †Wayne Sininger
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>December 19, 2020 Vigil</b> Mary Swarthwood
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>December 20, 2020</b> Members of the Parish †Jeffery Clemons

† - denotes deceased person



**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**BELIEVE**

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. - Jn 1:6-8



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## Authentic Gaudete

This past week we have seen true Gaudete through trust in the Holy Spirit. We trusted and the Holy Spirit gave us the opportunity to care for our neighbors through charitable works. This past Monday we were given the chance to provide food to a large number of folks who otherwise would have done without. Many hands from our parish as well as others organized and distributed food to families in a most wonderful example of God's working within our community. During this season of Advent, a season of promises fulfilled, this season of Emmanuel, we witnessed people working hard together for a common purpose of taking care of our fellow souls. Our most important call is care for one another; it is the source of authentic Gaudete or rejoicing. Despite such oppression from the current pandemic, when we are able to go outside ourselves to serve others in an act of love, that is indeed a sign that God hasn't abandoned us and is at work providing graces through each other.

We were also given the opportunity for an authentic rejoicing when we able to offer our vulnerabilities to our Lord by confessing our sins at our Advent penance service. Through Penance, we are able to make straight the way for the Lord to enter our hearts by removing the darkness of oppression brought about by sin, sin that damages our relationships with our brothers and sisters and with ourselves. Advent is the time of year when we can open new relationships of authentic love and care for one another, relationships not subject to gossip busy-bodies, but by open, healthy, sacrificial relationships that show God, as Emmanuel, is still at work in our lives. This is the real miracle of the Advent season, which will give way to the miracle of the birth of our Savior in our lives. Strengthening us against the oppression brought about by forces beyond our control, those that promise us an inauthentic joy based on a secure, earthly comfort zone of existence which is not joyful, and not secure. Ultimately is only a subtle, or even a not so subtle, means of controlling the free spirit given us by our creator. A free spirit given us so that we can love and rejoice our Lord and one another in an Authentic Gaudete.

Blessings!

Father Benton Clift Sr.



### **FREE SUPPORT GROUP**

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones, (PAL) PAL meets EVERY Wednesday from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities. It provides continuing education and support, at no charge, for parents with a son, daughter or spouse suffering from addiction to alcohol or drugs. No cost. Just come. Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Latonia, KY 41015 Contact Paula Weber at 859-581-8974 or [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org) for more information.

### **Project Rachel**

Healing is a journey. It takes time. Many women and men have walked through this pain and suffering and have come out whole. Take the first step. Start your healing today. For help with a past abortion experience, contact the Project Rachel Help Line at 859-392-1547 or email [projectrachel@covdio.org](mailto:projectrachel@covdio.org). All communications are confidential.

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):**

Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm.

Saturdays before Vigil Mass from 4:00 to 4:20 pm.

Also available upon request. Please contact Fr. Clift.

Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Sacrament of Anointing: Please contact Fr. Clift.

Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance.

Parish Secretary, Carol Rector [crector@saint-william.org](mailto:crector@saint-william.org)

Coordinator of Religious Education, Suzi Noel  
859-760-1376 [snoel@saint-william.org](mailto:snoel@saint-william.org)

Prayer Line Roberta Poole 859-824-4198

Society of St. Vincent de Paul 859-341-3219

10:00 am-2:00 pm

Knights of Columbus David White 859-801-5338

Website: [saint-william.org](http://saint-william.org)

Mass Intentions - please give to Carol Rector

Ministry Schedule - contact Pat McDonough

[pkmed1989@gmail.com](mailto:pkmed1989@gmail.com)

Bulletin - Jenny Breeden [jennybree054@yahoo.com](mailto:jennybree054@yahoo.com)

**Worship Music — Songs for the weekend Masses:**

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
PROCESSIONAL :	“O Come O Come Emmanuel”	“O Come O Come Emmanuel”
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	<b>My soul rejoices in my God.</b>	
OFFERTORY:	“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”	“Lo! How a Rose E'er Blooming”
COMMUNION:	“A Voice Cries Out”	“Open My Eyes”
RECESSIONAL:	“People Look East”	“Christ Be Our Light”

**Organization News**

Parish Ministries

The monthly ministry schedule will be published on the back of the new monthly calendar which will be distributed by or on the first weekend of each month. It will also be available on the stand at the front entrance to the church and on the saint-william.org website. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pat McDonough at [pkmcd1989@gmail.com](mailto:pkmcd1989@gmail.com).

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month.

Worship Committee

Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of each month after the 6 PM Mass. All are welcome to participate.

Bible Study is on Thursday evenings at 7 PM.

**In-Home Communion**

Arrangements for in-home Communion visits can be made through Father Benton. Please call him at 859-547-8641.

**Christmas Mass Times**

We will have several opportunities for you and your family to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation.

**Christmas Eve:**

4:30 PM at St. William  
6:00 PM at St. John  
9:00 PM at St. William

**Christmas Day:**

9:00 AM at St. John  
11:00 AM at St. William

**Giving Tree**

If you took a tag from the giving tree, the gifts for the Jonesville Center residents are due back on Sunday December 13. Please fill out the information on the clipboard to help us keep track of what's outstanding.

**Mass Intentions**

We need mass intentions, especially for weekdays. Please contact the office to schedule one. If you requesting a specific date, please submit at least three (3) weeks in advance. Dates are assigned on a “first come, first served” basis. Please indicate the church and if the person is living or deceased.

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**Parish Treasure  
December 5-6, 2020**

<b><u>General Collection</u> (St. William)</b>	<b>\$2608.00</b>
<b><u>General Collection</u> (St. John)</b>	<b>\$317.00</b>
<b><u>Building Maintenance</u></b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b><u>Capital Campaign</u></b>	<b>\$1049.00</b>



Leanna Atwell	Patricia Bowman	Kendall Burke
Ethel Clemons	Cathy Davis	Norb DeJaco
Sally DeJaco	Ellie Hammons	Andrea Kirk
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