

# St. William Church



## St. John Mission

6 Church Street  
Williamstown, KY  
41097

December 20, 2020



**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



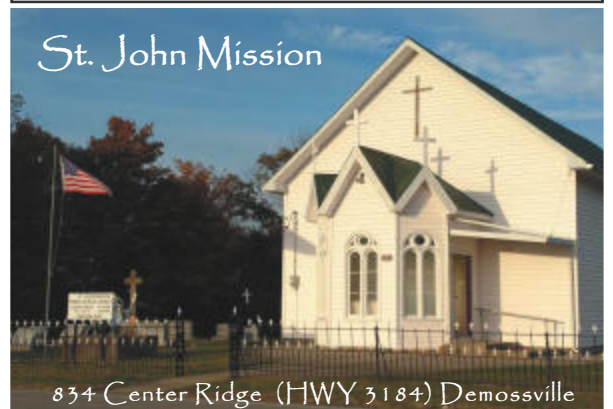
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

# JESUS

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:30-31

### ~Mass Intentions ~

<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 our Parishes †Jeffrey Clemons
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 21, 2020</b> No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>December 22, 2020</b> †Nicholas Meister
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>December 23, 2020</b> †Eugene and Helen Tomlinson Members of our Parishes
<b>Thursday</b> 4:30 pm 6:00 pm 9:00 pm	<b>December 24, 2020</b> †Amber Baird, Members of our Parishes †William and Jane Holaday
<b>Friday</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>December 25, 2020</b> Members of our Parishes Deceased Members of the O'Hara Family
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>December 26, 2020 Vigil</b> †Vivian Bates
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>December 27, 2020</b> †Claire Sorrell Members of our Parishes



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## The End of One Comfort Zone Brought the Greatest Christmas Gift Ever

Whenever we want to improve ourselves, we look for coaches, trainers, instructors, anyone who can help us create a better image of ourselves. As a youth playing organized sports in high school, I developed a conflicted relationship with my basketball coach. He wanted me to be in good shape, a good shooter, and a good defensive player so that I would be a useful and predictable asset to the team in terms of winning basketball games. I wanted to fish, ride my bike and hang out with friends. That was a comfort zone that I could have easily lived with, even been happy with for a good long while. As my teacher/coach, he understood that in order to have a successful basketball program he had to get me and all the other members of our team out of our comfort zones. While fishing, biking and hanging with friends might have been comfortable, maybe even a means of mental security, since I was doing things I was familiar with, things that I could call my own, things that were predictable to me.

God's plan for us includes so much more than that for which our comfort zones will prepare us. Comfort zones therefore should be seen as a trap—jail cells, that prevent the free spirit God has instilled in us to grow into those joyful witnesses of the Gospel he has intended us to be. Comfort zones curtail true freedom, the freedom to be those joyful witnesses, free most of all to love Him, and love our neighbors as He commands us.

A young girl in Palestine 2000 years ago, was comfortable being a consecrated vestal virgin, performing ritual duties in the Temple. Mary had felt called early on to serve God through consecrated **virginity**, which meant **not having children**. Her dialog with Gabriel which resulted in her "Yes" to God wasn't **easy**; it involved leaving her comfort zone—her life as a **virgin consecrated to God** that she had **envisioned** for herself and had **planned** for. Her ideal lifestyle was transformed into one which required her to lead a **normal married life** with St Joseph, her fiancée. Because her comfort zone would never work in God's plan for elevating mankind to eternal salvation. What comfort zones are holding you back from realizing the fullness of God's plan for you?

Blessings!

Father Benton Clift Sr.



### Church Decorating for Christmas

After this weekend Masses on Sunday we would like to decorate the Church for Christmas, anyone is welcome to help out and many hands make for light work.

It will be obvious that the amount of flowers in the sanctuary will be purposely limited for a couple of reasons. The limited availability of some flower species makes the cost a bit higher than the past. Also, the current economic climate brought about by virus, shutdowns and other things, calls for a smaller scale of expenditures. Considering the cost of flowers in previous years its been decided that we will take a majority of the portion of the realized savings and donate to our St Vincent DePaul outreach for their use in serving the community.

#### **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:**

**Saturday**

**Sunday**

PROCESSIONAL :	“O Come O Come Emmanuel”	“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	<b>Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.</b>	
OFFERTORY:	“See How the Virgin Waits”	“Hail Mary Gentle Woman”
COMMUNION:	“The Whole World is Waiting for Love”	“Servant Song”
RECESSIONAL:	“Soon and Very Soon”	“Mary’s Song”



**Christmas Mass Times**

The Christmas liturgy schedule is designed to allow for plenty of options. There will be three Christmas Eve Mass offerings, two at St William and one at St John and two Mass offerings on Christmas Day, one at each parish. Additionally Masses at St William will be locally streamed into Leveche Hall so that any over flow capacity can be accommodated. This should allow people to attend the Mass of their choosing and gives additional capacity at St William should it be needed.

**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

**Mass Missalettes**

The 2021 missalettes are available for personal use. The missalettes have been labeled on the front of the book, therefore each book is assigned to an individual or family who can take the book home and bring it back for Mass use or maybe used at home. Additional copies can given upon request while supplies last. The only caveat is that the **books are not to be left in the Church.** They must go home with the parishioner after each Mass. Should you not find a missalette assigned to you please write your name on the list and affix a label with your name on it using the labels provided.

**Parish Calendars**

The 2021 Parish calendars are available in the back of church. Please take one home as it is a wonderful way to keep track of Holy Days of Obligation and other feast days throughout the year.

**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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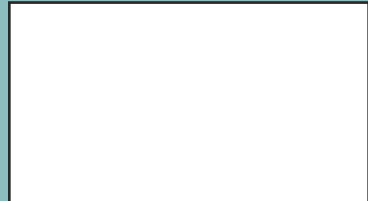
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