



St. William Church

St. John Mission

6 Church Street
Williamstown, KY
41097

February 13-14, 2021



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



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CLEANSED

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." - Mk 1:44

~Mass Intentions ~

Saturday 4:30 pm	February 13, 2021 Vigil Special Intentions
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	February 14, 2021 Members of our Parishes Special Intentions
Monday	February 15, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday 8:30 am	February 16, 2021 †Edward and Patricia Ober
Wednesday 10:30 am 6:00 pm	February 17, 2021 Members of our Parishes †Elizabeth Shipwash
Thursday 8:30 am	February 18, 2021 Mary Swarthwood
Friday 8:30 am	February 19, 2021 Special Intentions
Saturday 4:30 pm	February 20, 2021 Vigil Special Intentions
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	February 21, 2021 Special Intentions Members of our Parishes

† denotes deceased person



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Leprosy, COVID and Caring For Thy Neighbor

The world has known disease since the very beginning of time. Mankind has found all sorts of remedies or ways of dealing with the infirmities of life, some based on science, some on superstition, some on imperfect presumptions. The reading from Leviticus shows us the prescription for dealing with the flesh and nerve destroying disease of leprosy. Without a material cause available to them, the prescription took on a theological, existential understanding. They did not understand micro-biology or the role of bacteria in the organic world, and there was no known therapeutic treatments to apply to these conditions that mankind had to face. It was known that the disease was transferable from an infected to an uninfected. It would take years for it to manifest itself, however the tell tale sign of a lesion on the skin was known to be a precursor to the full onslaught of the disease. With these conditions you might see how ostracizing those with the disease came about, and since the remedy was so cruel, the condition must have been caused, in their mind, by something evil, something from demons or the devil. It had to be caused by sin, and sin was a human weakness. The priest had to be employed to declare the malady present, since it was sin, and the priest was expected to be the remedy against sin. It was a long time before there was a clear understanding of this dreaded disease. It was discovered that the disease was not that easily transmitted, it would take prolonged exposure before the bacteria would transfer. Walking on the other side of the road would certainly be overkill. The need for lepers to be ostracized was not nearly as necessary as was practiced. Still the finding of a cure or a set of therapeutics for the dreaded illness was only a relatively recent development. In the last two decades, 16 million worldwide have been cured of the disease.

Flash forward to our present day, we also are faced with problems of a disease caused by a virus. Science has a good idea of the material cause of this dreaded pandemic-causing virus. There is a great deal of understanding of its transmission. The Levitical remedy for preventing the transmission of leprosy may seem very cruel by today's standards because we have the advantage of seeing diseases like these being eliminated and we have a better understanding of material causes, but in many ways it could be said this is the humane way of dealing with the problem. The leper was allowed to live, but they had to live under very strict and dehumanizing rules.

We are all excited about the return of the fish fries to St William. Many are working very hard to make adaptations and preparations to make these the special event they have become over the years here in Grant County. Due to the Covid-19 virus, we must make adaptations to keep things safe, to mitigate and prevent any transmission of the virus. While uninvited, we know that it can make its way into the fish fry. We will have policies and procedures in place for the workers, the customers, the food preparers and everyone else designed to "keep it on the other side of the road." Wearing masks and gloves, sanitizing hands and work surfaces, safe food preparation techniques, avoiding cross-contamination etc., will have to be the order of the day. It is the neighborly thing to do these days. The success of the fish fries, indeed the very existence of the fish fry, depends on it.

The common accepted practices of the local health department, the CDC and the Diocese of Covington must be followed and will be enforced. Next week we will publish our procedures for conducting the fish fries, we will establish a team charged with assuring adherence so that all the volunteer workers, all our neighbors who will be partaking of a good fish dinner can do so without worrying about a virus.

Blessings!

Father Benton Clift Sr.

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.**

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10:00 am-2:00 pm

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Mass Intentions - please give to Carol Rector

Ministry Schedule - contact Pat McDonough

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Worship Music — Songs for the weekend Masses:

Saturday

Sunday

PROCESSIONAL :	208: "Praise to the Lord"	662: "Love Divine"
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:	I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.	
OFFERTORY:	333: "Eat This Bread"	654: "There is Balm in Gilead"
COMMUNION:	584: "We Are Many Parts"	732: "For the Healing of the Nations"
RECESSIONAL:	429: "Though the Mountains May Fall"	726: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Ash Wednesday - February 17, 2021

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus protocols, the Ash Wednesday distribution of ashes will change. Instead of "imposing" ashes on the forehead by the priest or minister, Ashes will be sprinkled on the crown of the head. The Blessing formula will be said only once over the entire congregation so that when the ashes are sprinkled no words are repeated.



Drive-thru Fish Fry

Plans and preparations are on-going for our Parish Fish Fry on the Fridays during Lent, beginning February 19. We are looking for donations of bottled water for distribution with the meals and people to work the drive-thru process. Contact Bud Barnes for more details.



Mass Intentions

We need mass intentions, especially for weekdays. Please contact the office to schedule one. If you are 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.



Organization News

Parish Ministries

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Pat McDonough at pkmcd1989@gmail.com.

Parish Pastoral Council

Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month after the 6 PM Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month after the 6 PM Mass.

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.

Youth Group is on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM.

NOW HIRING

St. Vincent de Paul Northern Kentucky is now hiring for positions for the new Cold Spring location. We are looking for strong candidates for our food pantry, our donation center and retail store. Full time and part time positions available. Interested candidates can visit St. Vincent de Paul's website at:

www.svdpnky.org.

Click on Employment Opportunities to



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