

St. William Church

St. John Mission

6 Church Street
Williamstown, KY
41097

March 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.

Stations of the Cross — **Thursday at 6:30 PM** during Lent

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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 ~

Saturday 4:30 pm	March 13, 2021 Vigil Special Intentions
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 14, 2021 Members of our Parishes †Carol Jean Foltz
Monday	March 15, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 16, 2021 †Mary Ann Cook
Wednesday 10:30 am 6:00 pm	March 17, 2021 Members of our Parishes Mary Swarthwood (healing)
Thursday 8:30 am	March 18, 2021 †Lawrence O'Hara
Friday 8:30 am	March 19, 2021 Special Intentions
Saturday 4:30 pm	March 20, 2021 Vigil †Carol Jean Foltz
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 21, 2021 †Claire Sorrell Members of our Parishes

† denotes deceased person



4th Sunday of Lent

LIGHT

“While I am in the world, I am
the light of the world..” Jn 9:5



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Middle of Lent, Let's Celebrate

We have many reasons for rejoicing and being halfway through Lent is just one of them. Laetare (rejoicing) Sunday gives us pause, we are invited to rejoice in the middle of Lent, singing jubilant songs of Christmas or Easter in anticipation of God's presence. The history of salvation as presented in Scripture is a continuous saga of the interaction between God and God's people. A saga of infidelity, rejection of prophets, and of losing our way by seeking our own advantage. But we remember this history only because God continually refused to let it define our future.

God will not allow humankind to be lost permanently or to spurn God definitively; God responds to every rejection with a counteroffer of love. Using the Second Scrutiny Readings we see sort of the beginning of the next Covenant, the Davidic Covenant. Samuel reaches into the depths of the family of Jesse of Bethlehem to select a successor. However it is not the best candidate according to the witnesses or even Jesse's choice for anointing, where we see the Lord bringing sort of the runt of the litter to become the next leader of Israel. Clearly the shepherd boy David is special not in his prowess, his strength, but in his ability to be humble in his walk of life. That humility allows God to work through David.

The Gospel gives us the story of the Blind Man, the blindness addressed is not just the inability of the man to see, but indeed the blindness that the whole of Israel was experiencing. The inability to see injustices held in peoples hearts. Their prideful ways, their lack of humility is a bigger impediment to them than the man's blindness. Always looking for reasons to judge those they see as inferior or perhaps not as holy or as justified for salvation as they are. Jesus enlightens them about the true blindness they are experiencing.

We have so many things to be thankful for. We have had successful fish fries, and mobile food pantry events, we are a year away from the beginning of the pandemic and many indications are positive in that regard, most of all we should be rejoicing that we have a loving Father who refuses to give up on humanity, who is constantly working to bring us back into that joyous, Christian existence we all long for.

Blessings!

Father Benton

House Bill 149 (Education Opportunity Accounts) is on the move!

Please call 1-800-372-7181 for the state legislative message line and the operator will leave a message for your State Representative based on your home address. You can also email using this link: <https://www.votervoice.net/CCKY/Campaigns/79053/>

Respond

Ask your State Representative to make sure HB 149 is passed out of committee as soon as possible and that they vote for the bill when it reaches the House floor. Families are depending on them to bring educational choice to Kentucky!

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.

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which is being voted on in the U.S. House of Representatives soon, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs.

<https://www.votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond>

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10:00 am–2:00 pm

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Website: saint-william.org

Mass Intentions - please give to Carol Rector

Ministry Schedule - contact Pat McDonough

pkmed1989@gmail.com

Bulletin - Jenny Breeden jennybree054@yahoo.com

Worship Music — Songs for the weekend Masses:

Now that the missalettes have been distributed, please refer to the Music Board for the song numbers.

DPAA 2021 THEME

“For God did not send His son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.” John 3:17

2021 DPAA Commitment Weekend

The commitment weekend for DPAA is next weekend March 20-21, 2021. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for a donation if you can.

Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry event is scheduled for Monday April 12, 2021 at St. William Church. Thanks to all the volunteers who really make these events successful. Last Monday, were served over 80 families, over 200 people. We can always use a few more hands, if you have availability please consider helping out.

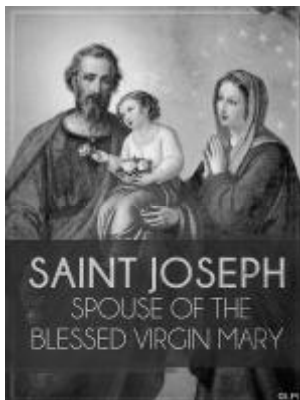
Stations of the Cross

This is a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. It will be on Thursdays during Lent at **6:30 PM**.



Drive-thru Fish Fry

Please plan to participate in our on-going Parish Fish Fry on the Fridays during Lent. We are looking for donations of homemade desserts for distribution with the meals and people to work the drive-thru process. Contact Bud Barnes for more details.



Penance Service

We will have our Lenten Penance Service on Tuesday March 23, 2021 at **6:30 PM**. Fr. Benton Clift and two visiting priests will be available for confessions.

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 a hiatus until after Easter.

Youth Group is on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM.



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Ethel Clemons

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Connie & Wayne Link

Diane Pettit

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