



St. William Church

St. John Mission

6 Church Street
Williamstown, KY
41097

March 20-21, 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

St. John Mission

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 20, 2021 Vigil †Carol Jean Foltz
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 21, 2021 †Claire Sorrell Members of our Parishes
Monday	March 22, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday 8:30 am	March 23, 2021 Special Intentions
Wednesday 10:30 am 6:00 pm	March 24, 2021 †Susan Van Jura Members of our Parishes
Thursday 8:30 am	March 25, 2021 Mary Swarthwood (healing)
Friday 8:30 am	March 26, 2021 Special Intentions
Saturday 4:30 pm	March 27, 2021 Vigil †Lee Cusziick & Family
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	March 28, 2021 Members of our Parishes †Virginia Oliver

† denotes deceased person



5th Sunday of Lent

LIFE

“I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live.” Jn 11:25



The Raising of Lazarus

In the last two weeks, we read the Sunday Gospels of the woman at the well and of the man born blind. These profound passages from Saint John's Gospel have a baptismal perspective: Jesus promising living water to the Samaritan woman; and Jesus, the Light of the world, giving sight to the man born blind. This Sunday's Gospel, again from Saint John, also has a baptismal significance. The raising of Lazarus from the dead points to our rising in faith to a new and eternal life through Baptism. Water, light, and life!

These Sundays of Lent form a stimulating baptismal journey since the first centuries of Christianity. These Gospels continue to be proclaimed and have particular meaning for our catechumens preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. They have meaning for all of us as we strive, with the help of God's grace, to live our baptismal promises.

We are all familiar with the miracle of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. We can only imagine the surprise, maybe even consternation, of those who heard Jesus say those words. Martha believed Jesus' words. A short time later, all were able to see the truth of Jesus' words when, at His command, Lazarus (who had already been in the tomb for four days) came forth alive. The truth of Jesus' proclamation that He is the resurrection and the life would become even more apparent on Easter Sunday morning with His own resurrection, the final victory over evil and death.

The raising of Lazarus was a sign of Christ's power over death. He is "the life" who pulls down that wall that can seem so impenetrable to us: the wall of death. It shows us Christ's lordship over death. Christ gives us a trustworthy hope of life beyond death. We need Martha's faith in the midst of the doubts and fears we might encounter in the face of tragedies, especially in the face of death. When Jesus asked Martha if she believed He was the resurrection and the life, she replied: *Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.*

While the Gospel of the raising of Lazarus shows Jesus' power over physical death, it also points to Jesus' power over spiritual death. In this vein, Saint Augustine saw the raising of Lazarus as a symbol of the sacrament of Penance. Just as burial clothes bound Lazarus, sin binds human beings. Jesus told the people to unbind the burial bands from Lazarus as he came forth from the tomb. So the Lord, through His priests, unbinds sinners from the chains of sin, from spiritual death in the sacrament of Penance. We truly experience new life, a kind of second Baptism, through this sacrament of God's mercy.

As we approach Holy Week, let us pray that our own faith may be strengthened, so that we, like Martha, can place all our hope in Him who is the resurrection and the life!

Excerpt from <https://todayscatholic.org/the-raising-of-lazarus/>



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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

Coordinator of Religious Education, Suzi Noel
859-760-1376 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

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 this 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.

Parish Treasure

March 13-14, 2021

<u>General Collection</u> (St. William)	\$2812.00
<u>General Collection</u> (St. John)	\$622.00
<u>International Needs</u> (St. William)	\$366.00
<u>International Needs</u> (St. John)	\$15.00



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