



# St. William Church

## St. John Mission

6 Church Street  
Williamstown, KY  
41097

March 27-28, 2021



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



### PALM SUNDAY

# HOSANNA

Those preceding him as well as those following kept crying out: "Hosanna!

"Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

- Mk 11:9

### ~Mass Intentions ~

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>March 27, 2021 Vigil</b> †Lee Cuszick & Family
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>March 28, 2021</b> Members of our Parishes †Virginia Oliver
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 29, 2021</b> No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>March 30, 2021</b> Special Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>March 31, 2021</b> Members of our Parishes Erna Mallory (healing)
<b>Holy Thursday</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>April 1, 2021</b> Special Intentions
<b>Good Friday</b> <b>3:00 pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>April 2, 2021</b> Special Intentions Stations of the Cross
<b>Holy Saturday</b> <b>8:30 pm</b>	<b>April 3, 2021 Vigil</b> Mary Swarthwood (healing)
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>April 4, 2021</b> †Jim Duncan Members of our Parishes

† denotes deceased person



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## Joy Amidst Suffering - The Paradox of Palm Sunday

**Palm Sunday** presents us with a paradox. On the one hand, we are filled with joy as Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem with throngs of people rejoicing in the streets. The promised Savior has come to fulfillment! The Messiah is here! Redemption is at hand!

On the other hand, we turn towards the sorrowful narrative of our Lord's rejection, suffering, and death - with his passion. Palm Sunday is also **Passion Sunday**. It is a solemn, it is quiet, very silent in the moment. How can a day of triumph be filled with both joy and sorrow? Christ's defeat is actually his victory, the victory of everlasting love.

Jesus teaches us that "no greater love exists than to lay down one's life for one's friends." That's what his passion is all about. That is what he did unlike so many pretenders, Jesus' yes meant yes. He proved beyond the shadow of a doubt that his love for us has no limits.

The angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest" when Jesus was born in Bethlehem, and now the people sing, "Hosanna in the Highest" as Jesus enters Jerusalem. Both entrances were motivated by God's love, the same love that led him to be obedient to the Father even to the point of death.

Christ mission was fulfilled, to reverse the disobedience of Adam, pay the price of our sins, and rescue fallen mankind from hopelessness and injustice.

That brothers and sisters is the solution to the paradox. Through Jesus' mission we understand that the source of our sorrow is sin, our sins, are the cause of Christ's suffering. The source of our joy is Christ's love, the very reason Jesus was willing to suffer, and the very power that, through his sacrifice on the cross, conquers our sins. And so Christians can always live inside the paradox of Palm Sunday, can always find joy, the joy of Christ's limitless love, even amidst the profoundest sorrows.

Palm Sunday is the first of Holy Week liturgies, this is the special time of year when Catholic families take the time to join this family of believers.

On Tuesday, the Bishop as the Ordinary of the Diocese, celebrates with his presbyters, deacons and the parishes and others under his episcopacy, the Mass of the Holy Chrism. This is live streamed this year at <https://covdio.org>, it is worth watching, our Parishes will be part of the role call of parishes where our representatives will receive the Holy Oils used in our sacraments throughout the year. The remaining liturgies for the week, invite us to communally participate in praying, worshipping, contemplating, receiving the sacraments, discovering what God has to say to us this Holy Week.

Jesus knows what he wants to say to each one of us this week, the holiest week of the year. Let's give him the time and attention he deserves, because whatever it is he wants to tell us, it will be exactly what we most need to hear.

Blessings!  
Father Benton

### Open Position

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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](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:**

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**

**Stations of the Cross**

Please join us to commemorate Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man on Good Friday at **7:00 PM**.

**Baptisms**

Through the miracle of the Sacrament of Baptism, three beautiful children, Christopher Carr, Kayden Carr, and Erilynn Courtney were welcomed into the Catholic faith at the Saturday, March 21 Mass.

**Praise the Lord for His Glory.**

*Hosanna!*

**First Reconciliation**

On Thursday, March 18, four parish children made their first reconciliation. Many thanks to Kathy McDonough for her dedication in preparing these children for this special event if their spiritual lives.

**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.

**Debt Free!**

As of today, Saint William is free of the oppressive debt we have been servicing for such a long time. Congratulations to all our wonderful parishioners, past and present, who have given so much. There are plans forming to celebrate this tremendous occasion in the near future.

**2021 DPAA Commitment Weekend**

There are commitment envelopes still available in both English and Spanish. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity for a donation if you can.

**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](mailto: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** meets on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM.

**Parish Treasure**

**March 20-21, 2021**

**General Collection (St. William) \$2569.00**  
**General Collection (St. John) \$1085.00**



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