



St. William

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St. William Church and St. John Mission

September 4-5,
2021

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St. John Mission

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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.

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	September 4, 2021 Vigil †Edward A. Ober
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	September 5, 2021 Members of our Parishes †Ruth Sullivan
Monday	September 6, 2021 No Mass
Tuesday 8:30 am	September 7, 2021 †Tillie Dryzal
Wednesday 10:30 am 6:00 pm	September 8, 2021 Members of our Parishes Grundaly Family
Thursday 8:30 am	September 9, 2021 †Virginia Oliver
Friday 8:30 am	September 10, 2021 †John A. Ober
Saturday 4:30 pm	September 11, 2021 Vigil †All Souls impacted 20 years ago by the events that occurred
Sunday 8:30 am 10:30 am	September 12, 2021 Members of our Parishes †Cathy Davis

† denotes deceased person



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34



Making distinctions or Thinking like God

When it comes to people it is very difficult for us not to make distinctions. We invariably favor some over others. We choose some and not others. A man chooses one woman to be his wife out of several he may have come to know. A woman chooses one man to be her husband. We choose our friends, and some people choose their friends carefully. Parents will favor their own children over other children. It is natural and human for us to make distinctions. In the second reading from the Book of James the members of the church are called upon not to show favor on the basis of social class, making a fuss over the better off and leaving the “lower class” person to their own devices. That type of judgement is what Our Lord condemns.

If we reflect deeply on this truth of our faith, it gives us a new insight into one of Christ's most difficult commandments: "**Do not judge, or you too will be judged**" (Matthew 7:1).

Because our fallen human nature tends to self-centeredness and arrogance, we tend to be harsh critics of our neighbors. But Jesus warns us to combat this tendency.

- He knows that we are not good judges, not fair judges.
- We cannot see into people's hearts, the way he can.
- We cannot see all the factors that go into making a person be the way they are.
- We cannot see people's intentions, hopes, and struggles.

Only God can see the whole interior world that goes into making people do what they do. Even our own self judgment is no exception, when someone criticizes us, what's our reaction? Immediately, we make excuses for ourselves, we explain ourselves. We point out factors or aspects that the other person doesn't know or see. We protect ourselves from criticism, sometimes energetically.

We should see ourselves as God sees us, as a person to be loved despite our flaws. We can see much more of our own hearts and minds than other people can see. When we notice a fault, flaw, or mistake in someone else, we don't make excuses for them; we jump on them.

By admonishing us not to judge our neighbors, Jesus is reminding us that our neighbors have just as complex an interior world as we do: they have their struggles, their points of view, their hidden difficulties. Jesus is inviting us to follow his example of not judging by appearances, but by faith. The passage in Mark's Gospel shows Jesus in the land of Tyre and Sidon, this is pagan territory, these are not “his kind” yet he ministers to them all the same.

The **best** example Christ gives all of us is when we come together to celebrate **the Eucharist**. He offers His sacrifice for all. God sees us in a distinct way, not distinct from one another but distinct creatures in a wonderful world of He created.

Blessings!

Father Benton

Food Pantry

The next Food Pantry event is scheduled for Monday September 13, 2021 at St. William Church.

Parish Hall Rental

Our parish halls are open for rental, please contact the office for available dates.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):

St. William: Thursdays from 5:00 - 6:00 pm and Saturdays before Vigil Mass from 4:00 to 4:20 pm.

St. John Mission: 1st Wednesday of the Month after 10:30 am Mass. **Also available upon request. Please contact Fr. Benton 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 cretor@saint-william.org (including **Mass Intentions**)

Coordinator of Religious Education - Kathy McDonough katemcdonough12649@gmail.com
859-866-0430

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

Ministry Schedule - Pat McDonough

pkmcd1989@gmail.com

Bulletin/Monthly Calender - Jenny Breeden
jennybree054@yahoo.com or text to 859-653-4547

ORGANIZATION NEWS

Parish Pastoral Council - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month in Donnelly Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Society - Meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in Leveque Hall

Worship / Liturgy Committee - Meets on the Third Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in Leveque Hall

Bible Study

The Book of Romans is the focus of the study on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

RCIA/RCIC

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and for Children (RCIC) will be starting soon. Please contact Father Benton, Kathy McDonough or Suzi Noel for more information.

CCD

Our Religious Education Classes will be starting in September. Those needing to register for the classes should contact Kathy McDonough for more information or sign up in the St. William foyer.

Youth Group

Our youth group meets on Sundays and Wednesdays and is actively working on to attend the NCYC in Indianapolis this November. Please contact Donna Schulcz or Father Benton for more information or to join.

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.



Parish Festival

The Parish Festival will be Sunday, September 19. The next festival committee meeting will be on **Tuesday**, September 7 at 6:30. We will include a summation for where we are so far and steps forward to finalize plans. Please come to the meeting and see what you can do to help out to make this event as successful as possible this year.

Saint William/Saint John

Have you gotten your Flamingo Flamboyance insurance? The youth group has spotted a flock of Flamingoes appearing in yards everywhere. You can defend your property from them. Call Donna Schulcz or talk to a member of the youth group about how to get some insurance. Hopefully the Flamingoes will be gone by the time the youth group goes to Indianapolis to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in November.

Communion Visit

Anyone who is hospitalized, placed in a nursing home or other long-term care facility, or those who are unable to receive the sacraments due to not being able to attend Mass should contact Father Benton or the office.

Notifications once were automatic from hospitals but that is no longer the case. Fr Benton, as Pastor must be sure that everyone in our parishes, regardless of circumstance has access to the sacraments.

Do not hesitate to call Father Benton on his cell phone at your earliest convenience to schedule a visit.

Parish Treasure

August 28-29, 2021

<u>General Collection (St. William)</u>	\$2543.00
<u>General Collection (St. John)</u>	\$240.00
<u>Domestic Needs (Combined)</u>	\$541.00



Leanna Atwell	Patricia Bowman	Kendall Burke
Norb DeJaco	Wilma Hoffman	Andrea Kirk
Connie & Wayne Link	John Northcutt	Dennis Pettit
Diane Pettit	Tony Poole	Patricia Rowland
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