



St. William

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# St. William Church and St. John Mission

September 18-19,  
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

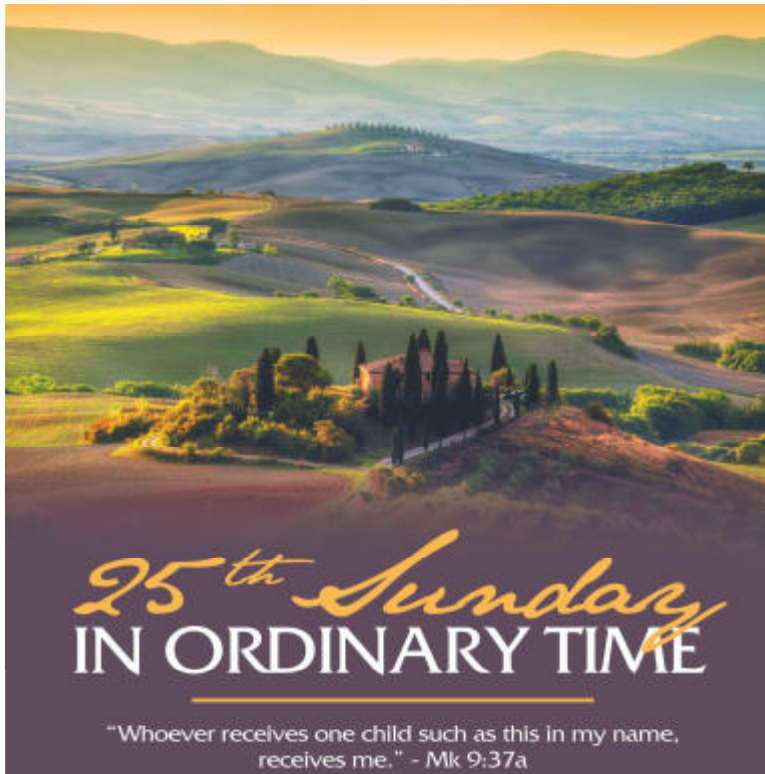
*Sunday Mass*..... 8:30 am  
*Wednesday Mass* ..... 10:30 am

The Rosary is prayed each Sunday at 8:00 am and each Thursday at 6:00 pm

### ~Mass Intentions ~

<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>September 18, 2021 Vigil</b> †Carol Herzog
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>September 19, 2021</b> †David N. Frisch Members of our Parishes
<b>Monday</b>	<b>September 20, 2021</b> No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 21, 2021</b> †Cathy Davis
<b>Wednesday</b> 10:30 am 6:00 pm	<b>September 22, 2021</b> Members of our Parishes †Ricky Covey
<b>Thursday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 23, 2021</b> †Tillie Dryzal
<b>Friday</b> 8:30 am	<b>September 24, 2021</b> Tony & Roberta Poole (60th Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b> 4:30 pm	<b>September 25, 2021 Vigil</b> †George Luning
<b>Sunday</b> 8:30 am 10:30 am	<b>September 26, 2021</b> Members of our Parishes †Thelma Greene

† denotes deceased person



**Sunday, September 19, 2021**  
**Noon to 8:00 PM**  
**All Are Welcome!**

## Some Truths are Hard to Hear

We can all struggle at times to listen to someone if what they say arouses painful emotions in us. They might be trying to tell us something about ourselves that we find difficult to hear. That very human tendency is reflected in the disciples in today's gospel. Jesus had something very important to say about what was about to happen to him. In the words of the gospel, he was telling them that he would find himself in the hands of others, who would put him to death. This was something that the disciples found very hard to hear and were not able to take on board. As the gospel says, 'they did not understand what he said and they were afraid to ask him.' Already in Mark's gospel Jesus told them what was likely to happen to him. They were no more open to hearing it the second time than they were the first. They did not understand it and they were reluctant to question him because they were afraid they might not be able to live with the answers he would give them. In some ways that is a very human reaction. We often find ourselves not willing to ask questions because we suspect that we would struggle to live with the answers to our questions.

Yet, in our heart of hearts, we often recognize that there are certain realities we have to face, even if they are painful to face. There are certain illusions we may have to let go of, even if we have come to cherish them. In the second part of today's gospel Jesus worked to disillusion his disciples, in that good sense. He needed to pry them away from the illusions of greatest that they harbored. They seemed to have thought that being part of Jesus' circle would bring them privilege and status. No sooner had Jesus spoken of himself as someone who would end up as one of the least than the disciples began to argue among themselves as to which of them was the greatest. They wanted power and, it seems, that they wanted power for its own sake. This is the kind of self-centered ambition that James talks about in the second reading when he says, 'you have an ambition that you cannot satisfy, so you fight to get your way by force.' In place of that very worldly ambition, Jesus places before his disciples a very different kind of ambition, an ambition that has the quality of what James in that reading refers to as 'the wisdom that comes down from above.' This is God's ambition for their lives and for all our lives. It is the ambition to serve, as Jesus says in the gospel, 'those who want to be first must make themselves last of all and servant of all.' This ambition to serve, again in the words of James in that second reading, is something that 'makes for peace and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good.'

Our ambition should be directed to serve those who, for one reason or another, are not in a position to serve themselves. Jesus goes, assuring his disciples and us that in serving the most vulnerable we are in fact serving him. In the presence of the disciples who seemed consumed with an ambition for power for its own sake Jesus identifies himself with the powerless, those who are most dependent on our care. Over against the ambition of the disciples to serve themselves, Jesus puts the ambition to serve him as he comes to us in and through the weakest members of society. In our gospel Jesus is putting before us what his family of disciples, what the church, is really about.

Blessings!

Father Benton

### **Bible Study**

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

### **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 Cliff.**

**Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and Sacrament of Anointing: Please contact Fr. Cliff.**

**Marriage: Please contact the Rectory at least six months in advance.**

**Parish Secretary** - Carol Rector [cretor@saint-william.org](mailto:cretor@saint-william.org) (including **Mass Intentions**)

**Coordinator of Religious Education** - Kathy McDonough [katemcdonough12649@gmail.com](mailto: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

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**Bulletin/Monthly Calender** - Jenny Breeden  
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**ORGANIZATION NEWS**

**Parish Pastoral Council** - Meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM 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

**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.

**Food Pantry**

We had a busy day at the Grant County pantry last Monday. We served 205 people in 76 households. The needs in our community are real, they are growing and touching more and more people. We can use more helpers. Anyone who needs Virtus training, please call the office and we will make arrangements to get trained. If you are already Virtus compliant, a brief application is all that is needed and can be filled out the day of the next mobile food pantry event.

The next mobile food pantry event will be on Monday, October 11.

**St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry**

The food pantry is running low on grocery items. You can contribute to the pantry by bringing items and dropping them off near the food pantry in Leveque Hall.

**Parish Treasure**  
**September 11-12, 2021**

**General Collection (St. William)** \$2117.00

**General Collection (St. John)** \$475.00

**Building Maintenance (Combined)** \$375.00

**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**

On Sunday, September 19, we will conduct our festival. There are too many people to thank at this point. Just having the festival is a victory. Seeing parishioners and others working together towards a worthy goal is a wonderful feeling. I think this small parish is capable of many things that are good for the role of the Catholic Church here in this area. Our parish serves the poor in many ways, educates old and young, visits those who are alone. That is reason enough to celebrate with this festival. There is plenty of work for the harvesters, but today we take the time to celebrate

The festival committee will have a follow-up meeting on Monday, October 4 at 6:30 to have an after action report and to take steps for our Festival in 2022.

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**Saint William/Saint John**

Time is running out to purchase your Flamingo Flamboyance insurance. Don't delay! You would not want to be caught off guard when the flock of Flamingoes is circling your neighborhood, look for a place to nest. 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.

**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.

*Prayer Requests*



Leanna Atwell  
Norb DeJaco  
Connie & Wayne Link  
Diane Pettit  
Pat Schuck

Patricia Bowman  
Wilma Hoffman  
John Northcutt  
Tony Poole  
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