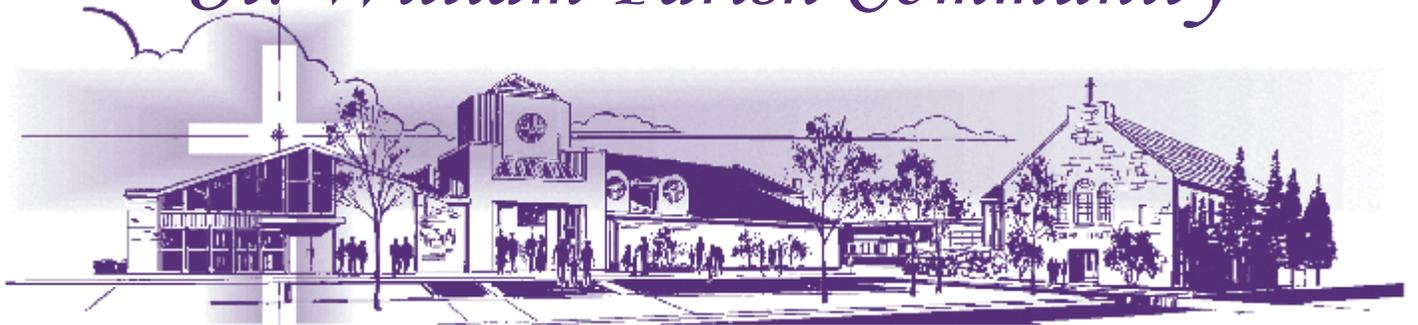


# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

December 6, 2020

[www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com)



**Normally, about this time in Advent,** people are coming to grips with the fact that there is just not that much time left

before Christmas. —Probably most people are thinking in terms of how many shopping days are left. While I don't know how many people are still trying to get to brick and mortar stores rather than shopping online, the bottom line is that the *world*, and the *merchants*, are very tuned into "getting ready". We can take a lesson from them, and as disciples recognize that "the time is short!" and we need to intensify our preparation for the coming of Christ, whenever he chooses to come.

We need to be ready, whether that coming is his eventual return in glory, or when he comes for each of us at the end of our individual time on earth, or whether he comes in various unexpected—and sometimes unrecognized—ways as we blithely go about our daily lives with perhaps less focus on being ready than we should have. A good test of our readiness might be to ask ourselves, "If we knew that our life on earth would be over tomorrow, would we be doing anything different today?"

In any event, the feast of Christmas is coming, and will be here before we know it. That carries its own set of demands for being ready.

As the realization that "the time is short" starts to dawn on us, we could begin to get a little tense, mostly because we start rushing around trying to get "everything done" in the little time that still remains. Then the *panic* sets in as we realize that, however we try, there simply won't be enough time!

When this happens (and I'm pretty confident it

*(Continued on page 3)*

*Congratulations  
Father Michael  
On The Anniversary Of Your  
Ordination*



*The Lord has touched many  
lives through you...*

## Christmas Mass Reservations

Due to COVID restrictions we are taking reservations to assure there will be a place for you at Mass this Christmas.

To alleviate crowding the Archdiocese of Detroit recommends that parishioners **participate at Mass only once** during the four days, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> thru the 27<sup>th</sup>. Note that our 4 PM and 10 AM Masses will be available as a livestream (Go to [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com).)

**Masses approaching capacity will have assigned seating.**

**Face Masks and Social Distancing required.**

**Must RSVP by Monday evening, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>.**

Make reservations from our website, [www.StWilliam.com](http://www.StWilliam.com) (schedule on pg. 3).

Parish Mission: *"To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can't help but proclaim it!"*

## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 pm,  
Sunday \*10:00 am (\*also Live-streamed)  
and Sunday 12:30 pm  
Tues., Wed. & Thur., 8:00 am

### Office Hours

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Many issues can be taken care of with a phone call, 248-624-1421.

### Registration

For many reasons it is important to be formally registered as a parishioner. Contact the rectory for friendly help. Ext. 341

### Baptism

To begin the preparation process for Baptism please call Deacon Bob Dreyer at 624-1421, ext. 345. Baptisms are normally scheduled the first and third Sundays of the month.

### Marriage

To celebrate a valid marriage Catholics must have the help of a priest or deacon. Call at least six months in advance.

### Funeral

Please contact the parish office to make arrangements.

### Ministry To The Sick

We are happy to visit the sick and provide anointing. Please contact the Parish Office at 624-1421.

### RECTORY

Email: [Rectory1@stwilliam.com](mailto:Rectory1@stwilliam.com)  
531 Common Street (248) 624-1421

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Michael G. Savickas	Ext. 346
<b>Deacons</b>	Rev. Mr. Bob Dreyer	Ext. 345
	Rev. Mr. John Liddle	
<b>Baptisms</b>	Dcn. Bob Dreyer	Ext. 345
<b>Business Office</b>		Ext. 341
<b>Business Manager</b>	Mrs. Deborah Diviny	Ext. 349
<b>Christian Service:</b>	Mrs. Karen Sommers	
	248-624-8870	Ext. 344
<b>Maintenance:</b>	(248) 669-5522	
Supervisor	Mr. Dave Colby	Ext. 312

### EDUCATION CENTER

135 O'Flaherty Street

<b>Office of Faith Formation</b>	(248) 624-1371	
Dir. of Rel. Ed.	Dcn. Michael McCrandall	Ext. 307
Dir. Of Initiation	Mrs. Nancy Thomas	Ext. 306
Youth Ministry	Mrs. Karen Trojniak	Ext. 308
Music Ministry Dir.	Mr. Bill Richart	Ext. 310
Administrative Asst.	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342
<b>School Office</b>	(248) 669-4440	
Principal	Mrs. Betsy Gabrish	Ext. 303
Secretary		Ext. 302
<b>CYO Sports</b>		
Athletic Director		<a href="mailto:ad@saintwilliam.net">ad@saintwilliam.net</a>

Since Sunday Masses have been reduced to the public, contributions have greatly declined.

If you are in a position to help, automatic giving can be easily arranged online. Go to [Faithdirect.net](http://Faithdirect.net), or follow the link from our website, [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com).



### Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Oct., 2020	<b>*\$271,824</b>	\$333,332	<b>(\$61,508)</b>

\*This does NOT represent *needed* income, but only the amount we expected would actually come in.

Note: For clarity and accuracy, this report now shows reconciled month-end balances.

## The "One-Hour Challenge!"

To have a *happy, peaceful life*, it is important that we have our lives in order, with our grateful response to God for his gifts being our top priority. That is how a disciple responds in the areas of *prayer, family, finance, and service*.

If you need help to put balance in your life, take the "one-hour challenge": Each week, spend at least...

- One hour in prayer and worship.
- One hour, special, focused on your family or other important relationship.
- One hour's wage (if you have a job) for the Lord. No job? Then give what seems right for you.
- One hour in service. (Helping another, or working for some cause.)

It's important to be *specific* in what steps to take in order to ensure that each "hour" actually happens!

May God bless you!

(Continued from page 1)

will be *when*, rather than *if*), it becomes easy, when feeling so rushed, to forget important things—like prayer, or taking the time to be nice to people around you (especially family!) or the people you casually encounter, like the harried salesperson at the mall if you are still planning on going there physically.

Sometimes we just have to throw caution to the winds and...*slow down!* It's simply true that, **the busier we get, the more we need to take time to pray.** There are lots of different ways to pray, but whatever "form" your prayer takes, what's most important is that you are diligent about intentionally taking the time do it!

Whenever and however you pray, I suggest that **FIRST** you take some time to recognize the good gifts with which God has blessed your life. (I hope you've taken the time to actually enjoy them! If not, promise yourself!) Then let your heart be filled with gratitude. No matter how stressful the day has been, I can practically guarantee that at this point you will already be more peaceful! And simultaneously you're well on your way to really becoming a disciple, because our gratitude impels us to want to share our blessings. We want to share the good news of Jesus with the world—not just at Christmas, but always. Sharing the love of the Lord is the mission we have all been given as members of the Church. It's what disciples *do*. And it's what our Archbishop has been urging us to do if we are to *Unleash the Gospel*.

When those stressful times happen as Christmas approaches, and you start praying (so that you don't lose your peace), I suggest starting your prayer with something like the following:

"Dear Father, help me to be grateful for all you have given me, and make my heart, my family, and my home a place of peace to give fit welcome to your Son, the Prince of Peace. Let me share a beautiful Christmas with my loved ones."

For any children on your gift list, I offer just one

(Continued on page 4)

## Important Mass Information

Face masks and social distancing required

Reservations for Christmas Mass recommended.

### Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass

7:30 pm Mass

### Candlelight Mass

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm Mass

(No 12:30 Mass)

### Christmas Masses

(See reservations on front cover)

Christmas Eve, Thursday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm, 6:30 pm

Christmas Day, Friday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>

Midnight Mass, 12:00 am

10:00 am

### Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>, 4:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

(No 12:30 pm Mass)

### Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

(New Year's)

Thursday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:30 pm

Friday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 am

### Feast of the Epiphany

Saturday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:00 am

(No 12:30 pm Mass)

(Continued from page 3)

suggestion: steer clear of any toys that glorify war or violence! (This is especially true with video games.) In all that we do, even in our giving of gifts, we are responsible for teaching our children—not to mention that the very reason for the gifts is to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace. So many of the movies we are surrounded with, the video games we play, and the cartoons our young children feed on, promote violence as a solution to problems. What a vast difference from what our Lord teaches with His life and death! The way our children play tends to influence the way they think and the way they approach life. Let's help them have a peaceful life.

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

P.S. A great opportunity to put balance into your Advent is our special “Advent Candlelight Mass” next Sunday at 6:00. There'll be guest musicians, and extra time for praise. People *loved* it last year. **Note: there's no 12:30 Mass that day. This replaces it.**



More Tags have been added to the trees! Please note the due dates on the tags. Many of the original tags had a due date of December 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have not dropped off your gift, please do so as soon as possible. Some of the organizations will not have anyone in their offices after December 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Sommers at 248-624-8870 or email her at [ksommers@stwilliam.com](mailto:ksommers@stwilliam.com). Thank you for your generosity.

## Dads' Club Christmas Tree Sale

Dads' Club received news late in the season that their Christmas tree supplier went out of business too late in the year to find a replacement. Unfortunately no Christmas tree sale this year, but they will be back in 2020!



## Right to Life — Lifespan

### Be Calm and Carry On

\* Borrowing a phrase from Winston Churchill, those of us in the pro-life movement will continue, as before, to promote respect, dignity and protection for all human life from conception until natural death. We have been doing this for more than 50 years and will continue to so, regardless of who are national leaders are, how much or how little cooperation we receive from our churches, mainstream media, social media or even our friends and relatives. We all know that the right to life is fundamental—without it all other rights meaningless. So, as ever, know that our cause is just and Be Calm and Carry On.

## USCCB *Word of Life*

*“Jesus calls each of us to ‘care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible’ (EV 87). ...The encyclical The Gospel of Life recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers’ wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the ‘least of these’ in our world’s estimation.”*

\*Excerpt from *Evangelium vitae*, © 1995, Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission. All rights reserved.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
2020-2021 Respect Life Reflection,  
[www.respectlife.org/reflection](http://www.respectlife.org/reflection)



## St. Vincent de Paul Society Second Sunday of Advent:

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar First Sunday of Advent

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

## Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

- Tracy Earl Welliver, ©LPI



## Mary's Immaculate Conception

On December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which references Mary's conception in her mother's womb without the stain of Original Sin:

An essential part of God's plan for the mother of his Son was that she be conceived free from Original Sin. "Through the centuries the Church became ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception" (CCC, no. 491).

In anticipation that she was to bear the Son of God, Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin. We call this the Immaculate Conception. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God. The Immaculate Conception does not refer to the virginal conception and birth of Christ, but rather to Mary's being conceived without inheriting Original Sin.

In the course of time, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception became more precisely enunciated, as its truth—long supported by the universal popular devotion of the faithful—was better understood by deepening theological inquiry. In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed this dogma infallibly: that is, in his role as supreme teacher of the Church, he declared that this doctrine is divinely revealed and must be accepted with faith by the entire Church. (United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, 142-143)

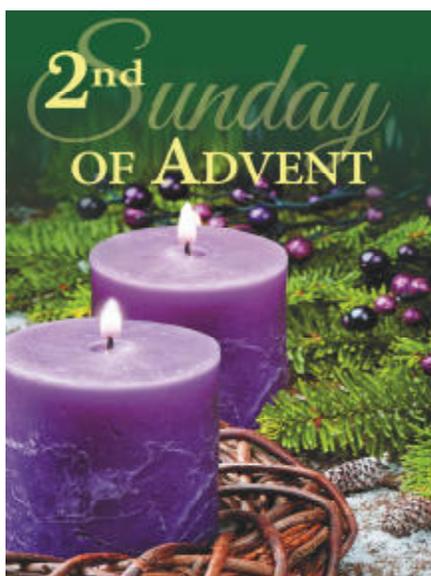
Even before this tenet of the faith was formally declared, a long tradition of faith that held this belief



that Mary was conceived without sin:

This feast was celebrated in some monasteries before the beginning of the eighth century and became widespread in the eighteenth century. In the United States, celebration of this observance predates the Declaration of Independence. The bishops commended the nation to the patronage of Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception in 1846. It became a nationwide holy day in 1885. (Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, 120) Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Image: Immaculate Conception, Placido Costanzi, The J. Paul

Copyright © 2015, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved. Image: Immaculate Conception, Placido Costanzi, The J. Paul Getty Museum. Quote from the United States Catholic Catechism for Adults, copyright © 2006, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All rights reserved. Quote from the Essential Guide to Seasons and Saints, copyright ©2013, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington DC. All rights reserved.



## Festival of Lessons and Carols

Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at 7 P.M.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols is a service of Scripture and song that dates to the late 19th century. In this service, we listen to nine Scripture lessons which recount the Fall, the promise of a Messiah, the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to preach the Good News. Each lesson is followed by a carol or other song that reflects on the lesson's message and a brief prayer

The Carols will be led by the Parish Choir and Cantors with our St. Fabian family of musicians. Music selections will include well known carols and choral music to help all of us remember why Christmas has the name "Christ" as its root. The program will last about an hour. You are welcome to bring family and friends to enjoy the devotion!



### OUR MISSION

**“We exist to provide a school environment in which Christ is encountered and Discipleship is fostered through the teaching and practice of Catholic Tradition, values and doctrine, while challenging each student to academic excellence.”**



## ST. WILLIAM CRUSADERS 2020 BASKETBALL

SPONSORED BY ST. WILLIAM DADS' CLUB

### Ages

Boys Junior Varsity	→	4-6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
Boys Varsity	→	7-8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### Ages

Girls Junior Varsity	→	4-6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
Girls Varsity	→	7-8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE

### Positive CYO Environment

CYO Athletics is a Catholic parish/school-based program dedicated to the development of student athletes by encouraging **Catholic Values, sportsmanship and fair play.**



### Season

#### JV & Varsity Game Schedule

December – February  
(Typically, Friday  
Evenings/Saturdays)

#### JV & Varsity Practices

Wednesday & Thursday Evenings  
Practices begin **in January**

## Registration NOW OPEN

For more information or to register, please email St. William Athletics Director, Mark Westemeier, at [ad@saintwilliam.net](mailto:ad@saintwilliam.net)

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Kroger Community Rewards  
Go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)  
Choose St. William School  
Our School ID is NS244

Box Tops for Education  
Clip Board  
NEW! Earn Box Tops via  
Phone App  
[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

Amazon Smile  
Start each shopping session at  
<http://smile.amazon.com>  
Select St. William School as charity  
We will receive 0.5% of all  
eligible purchases

## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, Dec. 8**

**8:00 am**

**Marjorie Smiley (D)** family; **Leonie McLaughlin (D)** St. William Parish; **Members of the RAS Confraternity**

**7:30 pm**

**Joseph Ulrich (D)** friend; **Sharon Hern (D)** Dolder family; **Rachel Guadagni (D)** St. William Parish; **Thomas Harrington (D)** St. William Parish; **Gary Zischerk (D)** St. William Parish

**Wednesday, Dec. 9**

**8:00 am**

**Members of St. William Parish (L&D)**

**Thursday, Dec. 10**

**8:00 am**

**Robert Shindorf (D)** John Fitzpatrick

**Saturday, Dec. 12**

**4:30 pm**

**Dong Pam (D)** family; **Nickolas Krutz (D)** Sylvia; **Gerald Anderson (D)** family; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife; **Alvin Chartrand (D)** family; **William Junglas (D)** St. William Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 13**

**10:00 am**

**Members of St. William Parish (L&D)**

**12:30 pm**

**Marie Hibbeln (D)** Ray; **Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D)**; **Nina Fagan (D)** St. William Parish; **Mary Ellen Herzog (D)** St. William Parish; **Sharon Hern (D)** Dolder family; **Dave Husak (D)** St. William Parish

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

All-powerful and ever-lasting God, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| ♦Andrew Hailo              | ♦Michael McCarthy    |
| ♦Baby Henrik               | ♦Morgan Elliott      |
| ♦Colleen Wolf              | ♦Neil Anderson       |
| ♦Courtney Kirby            | ♦Pam Flanigan        |
| ♦Dennis Ryan               | ♦Sharon Ryan         |
| ♦Dustin Bachman            |                      |
| ♦Fr. Christopher Rozdilski |                      |
| ♦Ginny Thompson            | <b>Residents of:</b> |
| ♦Jack Moores               | ♦Bloomfield Villa    |
| ♦Joann Babcock             | ♦Brookdale           |
| ♦Joe Schuld                | ♦First & Main        |
| ♦John Shubsda              | ♦Henry Ford          |
| ♦Julie Toddy               | ♦Maple Manor         |
| ♦Kirby Courtney            | ♦Novi Lakes          |
| ♦Marty Lada                | ♦Serenity            |
| ♦Mary Beth Walsh           | ♦Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦Mary Ellen Trott          | ♦Waltonwood          |



*Happy are those who have died in the Lord; let them rest from their labors for their good deeds go with them—Rev. 14:13*

Carol Lyons  
Carol Klank  
Pat Skyner  
Frank Waligoria  
Robert Miller

## Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com). All prayer requests are kept confidential.

## Gospel Meditation

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

People knew over a year in advance that the Pope was coming for a visit to America and the preparations began. Security, space limitations and requirements, protocols, crowd management, itineraries, invitations, regulations, and so much more was necessary to pull this event off effectively. It's not every day that we get a visit from such a prominent dignitary. Thought, effort, meticulous attention to detail and vision all are necessary to make this thing work. After all, he can't just show up in the ordinary and normal daily routines of life and catch people unprepared! Tickets have to be purchased, buses rented, hotel rooms reserved, and travel arrangements made early because it will be impossible to see him if we wait too long!

We do this kind of preparing not only for prominent religious figures but for political dignitaries, notable sports figures, people of fame, and even actors. If an individual intrigues us, we are going to want to do all we have to do to get a "good seat" in the house. Does Jesus Christ captivate this much of our attention? We are asked to prepare the way of the Lord and to do so not with frantic frenzy but patient enthusiasm. We do



not have to stand on a street corner making profound announcements about God's coming or become overly zealous in our embrace of the Good News. Our task is quieter, more interior, captivating, and consuming. We are asked to change. We have to conduct our lives with holy devotion.

Is the cost of that ticket too much for you? Don't you want the "best seat" in the house? You don't want to miss Our Lord's arrival when he comes, do you? After all, if he comes while you are going about your daily routines without you even knowing, he may catch you off guard. Or, he may come in disguise looking like a beggar, a prisoner, migrant, refugee, or someone who is lost. Would you be ready to recognize him then? Preparing for the coming of Christ requires a change of mind, heart, and behavior. It is not adequate to simply do the things we always do. We want our lives to speak of the exciting

news of Christ's coming and the joy that the Gospel brings. It has to do with our demeanor, values, priorities, choices, and how we structure daily routines. Of course, it involves sacrifice. All anticipations do! Are you excited, captivated, enthusiastic, and sitting on the edge of your seat eager to celebrate his coming among us at Christmas, and waiting for him to come again? If not, why not?

©LPI

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Can a divorced Catholic receive holy Communion?

### Answer:

Unfortunately, too many people today — Catholics and non-Catholics alike — mistakenly believe that divorce separates one from the Communion of the Church and that divorced persons may not receive Communion. However, as the Church has communicated in a number of places, the issue at hand is not the reality of divorce, but is more often the reality of re-marriage outside of the Church (such as in the case of a Catholic who was previously married within the Church, divorced, and remarried without receiving an annulment).

Divorced persons are called to live chastely as single people and to observe the same call to avoid sin as anyone else who desires to receive the Eucharist.

Beyond this, however, Pope Francis has reminded us that the healing power of the Eucharist can be especially significant for those who have "endured separation, divorce, or abandonment ... divorced people who have not remarried, and often bear witness to marital fidelity, ought to be encouraged to find in the Eucharist the nourishment they need to sustain them in their present state of life." (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 242) Moreover, he continues, "The local community and pastors should accompany these people with solicitude, particularly when children are involved or when they are in serious financial difficulty." (*AL*, no 242)

As Pope Francis has also reminded us, the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect," but "a powerful medicine and nourishment" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, no. 47). Because we all stand in need of healing and wholeness, the Church invites all who seek to live their faith in integrity and devotion to come and receive the grace offered in the Eucharist.

### Sharing the Gospel

John the Baptist had an important message. When you make sinful mistakes, and when you turn away from God, stop. Learn from your mistakes, and do things God's way. Were you bossy or rude? Be thoughtful and kind. Did you tell a lie? Be honest instead. God wants you to share his love with other people.

### Prayer

Jesus, help me to learn from my mistakes. Thank you for forgiving me.

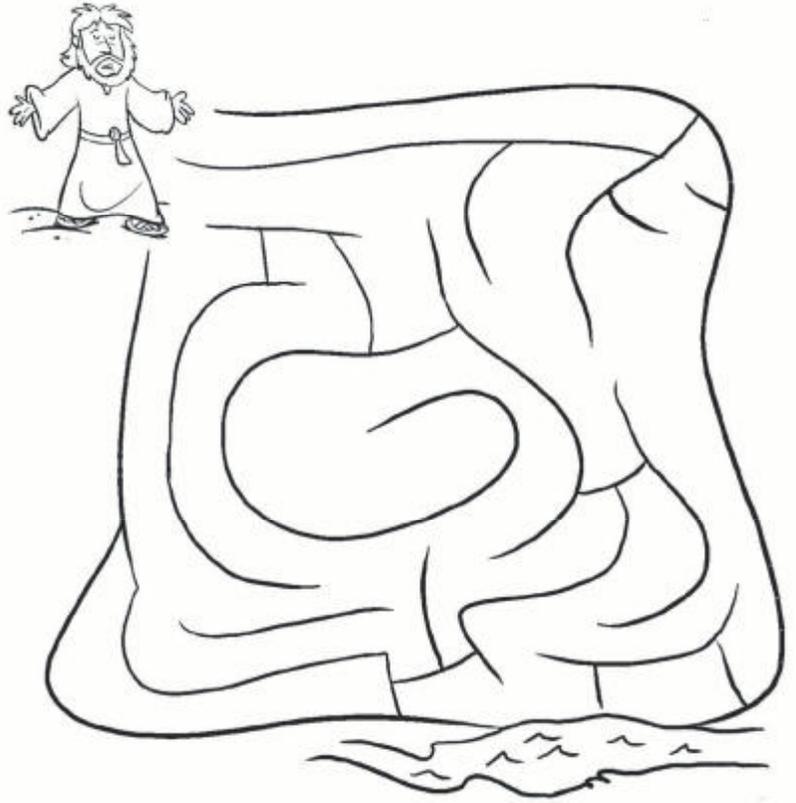
### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself being kind to a friend.

### Mission for the Week

Ask your family if you have hurt their feelings.  
Ask them to forgive you.

Help John the Baptist find his way to the Jordan River.



©2008 - PO Box 510817, New Berlin, WI 53151-0817 - 1-800-950-9952 x2469 - LPiResourceCenter.com



**SPENCER ROOFING**  
1748 Traditional Dr, Ste B.  
Walled Lake, MI  
**248-926-5800**



**PETE'S AUTO PAINT SUPPLY LLC**  
Peter Stewart • 248-574-3624  
33261 Ford Rd. • Garden City  
• Custom mixed-touch up paint.  
• Custom filled Aerosol cans.



**FREE AD DESIGN WITH PURCHASE OF THIS SPACE.**  
- 800-477-4574 -

**SCHOUMAN & SCHIANO**  
AN ASSOCIATION OF PLCs  
ATTORNEYS & COUNSELORS  
**ATTORNEY FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS**  
ESTATE - CRIMINAL - CIVIL - BUSINESS  
FAMILY - PERSONAL INJURY  
**FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION TO ANY ST. WILLIAM'S PARISHIONER**  
MARGARET A. SCHIANO • DANIEL J. M. SCHOUMAN  
1060 E. WEST MAPLE, WALLED LAKE, MI 48390  
**(248) 669-9830**

**catholicmatch® Michigan**



CatholicMatch.com/MI

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HEALTH! YOU DESERVE IT!



Massage • Facial • Sauna  
248-896-2799 (by appointment only)  
937 North Pontiac Trail #4, Walled Lake, MI  
SMS.ABMP.COM  
**15% OFF NEW Client Discount**

**Charles R. Step**  
Pre-Arrangement & Cremation Office  
**Walled Lake 248-926-8944**  
Monty S. Wulff  
Redford Township 313-531-1888

**Brookdale Novi Independent Living** ▶ Call **(248) 669-5330** for more information.

Bringing New Life to Senior Living™  
brookdale.com



**AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME**

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE**

Contact **Rick Soper** to place an ad today!  
rsoper@4LPi.com or **(800) 477-4574 x6474**

**WOW!**

670 N. Pontiac Trail • Walled Lake  
248-669-2269

Serving  
Papa  
Romano's  
Pizza



PIZZA & SALAD



**4LPi**

**WE'RE HIRING  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES**



- Full Time Position with Benefits
- Sales Experience Preferred
- Paid Training
- Overnight Travel Required
- Expense Reimbursement

CONTACT US AT  
careers@4LPi.com  
www.4LPi.com/careers

**LAKES  
EQUIPMENT  
& SERVICE**

EXCAVATING BASEMENTS • SEPTIC FIELDS &  
DRIVEWAYS • SEWER & WATER  
2242 Fyke Rd. • Milford  
**(248) 231-4083**

LICENSED & INSURED  
MASTER PLUMBER

**WATERWORK  
PLUMBING**

WaterWorkPlumbing.com  
Senior Discounts 248-213-9248  
24 Hr. Emergency Service

**\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE**

**SUPPORT THE ADVERTISERS  
THAT SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY**



**Tim Hortons**  
ALWAYS FRESH  
CANNED & BAKED GOODS

Visit our 2 Locations:  
1006 E. West Maple Rd. • Walled Lake, MI  
2201 Haggerty Rd. • Commerce Twp, MI

**10% Off Purchase  
with this ad**

**G.E.B. COLLISION INC.**  
Complete Collision and Refinishing



1625 E West Maple Road  
(248) 926-9373 Walled Lake

CHECK US  
OUT ON  
FACEBOOK

**LET US PLACE  
YOUR AD HERE.**

(248) 669-3032  
Fax: (248) 669-4984

**Sue's Landscaping, Inc.**  
Commercial & Residential  
Landscape Construction  
Design - Installation - Maintenance  
1000 Benstein • Walled Lake, MI 48390  
www.sueslandscaping.com

**WEINGARTZ**  
EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW  
WEINGARTZ.COM

**D & L TREE SERVICE**  
~ Over 21 Years Experience ~ Fully Insured  
**WE TRY TO BEAT ANY PRICE**  
REMOVAL & TRIMMING • STUMP GRINDING  
ROOT FEEDING • TOPPING • SHRUB REMOVAL

FREE ESTIMATES  
**248-685-0832**  
10% Senior Discount




**MATHESON**  
HEATING AIR  
PLUMBING

Save \$46  
ON ANY SERVICE REPAIR  
OR INSTALLATION

- HEATING
- COOLING
- PLUMBING
- DUCT/DRYER  
VENT CLEANING

248-938-0913

MATHESONHEATING.COM



**SPREAD THE WORD**  
A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS**

**THIS SPACE IS  
AVAILABLE**

**THE ORIGINAL  
BUDGET TREE SERVICE**  
Over 20 Years Experience • Licensed & Fully Insured

\*Not affiliated with any other budget tree service

TREE & SHRUB REMOVAL • LOT CLEARINGS  
TREE & SHRUB TRIMMING • STORM DAMAGE • FIREWOOD

FREE ESTIMATES 800-964-7785  
24 Hour Emergency Service • \*ASK FOR AXEL OR ERIC

**30% OFF For Seniors**  
with coupon • Limit 1 coupon per job • Limited time offer on coupon

UPGRADE TO A  
**VIBRANT ad**

Contact us for details • 800-477-4574

# LYNCH & SONS

Funeral Directors

340 N. PONTIAC TRAIL, WALLED LAKE, MI 48390  
 (248) 624-2251  
[www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.LynchFAMILYFuneralDirectors.com)  
 Oxford Chapel - Oxford, MI  
 Capstick Chapel - Lapeer, MI



Locally Owned & Operated By The Lynch Family Since 1974

FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
 TIMOTHY J. LYNCH SR.  
 TIMOTHY J. LYNCH JR.

*"A Family Tradition of Dignified Service"*

**Tuffy**  
Auto Service Centers

784 N. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake, MI 48390  
 248-624-4440 • [TuffyWL@yahoo.com](mailto:TuffyWL@yahoo.com)  
 Hours: Mon-Fri: 7:30am-7pm • Sat: 7:30am-5pm

Art Rott  
Owner

Register your card number online at:  
[www.TuffyWalledLake.com](http://www.TuffyWalledLake.com) for your **FREE Oil Change**

**PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE**  
 MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM

**\$29.95/MO** PLUS SPECIAL OFFER  
 BILLED QUARTERLY

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772  
[WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM](http://WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM)

**SHIRLEY MEDVED, Realtor®**

- Thinking of Buying or Selling?
- 28 Years Experience

(248) 505-1024  
[medveds@aol.com](mailto:medveds@aol.com)

6960 Orchard Lake Rd., Ste. 150 • West Bloomfield

**57th ANNIVERSARY**

**Rashid CONSTRUCTION**

**ROOFING & REMODELING**  
 Master Designer & Builder  
 Parish Member

INSURANCE WORK / COMPREHENSIVE RESTORATION  
 1-800-567-4490 • 248-851-0960 Main Office  
[www.rashidconstruction.com](http://www.rashidconstruction.com)

Farmington Hills  
 Milford • Troy

**Window World**

America's Exterior Remodeler

Windows / Doors / Siding

For Free In Home Estimate call  
**(248) 940-1533**

Visit our Showroom  
 2873 Haggerty Road, Commerce  
[WindowWorldDetroit.com](http://WindowWorldDetroit.com)

The Sheena Family  
 Local Owners

**DOUG'S TREE AND LAWN CARE**

- Lawn Fertilization - Aeration
- Tree & Stump Removal
- Trees & Shrubs Trimmings
- Tree Spraying • Fertilizing - Diagnostics

~ (248) 623-1453 ~

**THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE**

**Alex's PIZZA**

Dine-in  
 Carry-out  
 & Delivery

(248) 926-1700  
 49000 Pontiac Trail  
 Wixom

[www.AlexsPizzaWixom.com](http://www.AlexsPizzaWixom.com)

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
 Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Flood Detection
- Fire Safety
- Carbon Monoxide

ADT Authorized Provider SafeStreets

1-855-225-4251

**EQUIVEST**

Helping create strategies for retirement, investments, and late stage college planning.

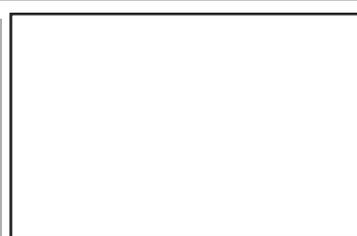
For a free retirement checkup or college funding plan, visit  
[www.equivestfinancial.com](http://www.equivestfinancial.com)  
 Mike Bink, CCFS®, AAMS, Parishioner  
 (248) 962-8825

**Brookdale Novi**  
 Independent Living

► Call (248) 669-5330 for more information.

Bringing New Life to Senior Living®

[brookdale.com](http://brookdale.com)



Medical management of chronic conditions and major injuries for adults & children

**M R C I**

Serving Michigan for 25 years  
 248-848-9120 • [MANAGED-REHAB.COM](http://MANAGED-REHAB.COM)

**Antonio's CUCINA ITALIANA**

A Family Tradition Since 1964

Lunch & Dinner Specials • Banquet Facilities • Cocktails

37646 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills  
 (248) 994-4000  
 Halstead Village "Great Employment Opportunities!"

**Too Sick for Mass?**

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered right to your inbox!

[www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com)

**SPECTRUM CONSTRUCTION**

- Serving S.E. Michigan For Over 50 Years -

Any and All Remodeling or New Construction - Free Estimates -

[www.SpectrumConstruct.com](http://www.SpectrumConstruct.com) • 248-684-6008