

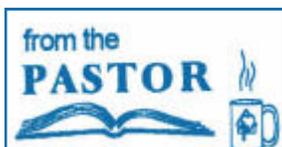
# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

January 3, 2021

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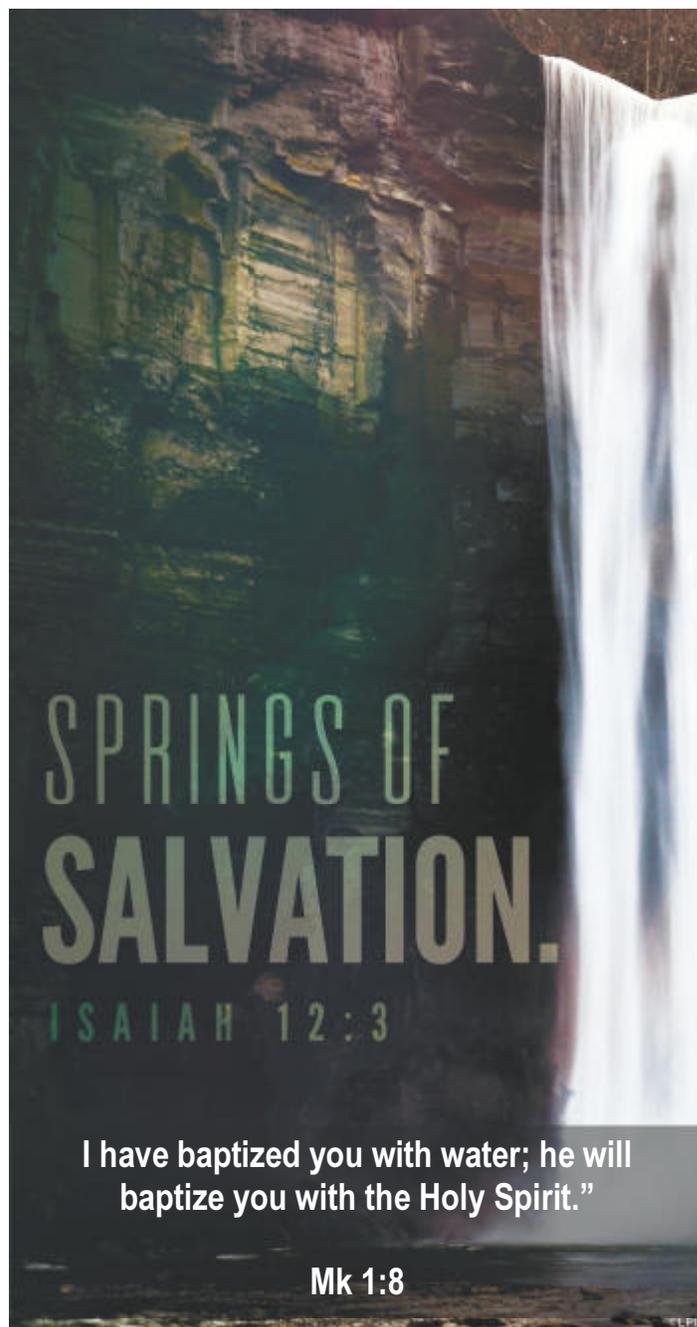


Have you noticed that the secular world seems to think that the Christmas season begins at Thanksgiving—or before—and ENDS on Christmas Day? It's hard to find a radio station or cable music channel that plays Christmas carols on December 26.

People with religious backgrounds tend to know better, but still, a lot of Christians probably believe that the Christmas season ended last Sunday on the feast of the Epiphany. However, these folks—who may be smugly smiling at you because *they've* already taken down their Christmas decorations and you haven't—are mistaken. The Christmas season technically ends this weekend, Sunday evening, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, one week after Epiphany. We still get to sing Christmas Carols in Church. Amuse and amaze your friends with this bit of sophisticated knowledge.

Historically, for a number of centuries, the Church celebrated the “manifestation” of Jesus to the world—the “revealing” of Christ to the world—as his “epiphany”. But Christ’s epiphany was always meant to include more than just the day that we have come to associate with Wise Men and their gifts—it also included both the **birth** of the Lord **and his baptism!** Remember, at his baptism in the Jordan all the Gospels describe the Holy Spirit coming upon him, and the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) mention the voice that reveals him as the beloved Son. That revelation was another “epiphany”, as much as the birth itself or the visit of the wise men. In later years, the Western Church (i.e., the Church above the western half of the Mediterranean Sea), gradually began to focus more

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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 Rev. Mr. John Liddle	Ext. 345
<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> Supervisor	(248) 669-5522 Mr. Dave Colby	Ext. 312

### EDUCATION CENTER

135 O'Flaherty Street

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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

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[ad@saintwilliam.net](mailto:ad@saintwilliam.net)

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).



### Offeritory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Nov., 2020	<b>*\$335,143</b>	\$416,665	<b>(\$81,522)</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!

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on the *birth*. But if we're to understand the meaning of Christ's coming into the world—of the Father revealing his love in Jesus—all three events, birth, epiphany, and baptism, are important. In any case, the Church today still chooses to end the Christmas season by recalling the baptism of the Lord.

I'm glad it does, because this feast challenges us to reflect on the meaning of baptism, including our own baptisms. Baptisms aren't static events that "happened" once; they are "beginning" events that demand that we continue to live out the meaning of those baptisms. In the same way, the feast of the Baptism of the Lord isn't simply a static "end" of a season. It's a "transition", moving us from celebrating the *beginning* of our salvation (the Christmas Season), into accepting the challenge of joining the Savior in the *ongoing* work of the Gospel.

You see, one of the root meanings of the word "baptism", carries the sense of "being immersed". After his baptism, Jesus became immersed in the Father's work; and by our baptisms, we, too, are supposed to be immersed in the work of the Lord. So we should "plunge right in" now that the Christmas season is over.

I guess it makes some sense, then, that next weekend is referred to as the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time". (Wait. What happened to the *First* one?)

It may sound a bit confusing, but it helps to think of Sunday as standing at the head of the week, rather than at the end. We're already in the first week of the "ordinary" season right after the Baptism of the Lord. The following Sunday, which we call "the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time", but maybe we should call it more accurately "the Sunday (first day) of the Second Week in Ordinary Time", we've already made the transition into the normal activities of our lives.

If you're still confused, I suppose it could be because all transition times are somewhat confusing. Whenever we are in transition—besides the inevitable changes, which in themselves tend to be somewhat upsetting—there is often a lot of activity going on to add to the turmoil. Perhaps that's one of the reasons the Church refers to so many Sundays as "ordinary": because our ordinary life in a parish is often confusing, semi-controlled chaos with lots of activities going on to add to the hilarity.

Far from being distressing though, it can be kind of exciting. After all, doing the work of the Lord (which should be the "ordinary" work of the baptized Christian) is, in fact, quite extra-ordinary! That's how parish life should be, and your individual lives as well: *exciting!*

"Prayer, Nurturing Family Relationships, Sharing our Treasures, and Giving of Service" are four strong pillars on which we build an exciting and fulfilling Christian Life.

To these I need to add: "our desire to share the Good News with others"—and we've got a pretty good picture of what a parish full of disciples should be all about.

As we approach the "Second Sunday in Ordinary Time", my observation is that the ordinary life of our parish is...actually, pretty extraordinary.

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

P.S. Thanks to all who have been praying for my recovery from surgery. I'm doing well, although I know it's going to take some time. I hope to be back in the swing of things before long. Thanks again, and keep praying!

## St. Vincent Thanksgiving Day Campaign A Success

Much appreciation is owed to the Parishioners of St. William Parish who so generously contributed to our Thanksgiving Day appeal! After a horrendous year that has impacted everyone including many of us financially, the faithful Parishioners of St. William didn't let that affect their altruistic spirit of helping the less fortunate. Our total contributions amounted to \$5,208.00 which was actually a little more than last year despite all of the serious challenges that we faced this year. As regards fiscal year 2020 we were able to assist 214 individuals including 26 homeless souls through our 160 modified home visits. Rent assistance, which is our primary intervention, amounted to \$46,631.00 with an additional \$15,729.00 of support in the form of utility assistance, car repairs, medical expenditures and many others. In fact, one of our mottos is that no form of assistance is foreign to our Society. If you were out of town or for some other reason missed the campaign, we would still very much appreciate any help you could provide. You can use our poor boxes at Church, utilize the Faith Direct option on the St. William website, or send a contribution to SVdP, 531 Common St., Walled Lake, MI 48390.

If you are ever interested in taking the next step in answering Christ's call to serve the poor, please consider joining our group. Not only will you make friends with the nicest group of fellow Vincentian workers but you will also meet the neighbors we serve. We have been trained to see in them the face

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## When God Whispers

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

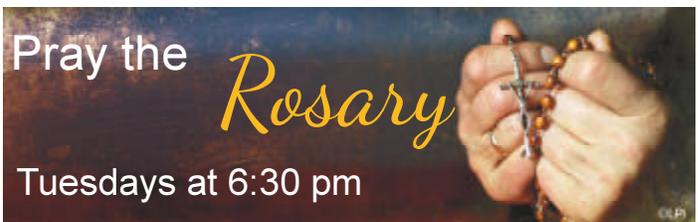
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of Christ! It is a very fulfilling experience!

We would also like to remind you that the Lynch & Sons Funeral Home have our envelopes available for memorial contributions. If you experience a death in your family, please consider that these envelopes be made available for guests to use when they prefer to make a financial contribution in lieu of flowers.

One final thought, we are filled with gratitude that we can serve our less fortunate neighbors in need which is only made possible through your generosity. We consider you co-partners in fulfilling the Lord's call to assist the needy. God's Blessings to you throughout the entire New Year!



### Live the Liturgy

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?



## ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2021-2022

Contact the admissions office for more information on Grades 9-12 or to schedule a personal tour!

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## Right to Life — Lifespan

### Caravan for Life

Since we cannot travel to Washington DC this year for the March for Life, Right to Life-LIFESPAN will establish a Caravan for Life!! The plans for this event are almost complete but mark your calendars for January 30, 2021 and join us as we drive down Woodward Ave to downtown Detroit and back to White Chapel Cemetery to remember the lives lost to abortion since Roe v Wade was decided. This is a critical year to maintain a strong pro-life presence in our communities and in our nation. For more information call the office 248-816-1546 for details.

## Workshop Focuses on Incarnation as Christianity's New Horizon

Noted writer, speaker, and workshop leader Diarmuid O'Murchu offers a virtual presentation, "Incarnation: Christianity's New Horizon," from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST Saturday, January 16, 2021, through Weber Retreat and Conference Center.

Diarmuid, a member of the Sacred Heart Missionary Order and a graduate of Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, presents incarnation as a celebration of God's embodied presence – not only in the person of Jesus but in all forms of embodied presence that adorn creation. This newly expanded horizon carries several implications for how we are called to live out our faith today.

The cost to attend is \$30 and registration is required to receive the live stream link. Limited scholarships are available. Register at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org) and click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org).



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### The Baptism of the Lord:

After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

### Baptism of the Lord

The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed RECOGNITION ("You are my Son"), AFFECTION ("My Beloved Son") and AFFIRMATION ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an AFFIRMER and not a BLAMER.

## USCCB Word of Life

*"When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
"How to Build a Culture of Life" ([respectlife.org/culture-of-life](http://respectlife.org/culture-of-life))





## Marriage Coaching – Help for Your Marriage

Are you struggling in your marriage or in need of a marriage refresher and not sure where to turn for help?

The Marriage Support Office of the Archdiocese of Detroit is pleased to offer the Marriage Coaching program – a couple-to-couple mentoring opportunity designed to assist couples live out God's plan for their marriage.

When differences begin dividing, hurt is hardening the heart, “growing pains” are becoming “regular pains”, and the passion and affection is lacking, then your marriage needs help. Like our vehicles that need preventative care, tune-ups or repairs to prevent major damage, so do our marriages.

Trained Coaching Couples will give the support and practical tools needed to help couples restore and realize the fullness they desire for their Catholic marriage. The Marriage Coaching program consists of seven main coaching sessions that are strictly confidential and provided at no cost.

To learn more and get started with the help you need for your marriage contact: 313-237-4680|[www.aod.org/marriagecoaching](http://www.aod.org/marriagecoaching) | [familyministry@aod.org](mailto:familyministry@aod.org). All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Whether you are wanting a marriage tune-up, feeling stalled, or experiencing a downward spiral, you need not settle for anything less than the fullness that God intends for your marriage relationship.

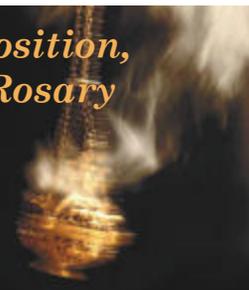
No need to delay, there is help for your marriage ...contact us today!

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## *Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary*

*Tuesday  
January 26<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm*



### Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

**Question:** Why do we hold hands during the Our Father?

**Answer:**

The practice of members of the assembly holding hands while praying the Lord's Prayer during the Mass is a custom that developed organically in the 1970s and 1980s. While some commentators acknowledge that the practice varies from place to place, it is a fairly universal reality in parishes across the United States. For some, this action symbolizes the communion of Christians praying together as one family of believers honoring the Father of All. Critics of the practice sometimes express concern that holding hands can be a distraction from the more significant unity that is experienced when we process to the altar to receive sacramental communion.

And so, we're left to ask, what is the answer?

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (the document that offers specific instructions for the celebration of the Mass) is silent on the practice, saying only that “all the faithful say the prayer” with the priest. The website of the US Bishops simply observes that “No position is prescribed in the Roman Missal for an assembly gesture during the Lord's Prayer.” And so, we're left to discern within ourselves and within our parish and religious communities what is an authentic gesture of praise during this important point of the Mass. For some, this means continuing to hold hands, while for others, this may mean adopting another posture of prayer.



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## Open Houses for Preschool - 8th grade!

- **January 30, 2021** - OPEN HOUSE - 10am - 12pm - Catholic Schools Week - *Virtual* - Facebook Live on our school page
- **February 27, 2021** - OPEN HOUSE - 9am - 12pm - Activity Center - Small group - based on Covid mandates - sign up required - 2 sessions.
- **March 20, 2021** - OPEN HOUSE - 9am - 12pm - Activity Center - Small group - based on Covid mandates - sign up required - 2 sessions.

**\*Check our website for updates and  
sign up information at:  
[stwilliam-school.com/registration-tuition/](http://stwilliam-school.com/registration-tuition/)**

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## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, Jan. 12**

**8:00 am**

**Christopher Moersch (D)** Carolyn Freytag; **Katie Goebel (D)** family

**Wednesday, Jan. 13**

**8:00 am**

**Souls in Purgatory**

**Thursday, Jan. 14**

**8:00 am**

**Suzanne Thomas (D)** Children; **Members of St. William Parish (L&D)**

**Saturday, Jan. 16**

**4:30 pm**

**Chester & Antoinette Tabaczka (D)** family; **Art Lantzy (D)** Bingo Buddies; **Rob Swiatek (D)** Sparky's wife; **Edward McElmeel (D)** Rose Campeau; **Patricia Skyner (D)** Karen Sommers; **Hilda Koss (D)** Sommers family; **Adair-Poling families (L&D)**

**Sunday, Jan. 17**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Christopher Moersch (D)** Chick & Karen Conklin; **Denny Barnes (SI)** Maureen McClorey

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3]/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

**Next Sunday:** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/

## 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.

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| ♦ Andrew Hailo          | ♦ Norma Kirk            |
| ♦ Christine Danzer      | ♦ Pam Flanigan          |
| ♦ Colleen Wolf          | ♦ Peg Thatcher          |
| ♦ Dennis Goodwin        | ♦ Sharon Ryan           |
| ♦ Dennis Ryan           | ♦ Shawnee Spedden       |
| ♦ DeWitt Meadows        | ♦ Steven Geoffrey       |
| ♦ Dustin Bachman        | ♦ Steven Kiryakoza, III |
| ♦ Gloria Utsler         | ♦ Trevor Monfette       |
| ♦ Hillary Pearson       |                         |
| ♦ Jack Moores           |                         |
| ♦ Jeanie Kassa          |                         |
| ♦ Jim Thatcher          |                         |
| ♦ John Benedict         |                         |
| ♦ Karla Meadows-LaForge |                         |
| ♦ Kelly Benedict        |                         |
| ♦ Kendall Smith         |                         |
| ♦ Mack Barnes           |                         |
| ♦ Marian Clifton        |                         |
| ♦ Marty Lada            |                         |
| ♦ Mary Beth Walsh       |                         |
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  - ♦ Brookdale
  - ♦ First & Main
  - ♦ Henry Ford
  - ♦ Maple Manor
  - ♦ Novi Lakes
  - ♦ Serenity
  - ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr.
  - ♦ 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*

Phil Rashid

Charles Conklin  
(father of Chick Conklin)

Sandra Cimarolli

## 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.

## The Baptism of the Lord

We need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.



Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn

away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?

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## St. Catherine of Siena Academy – JOIN US for a Tour!

Tuesday, January 12, 4 – 6pm  
28200 Napier Rd, Wixom, MI 48393

Still deciding on which high school is best for your daughter? Tour St. Catherine of Siena Academy on Tuesday, January 12 anytime between 4 and 6 PM and receive a 15% off coupon for Jimmy Johns. We know you will shine here.

Mrs. Nancy Thomas, Director of Initiation  
248-624-1371, ext. 306  
nthomas@stwilliam.com



### How Do I Become Catholic?

St. William Parish has a year round process for those adults who have not been baptized, or have been baptized in another tradition and wish to become Catholic. You may join the process at any time of the year.

# prayer

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**"PRAYER IS AN ACT OF LOVE; WORDS ARE NOT NEEDED."**

ST. TERESA OF AVILA

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

NO OFFENSE, FATHER, BUT I THINK JESUS KIND OF BLEW IT IN A WAY...

I MEAN IF I WAS THE SON OF GOD, I'D HAVE HAD OTHER PEOPLE SERVING ME!

THAT SOUNDS MORE LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE'S SON...

WHO?

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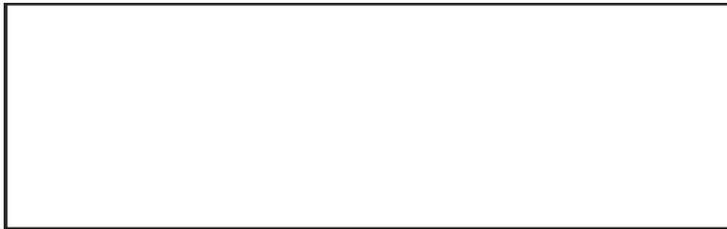
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