

# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

January 24, 2021

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



It's rare that I ever run into parents of young children who aren't proud of their kids and eager to sing their praises. I guess the same thing goes for a parish that has a lot to be proud of!

Allow us, then, to show off! Please consider participating in our **SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE** next Saturday, January 30, from 10 to Noon. What the heck, invite family and friends to join you! Register for the event on the **ADMISSIONS** tab of our school website, [www.stwilliam-school.com](http://www.stwilliam-school.com). You can also access the school website from the parish website, [stwilliam.com](http://stwilliam.com), which I hope you have marked as a favorite.

Even if you don't have kids yourself, as a member of the Parish you should be aware of this very important program of the Parish—and you just might be the one to suggest the school to other people who could benefit. The Archbishop, in his important pastoral letter, *Unleash the Gospel*, has said that Catholic Schools are “an apostolate that is the responsibility of all parishes and all Christ's faithful.” Our schools are an important tool of evangelization, and the bishop wants to see the day when any Catholic family that wants a Catholic School Education for their child will be able to afford it. At St. William, we have made strides toward giving this vision life by offering scholarship money to those families that need it in order to be able to send their children here.

I want all our parishioners to appreciate the gem of a school that we have. If you know of a family in our area with children, make it a special point to reach out to them and invite them to our Virtual Open

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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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### *Inside this week . . .*

Rosary Altar Society News

Virtual Dine and Discuss

Virtual Art Classes with Adrian Dominicans

*. . .and more!*

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	Ext. 344
	248-624-8870	
<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
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Administrative Asst.	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342
<b>School Office</b>	(248) 669-4440	
Principal	Mrs. Betsy Gabrish	Ext. 303
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Athletic Director		

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 Dec., 2020	*\$413,537	\$499,998	(\$86,461)

\*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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House. Our doors are open to any family, Catholic or not, that wants their children to have a premier education in a Christian environment. If you are a parent of a younger child, I urge you, especially, to take this opportunity to check out our school, since it is about this time of the year when you might seriously consider this choice for your child's education next year. The "Junior Kindergarten" that we started six years ago has been a great success: the kids are excited to come to school! They're learning, and the parents couldn't be happier. **We also have a wonderful program for 3-year-old and 4-year-old children!**

And yes, the classes are "in-person, face-to-face". There have been a few times when we had to resort to our virtual learning platform, but hopefully all those days are behind us.

New families that sign up by February 5<sup>th</sup> qualify for a \$300 discount. Also, there are *in-person* open houses scheduled on February 27 and March 20. These will be small-group tours utilizing appropriate COVID protocols, and you must pre-register for them on the website.

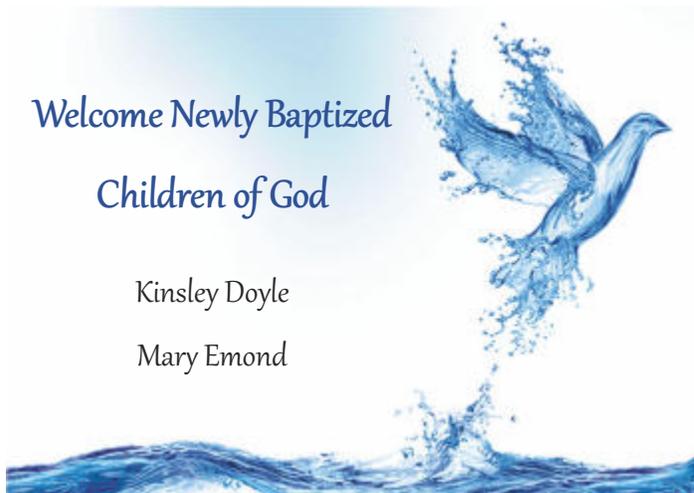
Let me give a word of encouragement to **grandparents**: some of the kids in our school are here, directly or indirectly, because of their grandparents—and they're loving it! Our school is a wonderful resource for families who are trying to instill in their children *and grandchildren* a deep-rooted sense of being Catholic.

A lot of people don't know what a good Catholic School is like, today. Catholic Schools have certainly come a long way from what they were in yesteryear. We've retained the best elements, eliminated weaknesses, and improved in ways that were only dreamed of in times past. For instance, unlike bygone eras, all our teachers hold State certifications. Reading has always been a strong point for us, and we are up-to-date in math, science and technology. I'm proud to say that of all the schools in the Archdiocese, we are far and away the leader in providing support for special learners. Back in 1994 we first earned the prestigious accreditation by the MNSAA (the Michigan Non-public School Accrediting Association), and we remain accredited.

## Welcome Newly Baptized Children of God

Kinsley Doyle

Mary Emond



A high-quality elementary education **combined** with a Catholic environment has an great value, particularly when given the difficulties of our contemporary society. Come to our Open House and talk to some of our current school families. They will be happy to share their good experiences with you!

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

P.S. If you believe in Catholic Education and would like to help our school with a monetary donation, you can click the "FaithDirect" box on our Parish homepage.

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**Pray to Protect Human Life!**

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Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

Pray the *Rosary*

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

## Art Class Brings out the Creative You

Chase out the winter blues and discover the creative you. Weber Retreat and Conference Center offers a virtual art class, *Finding the Artist in You: Acrylic Painting, Mixed Media, and Water Color*. Sessions are via Zoom from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EST on Thursdays, January 28, 2021, and February 4, 11, and 18, 2021.

No prior art class is necessary. The instructor, Brenda Singleton, MFA, Director of the Art Factory in Adrian, says of her students, "I want them to hear their own voice that is original and true."

The \$50 fee does not include materials. Registration is required and is available at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registration may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.

For information on the class, call 517-266-4090 to leave a message, or email Sister Suzanne Schreiber, OP, [sschreiber@adriandominicans.org](mailto:sschreiber@adriandominicans.org).

## Rosary Altar Society

Our general membership meeting will be Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:30 pm in Lower Zepf Hall.

We would like to thank you all for your generous support of our December Bake Sale. Everything was sold! Mark your calendar now, our February Bake Sale will be in time for Valentines treats! February 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> after all Masses.

### USCCB *Word of Life*

*"Many people know someone personally who is suffering because of an abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? ... Even a woman who doesn't go to church or think of herself as religious can be afraid that God will never forgive her for having an abortion. She should know that God loves and forgives those who are sorrowful. He wants to comfort them and give them his peace."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

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**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says: "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." As disciples, we are called to continue God's work on earth. Taking care of God's poor is indeed living gospel values.

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

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

**Virtual Dine and Discuss Focuses on Story of Boy Growing up in the Gaza Strip**

Weber Retreat and Conference Center brings back its popular Dine and Discuss, but in a virtual format. Join others in reading *The Words of My Father: Love and Pain in Palestine*, the compelling story Yousef Bashir's experience as a young boy growing up in the Gaza Strip – and the sudden challenges of finding his home occupied by soldiers.

Tune in from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST Wednesday, February 24, 2021, to view a group discussion and a presentation by Linda Tomala, a member of the Detroit hub of the Meta Peace Team. She practiced non-violence and bystander intervention during several trips to the Middle East, including at the Israeli-Palestinian border.

Books may be purchased through the Weber Shop for \$10 plus postage, if applicable. Contact the Weber Shop at 517-266-4035 or [webershop@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webershop@adriandominicans.org).

The program is free, but registration is required to receive the live stream link, which includes the ability to submit questions. Registration is available at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registration is also available by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org).



**Right to Life – Lifespan**  
**Caravan for Life**

Last chance---the Caravan for Life is only a week away. Make sure you have your friends and family ready and gas in the car. The Caravan for Life is only 6 days away! We are going to Drive for Life!!!! For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

**Give Until It Hurts**

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done.

Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

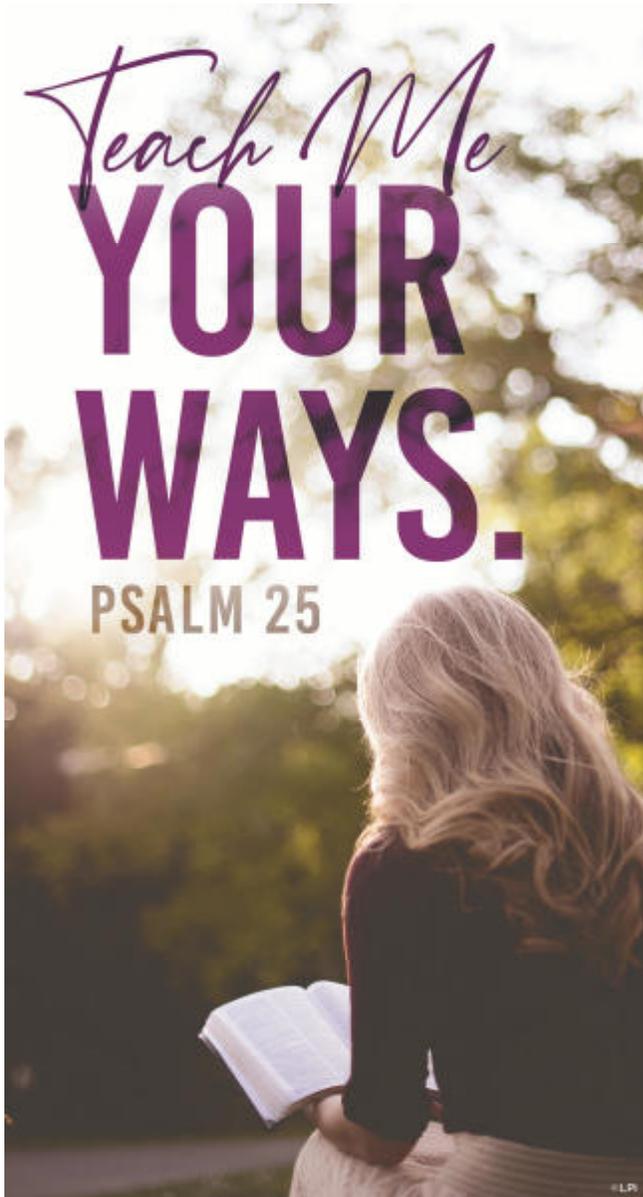
There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past.



*St. Catherine of Siena Academy*  
**JOIN US for our OPEN HOUSE on**  
**Thursday, January 28, 6-8 PM!**

St. Catherine of Siena Academy is an all-girls Catholic high school located in Wixom, MI. Our mission is to educate young women to know their feminine genius – their dignity, identity, and gifts as women created in the image of God! Rooted in their identity as daughters of God and formed by our rigorous academic program, our graduates are empowered with the courage to live boldly and bring their unique gifts to the world. Learn more about the athletic, extracurricular, academic, and faith opportunities that await your daughter in the SCA sisterhood by visiting [www.saintcatherineacademy.org](http://www.saintcatherineacademy.org) and registering to attend our upcoming Open House! Enroll now for four years that will prepare your daughter to set the world ablaze!

## Catholic Life Explained

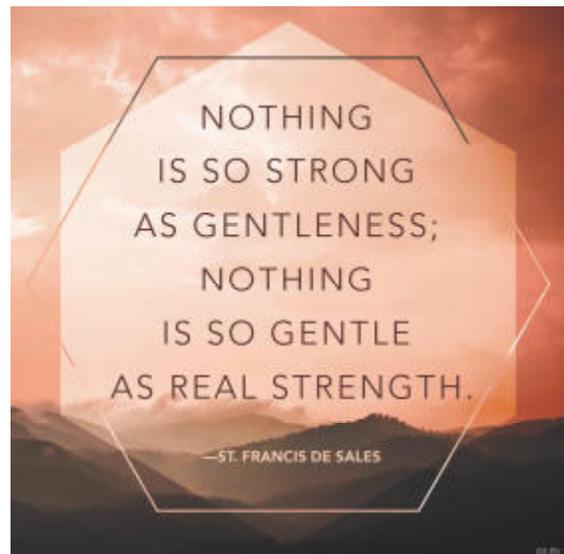
**Question:** Do Catholics always need to receive communion in wafer form, or can it be different kinds of bread?

**Answer:** In the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church, the most common form for the eucharistic bread is the small white communion “wafer” that is a ubiquitous part of the Catholic Mass. The instructions of the Church have been very specific regarding the make-up of the bread used in the Mass: “The bread used in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharistic Sacrifice must be unleavened, purely of wheat, and recently made ... it follows therefore that bread made from another substance, even if it is grain, or if it is mixed with another substance different from wheat to such an extent that it would not commonly be considered wheat bread, does not constitute valid matter for confecting the Sacrifice and the Eucharistic Sacrament” (see *Redemptionis Sacramentum* by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, no. 48).

The Church's tradition of using a wheat-based bread is based on the bread that Jesus would have used at the Last Supper and is considered to be an essential part of the “matter” of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As we consider the question of whether a “wafer” — which is properly called a “host” — should be used, we also must keep in mind that in the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, leavened (i.e. “raised”) bread is more often used. And so, while the thin, white “wafer” is most commonly used in the Roman Rite of the Church, the full expression of the Catholic tradition does allow for a more substantial form of bread to be used, but the tradition of using a simple wheat bread with no other additions or additives is considered essential.

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### 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.”



*A Community of Faith, Family, and Learning*

Visit our school website to...

... go on a virtual tour of our school

... sign up for the Virtual Open House on  
January 30, 2021

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*Open House for Preschool - 8th grade!*

- **January 30, 2021 - OPEN HOUSE -**  
10am - 12pm - Catholic Schools  
Week - **Virtual** - Facebook Live on  
our school page.

\*Check our website for updates and sign up information at:  
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## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, Jan. 26**

**8:00 am**

**Fidelis D'Silva (D)** D'Silva family

**Wednesday, Jan. 27**

**8:00 am**

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

**Thursday, Jan. 28**

**8:00 am**

**Leo Capicchioni (D)** family; **Souls in Purgatory (D)**  
D'Silva family

**Saturday, Jan. 30**

**4:30 pm**

**Joseph Koch (D)** family; **Chester & Antoinette Tabaczka (D)** family; **Edward McElmeel (D)** and **Mary Ellen Murray (D)** Linda Anderson; **Adelor LaClair (D)** Lynn; **Sheila & Jerome Lewis (D)** D'Silva family

**Sunday, Jan. 31**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Patricia Cullen (D)** St. William Parish; **Lee Mekis (D)**  
Armand & Geri Boisvenue

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor  
7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

**Monday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2  
[Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

**Tuesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-  
8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk  
4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf.  
6]/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40  
[39a]/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75  
[cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1  
Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

## 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.

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| ♦ Andrew Hailo          | ♦ Marty Lada          |
| ♦ Betty Jo Weaver       | ♦ Mary Beth Walsh     |
| ♦ Casey Michael         | ♦ Mary Kay Dreyer     |
| ♦ Christine Danzer      | ♦ Nancy Elibri        |
| ♦ Colleen Wolf          | ♦ Norma Kirk          |
| ♦ Dennis Goodwin        | ♦ Pam Flanigan        |
| ♦ Dennis Ryan           | ♦ Peg Thatcher        |
| ♦ DeWitt Meadows        | ♦ Sharon Ryan         |
| ♦ Ellen Dawson          | ♦ Shawnee Spedden     |
| ♦ Gloria Utsler         | ♦ Steven Geoffrey     |
| ♦ Helen Anderson        | ♦ Trevor Monfette     |
| ♦ Hillary Pearson       |                       |
| ♦ Jack Moores           | <b>Residents of:</b>  |
| ♦ Jeanie Kassa          | ♦ Bloomfield Villa    |
| ♦ Jennifer Alexander    | ♦ Brookdale           |
| ♦ Jim Thatcher          | ♦ First & Main        |
| ♦ John Benedict         | ♦ Henry Ford          |
| ♦ Karla Meadows-LaForge | ♦ Maple Manor         |
| ♦ Kelly Benedict        | ♦ Novi Lakes          |
| ♦ Kendall Smith         | ♦ Serenity            |
| ♦ Mack Barnes           | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Marian Clifton        | ♦ 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*

Diane Taylor  
Lena Mekis  
William Keenan

## 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

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel

mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.



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## Live the Liturgy

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

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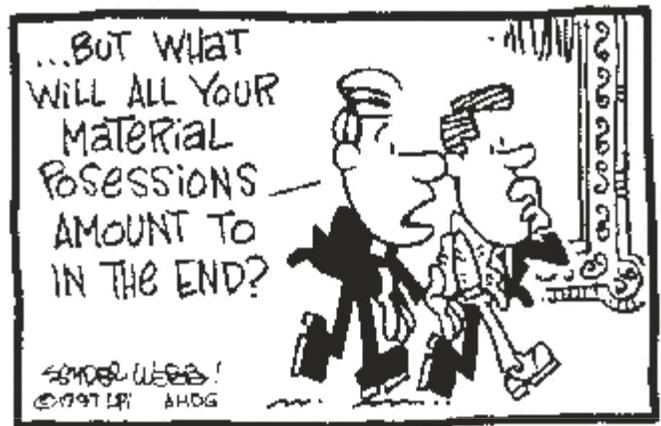
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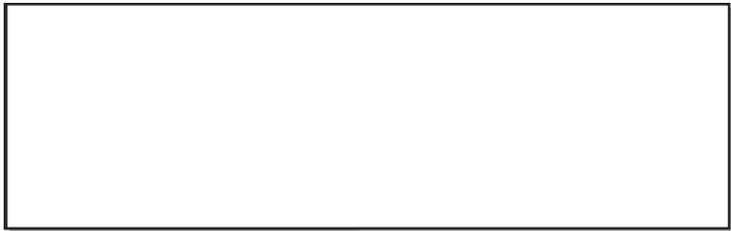
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