

St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

March 7, 2021

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I hope that your Lent is going well, and that you already feel holier!

The three traditional Lenten practices (prayer, fasting, and almsgiving) are a great way to be sure to have a beautiful Lent, because they are part of God's plan to make us holier. Each of them can focus you on the Lord, and "getting close to God" is really what "holiness" is all about. Among the three, perhaps **prayer** is the most essential key for deepening your relationship with the Lord. So, I offer the following suggestions about your prayer time for Lent. By the way, don't just read through these quickly, but take enough time to figure out how to make them work in your own circumstances.

1. Choose a **TIME**. (Best, if it's the same time each day.) Decide also on how much time. A rule of thumb: if consistently "nothing's happening" during prayer, the time's too short; if you're bored, the time's too long.
2. Choose a **PLACE**. It should be free from distractions. (If the phone rings and it's someone you don't want to ignore, go ahead and answer, but then say, "Can I call you back? I'm with someone.")
3. Go over the **BASIC FACTS** in your mind. Do not focus on your problems but on the truths revealed in God's word. (It helps to have a Bible handy.)
4. **PRAISE** God. He deserves it.
5. **ASK** God questions. Ask him about his kingdom, about what you read in the Bible, and

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Come Home to Hope

For those of us who don't fall into any high-risk categories, the dispensation from Sunday Mass expires on March 13th. This applies to anyone who is still attending Mass remotely but has otherwise started to engage in other activities that would present a similar or greater risk of exposure, like eating out at restaurants, traveling, going shopping for non-essential items, and widening one's circle of contacts. These individuals should prepare to return to Mass in recognition of its preeminence in our lives as Catholics.

If you are at risk or are concerned about others that you are in contact with who may be at risk, then you are still dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. More information about this is available at aod.org/emergencyresponse.

Inside this week . . .

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. . .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

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Eucharistic Exposition

Saturday
March 13th
12 to 3:00 pm



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, or follow the link from our website, www.stwilliam.com.



Offerory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Jan., 2020	*\$478,869	\$583,331	(\$108,462)

*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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about your personal situation.

6. **LISTEN** for an answer. Expect to hear God within yourself, from scripture, through counsel from wise and holy people, and even in your experiences during the day.
7. **RESPOND** to God. Pray for others; seek forgiveness; pray for wisdom.

It's important to remember that there are many different prayer styles, which seem attuned to different personalities, or even seem to work differently at different stages of growth within the same person. Don't be discouraged if a particular approach to prayer doesn't seem to work for you just now; try another style for a while.

Similarly, in the above seven suggestions, I mentioned, "pick a time". For some people, early in the morning is a great time, free of distractions, and it gets the day off to a good start. Others might find such a time worse than useless. They might need the middle of the day, or even just before bedtime. Do what's best for you.

In the same way, *how* you pray is equally varied. Again, different styles for different personalities. Meditation, quiet talking (and listening!) to God, song, reading Scripture, prayer books, rosaries, memorized prayers, silence—all these have their place, and some are better than others for a given individual or given stage in life. Just keep at it, keep trying different styles, and keep desiring a deeper relationship with the Lord. It will happen!

Again, as I did in a previous Lenten column, I'm urging you to spend part of your prayer time in *silence*. Prayer is supposed to be "conversing" with God, and any conversation is flawed if you are the only one doing the talking.

The "One-Hour Challenge", which is summarized elsewhere in this bulletin, is a good context into which your "personal prayer" could be placed—in addition to Mass.

Don't let Lent slip away on you! If it hasn't been all you hoped for, don't go to sleep tonight without making a decision on a plan of action. Good intentions and wishing only goes so far. A reasonable and specific plan of action goes a lot farther. God bless you!

In Jesus,
Fr. Michael

P.S. Since the article today was mostly about prayer, it

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seems appropriate that I once again mention a formal program of intercessory prayer that we have at our parish. If you have a concern that you would like held in prayer, we have more than twenty people who are part of an **Intercessory Prayer Ministry**, to confidentially hold your concern in prayer for two weeks. (And you can always renew your request.) You can submit your prayer requests by using the special boxes in the Tower Entrances, or by going to our Parish website and clicking the email link in the "Intercessory Prayers" box, near the bottom of the homepage. —And a big "thank you" to these dedicated people for their prayerful support of our parish.

Also, if you think intercessory prayer might be your "charism", i.e., a gift from the Holy Spirit for the benefit of the community, give us a call so we can talk with you about possibly getting you into this ministry!

P.P.S. As you are probably aware, **the blanket dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass ends next weekend**. The Archbishop, however, is still allowing certain categories of people (high risk, or those needing to care for someone sick) to remain dispensed. For all others it's time to return to the full and rich experience of Eucharist. Virtual Mass has its place, but there is no substitute for actually receiving the Bread of Life! If you know of a Catholic who has been absent and might not know that the dispensation has ended, make a point of inviting that person back. At our parish there still likely will be plenty of room to allow for social distancing, and, of course, everyone should still wear masks. God bless us all!

**St. William Dads' Club
33rd Annual
Lenten Fish Fry
Drive-Thru Carry-Out**



Adult Fish Dinner \$10.00

5 pieces of battered fried Cod, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, tartar sauce

Fried Shrimp Dinner \$12.00

Golden fried shrimp, french fries, cole slaw, roll, butter, cocktail sauce

Baked Salmon Dinner \$14.00

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Baked Cod Dinner \$12.00

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Pasta Dinner \$ 5.00

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See the menu and share with your family, friends and neighbors.

We hope everyone has a safe and healthy Lenten season.

God bless,

The St. William Dads' Club

Confession Schedule

Wednesday, March 10th, 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 18th, 4:30 PM

Wednesday, March 24th, 7:00 PM

Thursday, March 25th, 4:30 PM

The following times will have three priests available and will be the final opportunity before Easter:

Monday, March 29th, 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 31st,
12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM



St. Vincent de Paul Society

Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor.

USHERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Once again it is time for high school seniors to apply for the Ushers College Scholarship.

Applicants may obtain an application from any usher. The directions for applying are on the application form. We encourage all parish member high school seniors to apply.

Deadline for applying is May 2nd. Please read and follow the instructions. Any questions? Please contact Bob Dolder 248-318-5913. Good luck!



Augustine Institute Media TITLES FOR LENT!

Stop by the Augustine Institute Media kiosk in the East Tower and check out the latest CD's and Books. There are numerous Lenten CD titles for only \$3.00 each. We also have 2 of the books Father Michael spoke about in a recent Bulletin article available for \$5.00 each, a very good price! Why not take advantage of these offerings and share with your families and friends? Please remember that this is a self-funding program so please deposit monies in the box if you take a book or CD.

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not live up to his expectations. In families there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and help. Don't cut them out of your life. Love asks us to be connected, not productive.



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Rite of Election at the Cathedral

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Left to right:

Arieall Thomas (candidate); Chris Morodan (sponsor for Arieall and Nicole); Nicole Morodan (catechumen); John Morgan (candidate); Greg Carnacchi (John's sponsor).

Prayer Opportunities for Lent

Liturgy of the Hours—Morning Prayer
with communion service
Mondays & Fridays of Lent, 8:00 AM

Weekday Morning Mass
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 8:00 AM

Rosary and Night Prayer
Tuesdays, March 9th, 16th & 30th
6:30 PM

Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary
Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 PM

Friday Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, March 13th, 12 to 3 PM

Everyday Stewardship

When I think about the story of the Samaritan woman at the well, I think of my father. This Gospel reading that we use every year for the First Scrutiny of the RCIA was always my favorite to discuss with those who would be baptized in just a few weeks at the Easter Vigil. Not that many years ago, my father was one of those elect. That year, the story was more powerful than ever.

The woman went frequently to the well looking to get the water that would sustain her body. But in the story, Jesus tells her of a different kind of water, one that gives life and quenches even the driest of thirsts. The story tells us that she put down her water jar and ran to the town telling of her encounter with the One who may be the Christ. She left that jar at the well. She did not need it anymore.

I encounter people all the time that spend their days going up the hill to draw water. They are tired and spent. My father was one of those. But with the gift of baptismal water, that constant chore is now over. There is no need to travel up that hill.

This Lent, if you are one of the baptized, reclaim the gift of your baptism. Stop climbing that hill in search of something that can only quench your thirst temporarily. You encountered Christ and have the everlasting, living water already. Put down that water jar. Your new life has only just begun.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Question:

What can I do to keep up the spirit and practice of Lent in my life?

Answer:

Lent is an intense retreat, a forty-day period of reflection and penance that prepares us to celebrate the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. Our communication with God and our awareness of him is the purpose of prayer. Setting aside extra time each day helps intensify the season. Prayer includes daily Mass, Stations of the Cross, communal penance services, and private confession. Making restitution for sin as well as disciplining our hearts and minds to focus on God is the purpose of penance. It helps us restore a sense of balance to our souls, thrown out of kilter by sin. Penance includes personal sacrifice, self-denial, fasting, almsgiving, and charitable works. Finally, spiritual practices help us sharpen our understanding and insight into the meaning and understanding of our faith. When you take your faith seriously, you do what is necessary to follow Jesus more closely, to integrate your life and your faith more carefully.

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“[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5)



Right to Life — Lifespan

Baby Showers

Next weekend is LIFESPAN's annual Baby Shower Sunday. Each year we sponsor or host multiple baby showers at area churches. The new, or gently used, baby items that are donated at the showers are given to area pregnancy help centers to help in their efforts to be sure that women who have just delivered their precious babies or who are waiting to do so, have the necessary material goods to welcome them home. For shower locations, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

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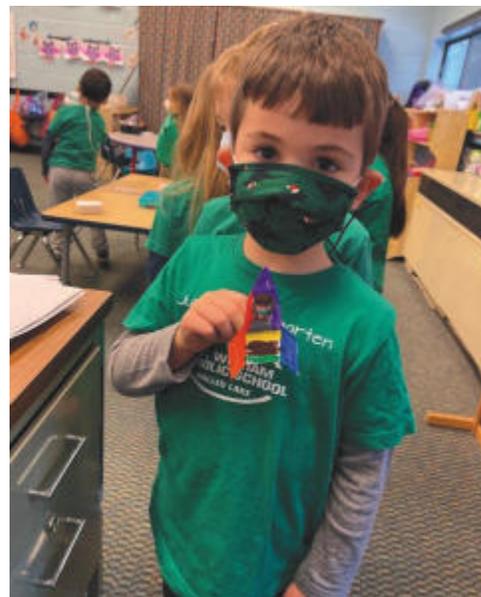
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In-Person Open House for Preschool - 8th grade!



- **March 20, 2021 - OPEN HOUSE - 10am - 12pm - Activity Center - Small group - based on Covid mandates - sign up required - 2 sessions. Parents only at this time.**
 - Sign up through our website at: <https://stwilliam-school.com/registration-tuition/>

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Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, March 9th

8:00 am

Edward McElmeel (D) Mary Rikk; **Amy Kupovits (SI, B. Day)** Dad & Mom; **Ellen Dawson (SI)** Rose

Wednesday, March 10th

8:00 am

Raymond Winters (D) Hazel Thomas; **Irene Erard (SI)** Barbara Beaubien

Thursday, March 11th

8:00 am

Kenneth Zilvitis (D) Helen Anderson; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 pm

Katie Goebel (D) family; **Margaret Palacky (D)** Goebel family; **Ariss Sand (D)** Dolder family; **James Kennedy (D)** family; **Mark Kelly (D)** friend; **Leo Bushaw (D)** and **Jack Moores (D)** and **Patrick Cummings (D)** K of C

Sunday, March 14th

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Helen Tata (D) family; **Jack Moores (D)** St. William Parish; **Edward Yugas (D)** family

Readings for the week

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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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| ♦ John Benedict | ♦ Henry Ford |
| ♦ John Shubsda | ♦ Maple Manor |
| ♦ Joseph Schuld | ♦ Novi Lakes |
| ♦ Kelly Benedict | ♦ Serenity |
| ♦ Mack Barnes | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Nancy Elibri | ♦ 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*

Joe Schuld
Betty Robinson

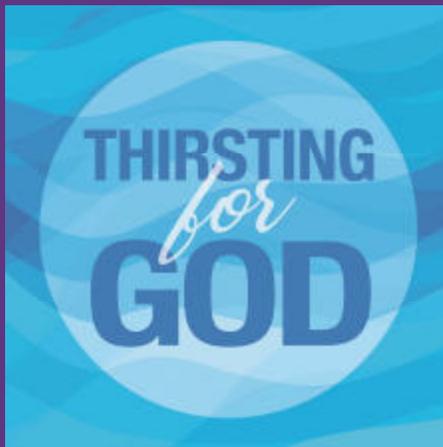
Intercessory Prayers

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. All prayer requests are kept confidential.

Gospel Meditation

"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth." Are we true worshippers? Do we praise and honor God the Father in the way Jesus described to the Samaritan woman at the well?

It seems that this woman was caught up in logistics about WHERE to worship more than HOW to worship. Her people worshiped in one place, the Jews in another. She was puzzled by this and, even though she could see that Jesus was a prophet, she challenged him because she thought perhaps he wasn't a true worshipper of God. The Lord's response to her was to shift the focus away from a



particular physical location for honoring God. In essence, he told her that what mattered was that we worship God by being filled with his Spirit, "the Spirit of truth, [who] will guide you to all truth," as Jesus will say later in John's Gospel (16:13). This woman, whose life was marked by such a sad string of broken relationships, had been missing

the point.

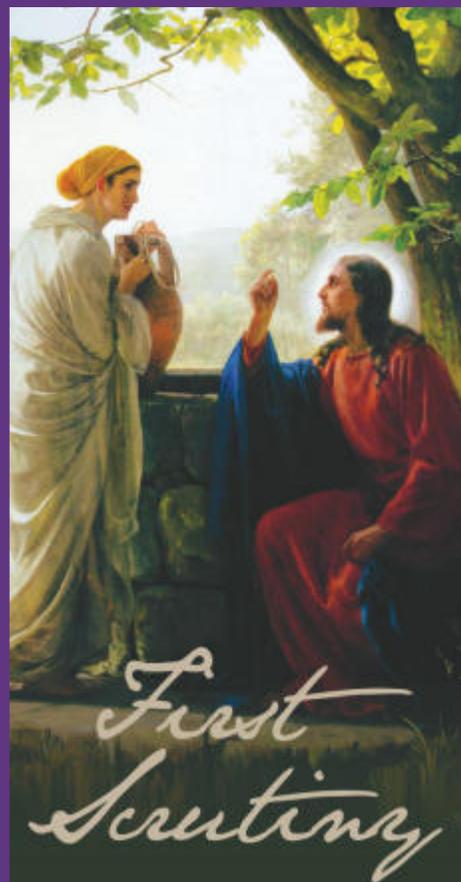
Worshipping God means more than merely practicing a community ritual or frequenting a sacred site. If we don't come to truly know God by welcoming his Spirit into our hearts, then our worship will be empty and our lives will always be missing something. The deep fulfillment that is meant to come from following the Lord is a fruit of being filled with his Spirit. Without drinking fully of this "living water" that is available to all of us through the waters of baptism, we will always be seeking something more, like this poor woman. Instead, may we be true worshippers, who drink with satisfaction from the Lord's own "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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Live the Liturgy

Today Jesus meets the woman at the well. After her time with Jesus she tells others about this man who is able to see into the depths of a person's life. Is Jesus that person for you? Have you allowed him into the depths of your life? Do you go out and tell others about this Jesus, as the Samaritan woman does? Do you share the good news by the way you live your life?

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Pray the Rosary

Our Legion of Mary members invite you to join them Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm to pray the Rosary.

All are welcome to stay after and attend



Adrian Dominican Sisters

Mindful Pause Program Focuses on Feelings

Sister Esther Kennedy, OP, spiritual director and retreat director, invites you to sit quietly and listen during the Mindful Pause program in March. Every path has a measure of fear, love, and sorrow – and perhaps this is what awakens us.

The Mindful Pause is live streamed from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. ET on Thursdays, March 4, 11, and 18. A recording is available the day after the program.

The March Mindful Pause is offered through Weber Retreat and Conference Center free of charge, but registration is requested. Registration is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registration is also available by contacting Weber Center at 517-266-4000 or webercenter@adriandominicans.org.

Virtual Holy Week Retreat

As we complete the penitential season of Lent – after a tumultuous year of responding to the pandemic, racism, and a divisive national election – Weber Retreat and Conference Center invites you to a period of silence and reflection during its virtual *Holy Week Retreat: From Ashes to Pentecost*.

Facilitated by Dominican Father Don Goergen, OP, the virtual retreat begins at 7:00 p.m. EDT Sunday, March 28, 2021, and continues through 11:30 a.m. EDT Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021. The retreat includes times for silence, prayer, and insights from Scripture, opening retreatants to God's revelation of love and hope.

Father Don, assistant to the Provincial of the Central Province of the Dominican Friars, is a noted lecturer, retreat director, and author. He is currently completing a new manuscript on the thoughts of Thomas Aquinas and Teilhard de Chardin.

The retreat is open to all, with a suggested donation of \$80, which is not tax deductible. Donations are greatly appreciated. Registration is required and is available at www.webercenter.org; click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by contacting Weber Center at 517-266-4000 or webercenter@adriandominicans.org.



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