

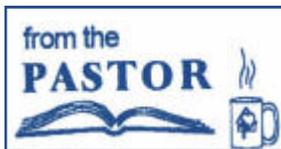
# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

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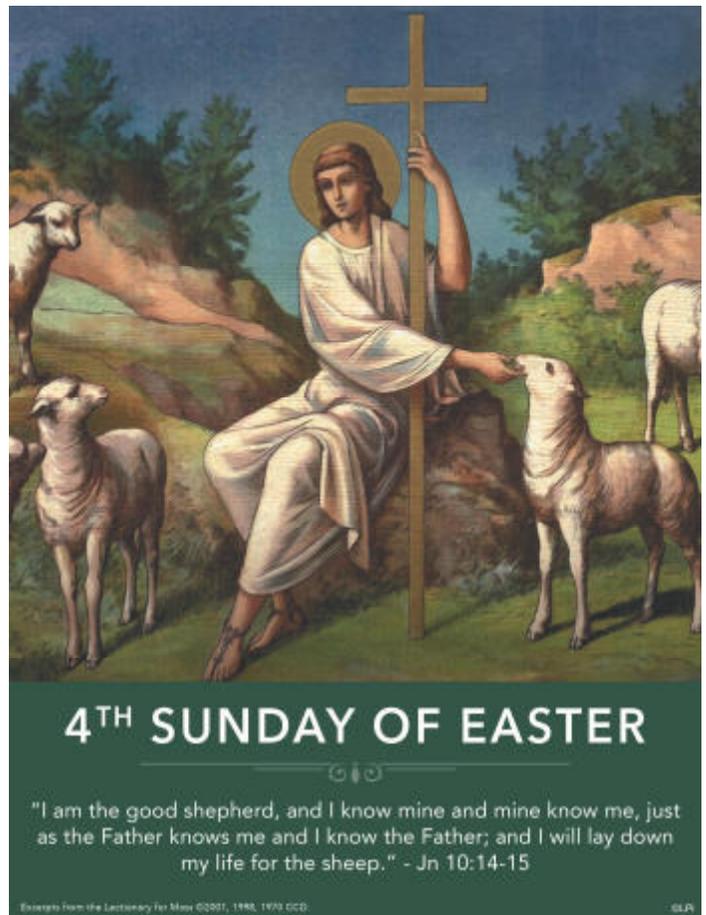


You've probably noticed that COVID has disrupted your life, or at least some of your usual activities and routines. There is no question that the pandemic and our society's response to it has caused pain and problems. But as I've often pointed out, the Lord can bring great good out of evil, to the measure of the evil, if we choose to cooperate with him and do his will. COVID is no exception.

Some people have been forced to "step back" and examine where their life was going—what's important and what's not. In some cases people came face-to-face with the reality of death, and the brutal truth that they're not as in control of their lives as they had thought. Some people have been led to re-examine what they believe, and that maybe they were too comfortable when it comes to religion, taking too much for granted instead of committing themselves to truly being disciples. Others, perhaps not as committed to the regular practice of their faith, have become more entrenched than ever in a comfortable lethargy, while others have come to realize how important the Eucharist is to them and how desperately they missed it when Mass and Communion was not available.

Our *decision* to open our hearts and wills to the Lord in a difficult situation is key. While some resist and still try to delude themselves that they are in charge of their own lives, the Lord has led other people to grow in their faith. Whether we choose to give the Lord a free hand in our lives by cooperating with him in bringing good out of a bad situation, or not, is our decision. I advocate that we open our hearts to him and prayerfully search out what the Lord asks of us—and boldly "go for it", even if it

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*Inside this week . . .*

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Bundle Days

*. . .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 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>Administrative Asst.</b>	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342
<b>Pastoral Assistant</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

<b>Office of Faith Formation</b>	(248) 624-1371	
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[ad@saintwilliam.net](mailto:ad@saintwilliam.net)

## Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary

This Tuesday

April 27<sup>th</sup>

7:00 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](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 Mar., 2021	*\$617,508	\$749,997	(\$132,489)

\*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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seems way out of our comfort zones.

This is no different than what happened in the early Church, as was recounted in some of the readings at morning Mass this last week. When a great persecution broke out in Jerusalem after the martyrdom of Stephen, “all except the apostles scattered throughout the countryside of Judea and Samaria.” You would think that was a great disaster, threatening the very existence of the infant Church, but instead, God used that opportunity to spread the Word! Disciples like Philip boldly proclaimed the Messiah, and “without exception, the crowds that heard Philip and saw the miracles he performed attended closely to what he had to say...The rejoicing in that town rose to fever pitch.” (Acts 8:1–2, 4–8)

I can see that God continues to do the same thing in our situations, if we let him. For example, I’ve mentioned before that we had thought for years about using cameras and projectors to help people in our overflow seating have a better worship experience at Mass, and we even started to do that—a little bit. And we vaguely thought how nice it would be to livestream our Services to the homebound and to be used as an Internet resource for potential new members. But thinking vaguely about it is probably all that would have happened, given the expenses and the resistance to change. And then COVID hit. And suddenly, somehow, with people and resources coming out of nowhere, it happened! And the Lord moved us to realize, and DECIDE—and boldly ACT on that decision—to make this a permanent part of our ministry at St. William Parish. We signed contracts, and this week the technicians have begun putting in the wiring and installing the equipment that will move our jury-rigged setup that used borrowed equipment into a more reliable and permanent installation. (By the way, this action was bold, and trusting, since our parish finances are very tight because of the pandemic, and we still don’t have all the money that we need in our special Livestream Fund. But I *know*, —and I really mean *know*—the expense will be covered. We’ve contracted for \$41,000 and we’re \$12,000 short. If the Lord is expecting you to be part of the solution, be bold and go to our website, and click *FaithDirect* to help.)

Two other areas of bold change that we’re looking to make at the Parish, spurred by the pandemic, is in the area of parish organization (Council and Commissions) and our Faith Formation Programs, both for adults and (afterschool) children.

More next week.

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

## Rosary Altar Society

### Bake Sale

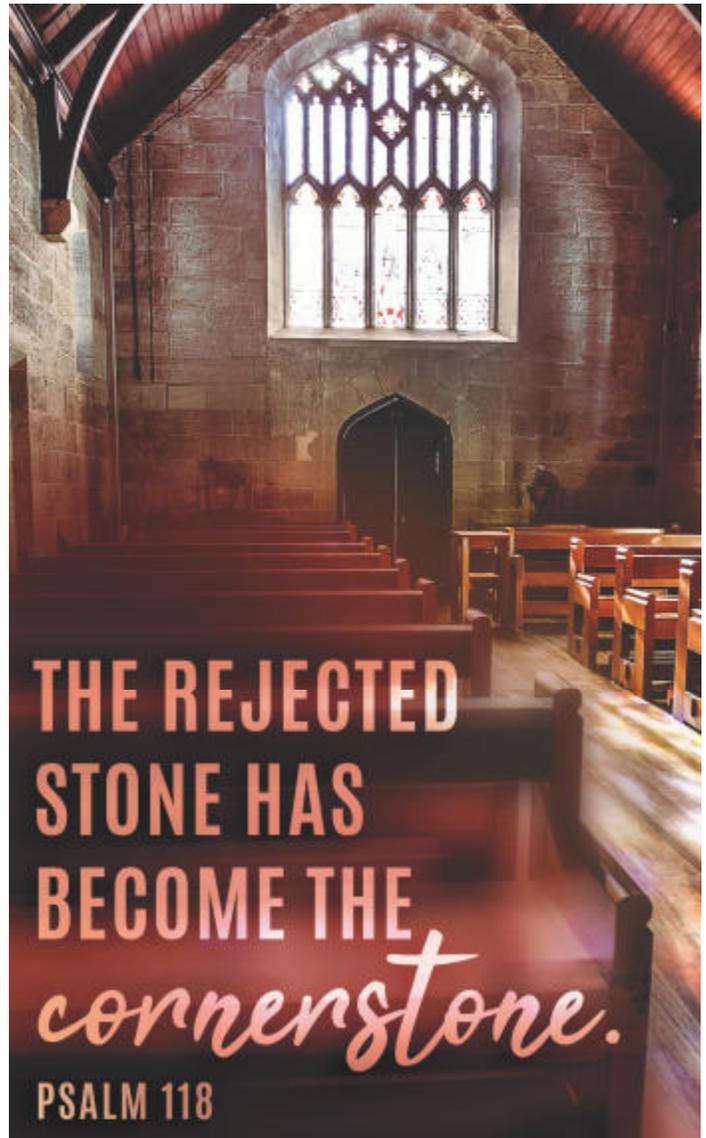
May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> after all Masses!

### Membership Meeting

Our membership meeting will be May 5<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30 PM in lower Zepf Hall.

### Mother's Day Card Sale

April 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>  
May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>



### Knights of Columbus Sunday Breakfast Update!

The Knights of Columbus are preparing to restart our monthly Breakfasts on May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021! We know everyone is looking forward to this event, but here's a few things you need to know. As stated before, we are going to hold it OUTSIDE by the Convent, weather permitting! We plan to have small tables located in the grassy areas but YOU will need to bring a lawn chair (saves us from having to move chairs across the street from Zepf!) We'll be cooking and serving under a dining fly and the menu will be pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, maybe donuts from Nino's, plus coffee and juice! We're asking for a 'Free Will' donation for this Breakfast! We are depending on GOOD WEATHER so continue praying so that we can make this event happen!

### Hospitality Committee

We do hope that everyone had a Spiritual Lent and a Blessed Holy Week and Easter this year. It was so nice to see so many friends and fellow parishioners returning to Church to celebrate this most special feast! Please pray for those Initiated at the Easter Vigil that they may continue to grow in their Faith.

We hope that everyone who received one of our 'Evangelizing Messages' with their Fish Fry dinners found them to be uplifting and meaningful! Maybe someone who was thinking about returning to Mass, did!

As we move forward from Divine Mercy Sunday toward Pentecost, we should be praying especially for the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May, both significant milestones in our Catholic Faith!

As always, we are looking for Parishioners to become part of the Hospitality Committee. Each of us can turn to another and welcome them in the name of the Lord. Consider joining us in that endeavor. God Bless!

## St. Vincent de Paul Society



### Camp Ozanam

Our parish St. Vincent de Paul Conference is blessed to share an opportunity with families struggling (financially or suffering some other hardship such as divorce, separation, death of a loved one, etc.) with children between the age of 8 and 14. If this applies, we'd like to offer your child(ren) the opportunity to attend Camp Ozanam this summer for free. The camp provides children the chance to experience a free week of summer residential camping. Children will enjoy the great outdoors, making new friends and life-long memories this summer at Camp Ozanam!

Please contact Melani by leaving a message for her at the parish office, 248-624-1421.

### Bundle Days are coming!

With the arrival of spring in Michigan, most of us are looking forward to getting back to normal, and putting this pandemic in our rear-view mirror. To that end, your St Vincent de Paul conference is happy to sponsor Bundle Day weekend collection drive on **May 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>**.

We will be accepting clean, useable clothing, linens, shoes and accessories, as well as kitchen items and other household goods. Please do not bring TV's or electronics but small appliances are accepted. Your goods may be dropped off before and after all Masses or really anytime all weekend, as our members monitor the truck regularly, in order to keep things neat and organized. Thank-you for your patience and generosity!

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please read and follow the instructions. Any questions? Please contact Bob Dolder 248-318-5913. Good luck!



## 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 their brief meeting and learn more about the Legion



## St. Vincent de Paul Society — Third Sunday of Easter

Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find forgiveness and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

## Everyday Stewardship — Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to Someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. ©LPI

## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

## Right to Life — Lifespan LIFESPAN Bill Boards

Have you seen LIFESPAN's billboards scattered around the Detroit Metro area? A kind and generous donor has provided the funds for us to create and erect Pro-Life bill boards in several different locations. They feature a pro-life message and our contact information. Let us know if you see one. We hope that they send a message of hope and encouragement to someone to recognize the beauty of the new life they carry within. For more information, please call the LIFESPAN office, 248-816-1546.

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

**Question:** What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

**Answer:**

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed

and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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## 2021 Right-To-Life Novi Golf Outing

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 8:00 am  
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- 18 Holes of Golf with Cart
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- Lunch after golf
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Single golfer: \$135.00  
Foursome \$500.00

Please make checks payable to: Right To Life Novi

Register on-line at [rtlnovi.com/golf-outing](http://rtlnovi.com/golf-outing)  
OR mail this registration form and check to:  
Right to Life Novi  
P.O. Box 1381, Novi, MI, 48376

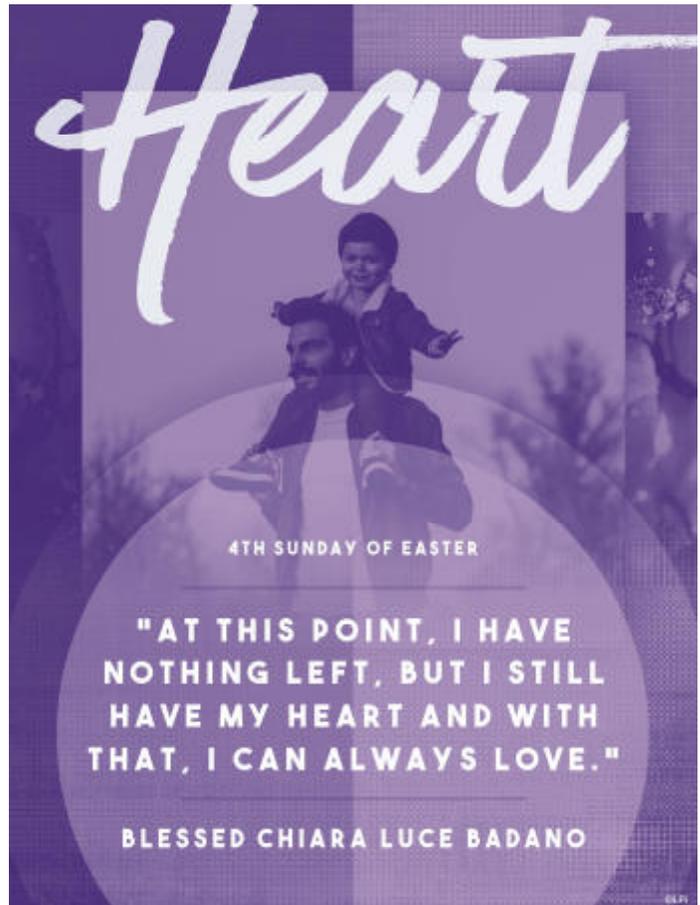
For more info (734) 262-0353 – Michael Stephens  
(248) 444-4773 – John Wright

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## USCCB *Word of Life*

*"Current laws in our country fail to protect the lives of unborn children. ... People of good will must boldly stand up against this intrinsic evil [of abortion], especially when it is occurring on a massive scale, implemented in law and funded, in some instances, by the government."*

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann, Chair of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, "Priorities at the Polls"



**OUR MISSION**

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Select St. William School as charity  
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## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Eddie Peters (D)** K of C; **Ryan Mele (SI)** family

**Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D)** family

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Sara Tripodi (D)** friend

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**4:30 pm**

**Casimer Paluszek (D)** Karen Sommers; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife; **Ronald Thatcher (D)** K of C; **Members of RAS Confraternity (L&D)**; **Eileen Wolter (SI)**, **Beth Barnes (SI)**, **Diane McDonald (SI)**, and **Donald McDonald (SI)** Maureen McClorey

**Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Bill Boike, Jr. (D)** Nancy & Del Malzahn; **Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D)**; **Antoinette Morelli (D)** St. William Parish; **Adair-Poling families (L&D)**

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/

Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

**Next Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

## 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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| ♦ Barbara Carducci   | ♦ Norma Kirk          |
| ♦ Bobbi Farmer       | ♦ Pam Balogh          |
| ♦ Bonny Mesaros      | ♦ Pat Grams           |
| ♦ Cathy Vanderhovel  | ♦ Ryan Mele           |
| ♦ Chris Rivers       | ♦ Sharon Martin       |
| ♦ Christine McCarthy | ♦ Sharon Ryan         |
| ♦ Dan Lessard        | ♦ Stephanie Kozlowski |
| ♦ Dennis Ryan        | ♦ Trevor Monfette     |
| ♦ Dianne Gravett     | ♦ Val Colussi         |
| ♦ Dolores Hollis     |                       |
| ♦ Ellen Dawson       |                       |
| ♦ Ellie Azzato       | <b>Residents of:</b>  |
| ♦ Henry Reinhardt    | ♦ Bloomfield Villa    |
| ♦ Jackie Wolverton   | ♦ Brookdale           |
| ♦ James Miller       | ♦ First & Main        |
| ♦ Janie Wolverton    | ♦ Henry Ford          |
| ♦ Jerry Robinson     | ♦ Maple Manor         |
| ♦ John Benedict      | ♦ Novi Lakes          |
| ♦ John Shubsda       | ♦ Serenity            |
| ♦ Jonathan Medonis   | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Kimi Stephens      | ♦ 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*

Bill Boike, Jr.  
George Gooch  
Betty Wallen

## Intercessory Prayers

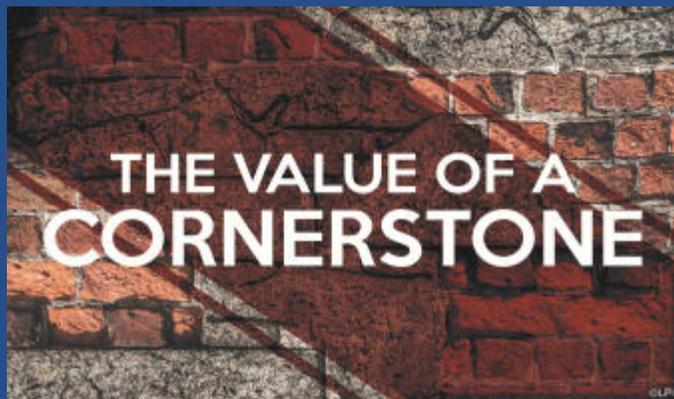
Intercessory prayer boxes have been placed in the tower entrances. Our Intercessory Prayer Teams will lift your intentions up in prayer for two weeks. You may also email your prayer requests by clicking the link on our website, [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com). All prayer requests are kept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

## Gospel Meditation

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.



A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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### Live the Liturgy

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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**Sharing the Gospel**

Without a good shepherd to lead them, sheep would get lost. Without a good shepherd to protect them, sheep would get hurt. A good shepherd would even die, just to keep his sheep safe. Jesus is your good shepherd, and you are his precious little lamb. When you get lost, Jesus comes to find you. When you are in danger, Jesus comes to comfort you. Listen to the voice of Jesus. Spend time reading the Bible every day. He wants to lead you to life with God. He wants to protect you from sin. Jesus gave up his life just to save you. Jesus is your good shepherd.

**Prayer**

God, help me to always follow Jesus, my good shepherd.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of yourself as a little lamb and Jesus as your good shepherd.

**Mission for the Week**

Learn as much as you can about Jesus, so you can follow him. Read a Bible story with your family every night before bed.

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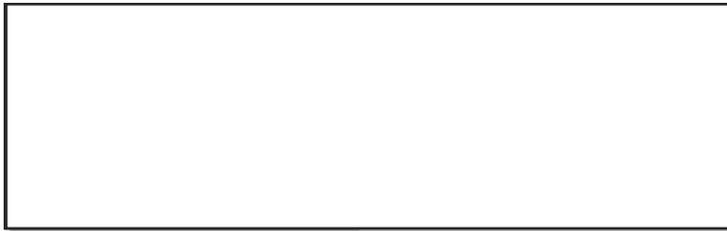
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