

# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

May 9, 2021

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May God's blessings be on all the moms of our Parish on this Mother's Day!

How clever that we celebrate Mother's Day during the month of May. Not only is this a month where spring comes into full bloom with its new life, but the month of May is specially dedicated to Mary the Mother of Our Lord and the model of the Church—which is our “mother”. Moms are supposed to be nurturing and life-giving. Even as we honor them today, I encourage you in your devotion to the Blessed Mother.

Anytime the church building is open you can stop by the devotional area in church (to the left of the sanctuary) to say a prayer, or stop by the Grotto next to the church. Another opportunity you may want to consider is joining other parishioners for a communal recitation of the rosary each Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Church—except that on the fourth Tuesdays there is Exposition, Benediction and Rosary at 7PM. As it happens, next Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a “Rosary Rally” at Noon. (Participants will gather in the main parking lot, and then proceed to Pontiac Trail to pray for God's protection of our country and an end to abortion.) If you already pray the rosary regularly, consider inviting your spouse, children, or neighbors to join you in common prayer. If you don't normally pray the rosary, consider trying it for a while to see if it is a helpful addition to your prayer life. If you need a rosary, we have a few free rosaries available at the Parish Business Office (the rectory). There are pamphlets about “How to say the Rosary” at the kiosks in the church vestibules.

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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



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### 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>Administrative Asst.</b>	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342
<b>Pastoral Assistant</b>	Mrs. Karen Sommers	Ext. 344
	248-624-8870	
<b>Maintenance:</b>	(248) 669-5522	
<b>Supervisor</b>	Mr. Dave Colby	Ext. 312

### EDUCATION CENTER

135 O'Flaherty Street

<b>Office of Faith Formation</b>	(248) 624-1371	
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Administrative Asst.	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342

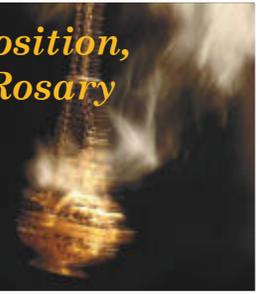
<b>School Office</b>	(248) 669-4440	
Principal	Mrs. Betsy Gabrish	Ext. 303
Secretary		Ext. 302

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Athletic Director

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

## Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary

Tuesday  
May 25<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm



Since attendance at Masses have declined due to concerns over COVID, 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	<b>*\$708,467</b>	\$833,330	<b>(\$124,863)</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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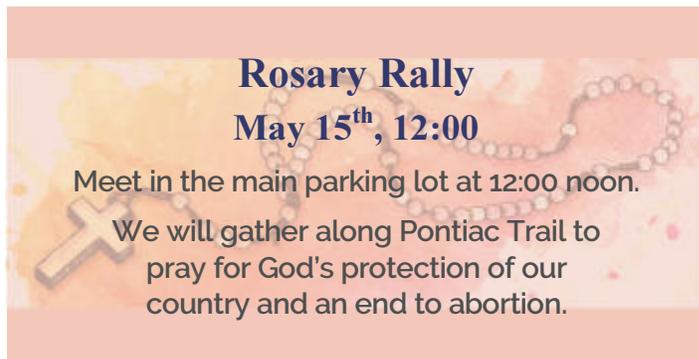
There are many different approaches to prayer, and many different styles of prayer. You owe it to yourself to find the ones that are most beneficial to your spiritual growth. The rosary has been a source of blessing for many people; perhaps it would be for you, too.

As we celebrate Mother's Day, I also note that moms can find in Mary's life a model for their own, and can appeal to her intercession in their troubles. On a slightly different note, If you happen to know of any child who has *lacked* a mother's care, you can ask Jesus to send His own mother, Mary, with a perfect mother's love, to comfort and "fill in the gaps," even if that wounded "child" has already grown old in years.

Perhaps, if you are blessed to still have your own mother alive and living near you, you can bring your mom to Church with you on occasion (assuming she isn't at high risk during this pandemic) and then maybe follow that up with a family meal. A *great* opportunity for that is on Pentecost, in 2 weeks, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. By tradition, Mary was present in the room when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples on that first Pentecost in tongues "as of fire". The Holy Spirit had a special impact in the life of Mary, as we read in the account of the Annunciation: "And the Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you." Through her openness to the Holy Spirit, Mary was able to present the Christ to the world.

Despite the pandemic that had brought so much of our society to a near standstill, our Mission never goes "on hold". We are still expected by the Lord to "Go, make disciples." For a time the Faithful were only able to attend Mass vicariously through live-streaming (which caused many to realize how much they missed being physically present, worshipping with a community, and receiving Holy Communion!) Now, with proper precautions, we are able to safely return to in-person worship, although some high risk individuals and others in particular situations are still excused. Others, perhaps because of fear, are still hesitant. We pray that all will soon be able to join us at Eucharist, which is the source and summit of our Catholic experience. Regardless of our individual situations, however, we are all nonetheless expected to continue to *grow as disciples and bring others to Christ*.

During these difficult times, we are reminded that Mary is the **model** for disciples. She continued to trust in God's love for her even during the difficult times in her life, and she never stopped saying "Yes" to God's plan. Because of that, and by the overshadowing of Holy Spirit, she was given the power to make Christ



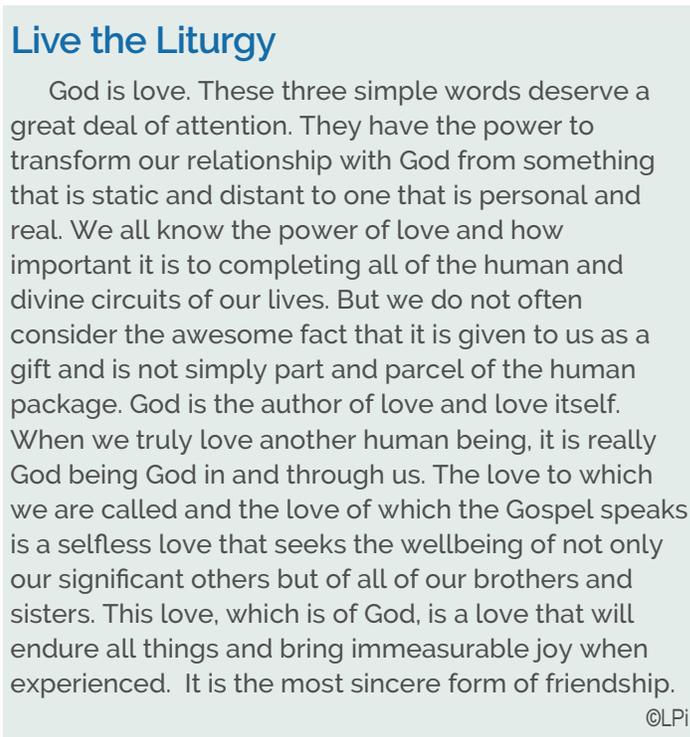
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**May 15<sup>th</sup>, 12:00**  
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We will gather along Pontiac Trail to pray for God's protection of our country and an end to abortion.

present in history; she was able to bring the Savior into the world. As disciples, we are called to make Christ present to others, to bring the love of Christ to all whom we meet, to let the Light of Christ illuminate people who have been living in a darkened world. Like Mary, we need the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives if we are to be successful in bringing Christ to others.

May the prayer of Mary, the Mother of the Church, be joined with your prayer for the continued growth of the Church.

St. Anne, mother of Mary and patroness of our Archdiocese, pray for us.

In Jesus  
Fr. Michael



**Live the Liturgy**

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

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## Hospitality Committee Update - May!

Thank you to the friendly Ushers and Greeters who welcome us to our weekend Masses. The Parishioners in those roles help extend the Lord's WELCOME and we are Blessed.

As always, we encourage you to join us in the endeavor of Radical Hospitality! Have you considered being a Greeter or Usher?

Divine Mercy Sunday and Good Shepard Sunday are behind us and Pentecost is on the horizon – the Last Holy Day of Easter! God Bless the children who will be receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation in May, both significant milestones in our Catholic Faith!

*Thank You!*

We are so blessed to be a part of this great parish. Our bake sale and Mother's Day card sale was a huge success.

Thank you for your support and the above and beyond donations.

God Bless ,

Rosary Altar Society



## 2021 High School Grads – Save the Date!

Did you know that we have students in our parish attending at least eleven different high schools? To avoid conflicting with any graduation ceremonies, we are once again going to hold our Graduate Mass and Lunch on the Sunday of Memorial Weekend. The date is set for **May 30, 2021**, as we gather for the 10:00am Mass, followed by a BBQ picnic lunch that will be served to our graduates and their families. Please RSVP to Karen Trojniak at [ktrojniak@stwilliam.com](mailto:ktrojniak@stwilliam.com) by May 26. We look forward to celebrating your achievement!



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

### NEXT WEEKEND

### Bundle Days

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!



### Pray the Rosary Tuesday Evenings

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 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us, “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you...You are my friends if you do what I command you.”

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you fulfill this commandment.

### USCCB *Word of Life*

*“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
“A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

### Right to Life — Lifespan

#### Happy Mother’s Day

Families are formed in many ways—by birth, by adoption, by fostering, by blending. It seems that however they are formed, at the heart of each family is a Mom who shares the time, talents and love that keeps it all going. This is a special day to say Thanks Mom! —for everything.

### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today’s gospel challenges us to “love one another as I have loved you.” Jesus is our model and he asks us to “lay down our life” (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

### Everyday Stewardship — Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS. ©LPi



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

**Question:** What is the difference between a "Saint" and a "Blessed"?

**Answer:**

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot.

It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the

"canon") of saints. This is the meaning of the word "canonization."

Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person's life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of "heroic virtue." Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as "Blessed." This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the "Blessed" is canonized and honored with the title "Saint," meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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## 2021 Right-To-Life Novi Golf Outing

Saturday, June 19, 2021, 8:00 am  
Cattails Golf Club  
57737 9 Mile Rd  
South Lyon, Michigan

Special guest: Frank Tanana, former Detroit Tiger and member of the Michigan Sports Hall of Fame

**INCLUDES:**

- 18 Holes of Golf with Cart
- Continental breakfast before golf begins at 7 AM
- Lunch after golf
- Driving Range

Proceeds to Benefit

Another Way Pregnancy Center; Lennon Pregnancy Center; Support of Ultrasound Machines; Various Adoption Services; March For Life, Washington D.C.; Educational & Community Outreach; Support High School Youth Groups

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

[rtlnovi@gmail.com](mailto:rtlnovi@gmail.com)



**Devotions**  
email@email.com | 111-111-1111

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Every second Saturday of the month  
12:00 Noon

**Eucharistic Exhibition and Benediction with Rosary**  
Every fourth Tuesday of the month  
7:00 PM

**Rosary and Night Prayer**  
All other Tuesdays  
6:30 PM



**LOOKING FOR SOME FUN THIS SPRING AND SUMMER?**

Visit the link below for summer opportunities at Marian for students entering grades 1-12. Check back often; we will add additional activities as they become available!

[www.marian-hs.org/student-life/summer-opportunities](http://www.marian-hs.org/student-life/summer-opportunities)

 **MARIAN**

## 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.”



## upcoming events

May

- 24 8th Graders Last Day
- 27 8th Grade Graduation
- 28 Memorial Day Break Begins

## St. William Catholic School Presents...

Last week, our SWCS 3rd and 4th graders hosted our bi-annual wax museum! Each student researched a famous person of their choice. For the event, they each dressed up as the person, showed off their display and with the push of a button taught their visitors fun facts about the person they chose. All did a fabulous job!

## SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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

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Select St. William School as charity  
We will receive 0.5% of all  
eligible purchases

## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D)** family; **Souls in Purgatory (D)** D'Silva family

**Wednesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Edward McElmeel (D)** Maureen Emerick; **Fidelis D'Silva (D)** D'Silva family

**Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Ryan Mele (SI)** family

**Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm**

**Paul Michels (D)** John Michels and family; **Katie Goebel (D)** and **John Callahan (D)** and **Karen Palleschi (D)** Goebel family; **Beatrice Ryan (D)** family; **Kay Langan (D)** family; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife;

**Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Xiem Hoang (D)** family; **Vince Guadagni (D)** family; **Mary Lukasik (D)** family; **Luigi Capicchioni (D)** family; **Rosemary Quentin (D)** John Fitzpatrick; **Jerome, Elizabeth & Sheila Lewis (D)** D'Silva family; **Chuck Nusser (D)** family

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

**Monday:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 6b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 or *Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

## 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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| ♦ Agnes Bushaw       | ♦ Larry Bischoff      |
| ♦ Andrew Hailo       | ♦ Nick Malzahn        |
| ♦ Ann McCarville     | ♦ Norma Kirk          |
| ♦ Barbara Carducci   | ♦ Pam Balogh          |
| ♦ Becky Malzahn      | ♦ Pat Grams           |
| ♦ Bobbi Farmer       | ♦ Peggy Counts        |
| ♦ Bonny Mesaros      | ♦ Ryan Mele           |
| ♦ Carla Podgurski    | ♦ Sharon Martin       |
| ♦ Cathy Vanderhovel  | ♦ Sharon Godfrey      |
| ♦ Chris Rivers       | ♦ Sharon Ryan         |
| ♦ Christine McCarthy | ♦ Stephanie Kozlowski |
| ♦ Dan Lessard        | ♦ Trevor Monfette     |
| ♦ Dennis Ryan        | ♦ Val Colussi         |
| ♦ Dianne Gravett     |                       |
| ♦ Dolores Hollis     |                       |
| ♦ Donna Thomas       |                       |
| ♦ Ellie Azzato       |                       |
| ♦ Eric Parker        |                       |
| ♦ Jackie Wolverton   |                       |
| ♦ Janie Wolverton    |                       |
| ♦ Jerry Robinson     |                       |
| ♦ John Benedict      |                       |
| ♦ John Shubsda       |                       |
| ♦ Jonathan Medonis   |                       |
| ♦ Kimi Stephens      |                       |
- Residents of:
- ♦ Bloomfield Villa
  - ♦ 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*

Frederick Counts  
Thomas Kane

## 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

### Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience



of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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Week of May 10 <sup>th</sup> through 16 <sup>th</sup>	
MON 10	7:00 PM Baptism Class Disciples Room
TUE 11	8:00 AM Mass 2:00 PM Devotions Committee, St. Paul Room 6:30 PM Rosary, followed by Legion of Mary meeting in St. Paul Room
WED 12	8:00 AM Mass
THU 13	8:00 AM Mass 7:30 PM AA Meeting, Lower Zepf
SAT 15	12:00 PM Rosary Rally, main parking lot 4:30 PM Mass
SUN 16	10:00 AM Mass (+Livestreamed) 12:30 PM Mass

**Sharing the Gospel**

I would be really happy, if only I was ? rich ? popular ? better looking ? the boss. Those selfish wishes sound great, but they cannot give you true happiness inside. In today's Gospel, Jesus shares the three secrets to his complete happiness: (1) Jesus obeyed God; (2) Jesus knew God loved him; (3) Jesus loved other people enough to die for them. Wow. Jesus was completely happy, but he was not selfish at all. In fact, Jesus told his friends if they followed his loving example, they could be completely happy too. Follow Jesus to be filled with happiness from the inside out.

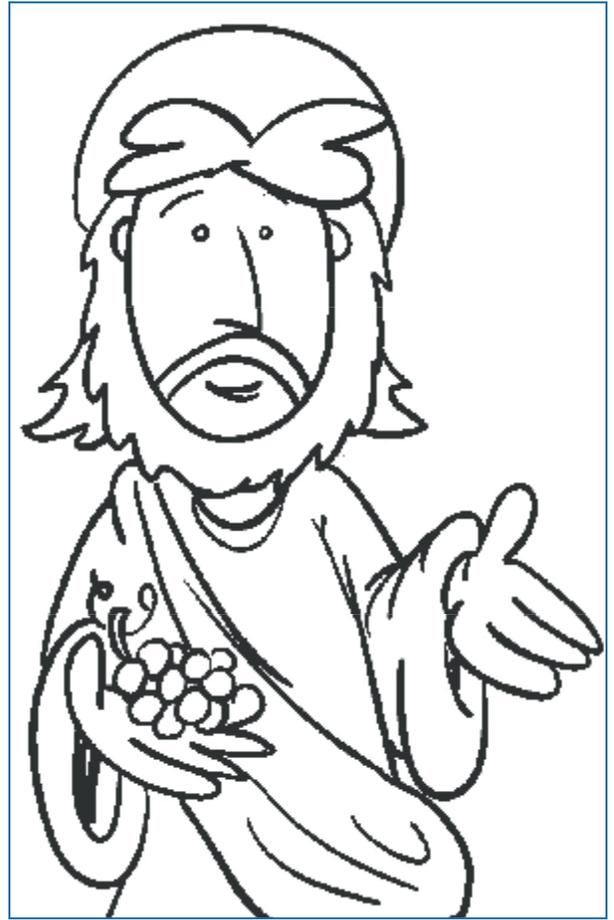
**Prayer**

God, on my own I am selfish. Thank you for loving me. Help me to obey you. Help me to love other people as much as Jesus does.

**Mission for the Week**

Read John 15:9-17 with your family. God loves you, and he wants you to be completely happy, but you need to let go of your selfishness. You can obey God and love others by sharing your time with them. You can show your love for God by sharing your money with others, too.

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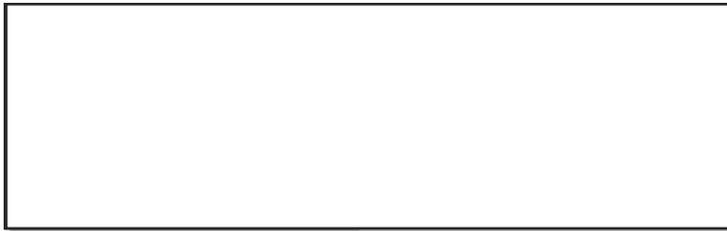
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