

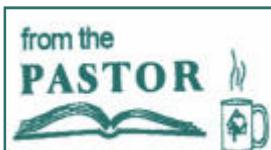
# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

June 20, 2021

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May God bless all fathers on this Father's Day! (I especially like giving that blessing because as a spiritual Father in this parish, I get to share in it!)

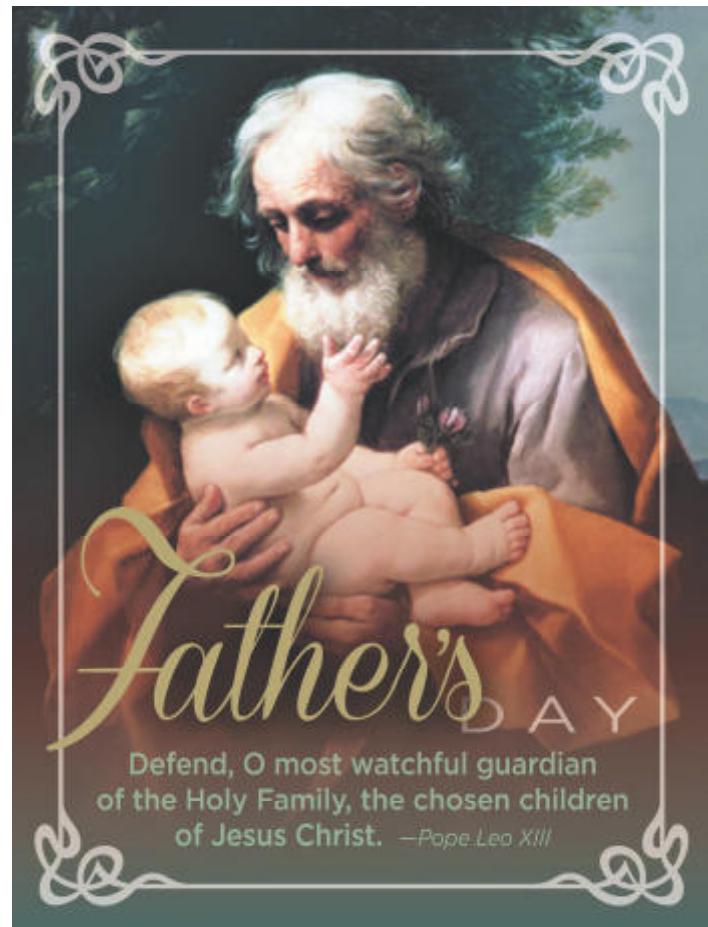
Summer officially begins this Sunday, and I hope you will find yourself blessed in many ways throughout this summer. However, it's important to recognize those blessings, and then joyfully give thanks!

How about giving thanks to God that we're finally able to get back to Mass without a whole lot of restrictions! And—at least for those who are able to come without too many fears about COVID—our church building has air-conditioning for these hot summer months! What a blessing! Feel free to tell your friends and neighbors. Actually, I encourage you to tell them about the blessing that St. William has been to you, and invite them to join you! If they are not in the area, or are not quite ready to join you at Mass for whatever reasons, a great option is to invite them to experience our community via livestream at 10:00 AM on Sunday mornings. (Recordings are available afterwards. The link is on our website.)

A good number of years ago, before the blessing of air-conditioning, sometimes people deprived themselves of the *blessing of Mass* because of concerns about the church being too hot. (For some it was a legitimate medical concern, but some others perhaps excused themselves too readily.)

Of course, now, there are concerns about the church being too cold, and/or too drafty. Some of these, too, are legitimate concerns, and I don't really mind hearing about them. In response, we keep making modifications and adjustments, and maybe before long, it will be perfect for everyone. (Hey, I'm a priest; I'm *supposed* to believe in miracles.) Well, even if it's not perfect, we'll keep trying to make it as good as

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Novena to St. Joseph

Youth Ministry Bottle Drive

Religious Freedom Week

. . . 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

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### EDUCATION CENTER

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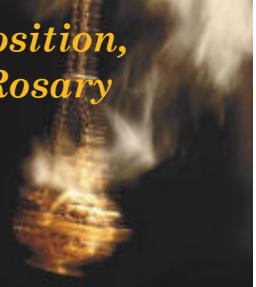
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## Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction & Rosary

Tuesday

June 22nd

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 Apr., 2021	<b>\$707,972</b>	\$833,330 <b>(-\$125,358)</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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possible for as many people as possible.

One unexpected blessing of the temporary suspension of public Masses is that some people realized how much they missed Mass! There is some truth in the words of the old song by Joni Mitchell: "Don't it always seem as though...you don't know what you got 'til it's gone." As the pandemic recedes into history I hope that more and more of our Catholics will find themselves reluctant to excuse themselves from Sunday Mass on the basis of comfort, or some other minor reason. Perhaps in the past some chose to absent themselves simply because it was summer and they are busy with other activities. Whenever that happens, it is a cause of concern not just for me as pastor, but for all of us.

We are all diminished as a Church when there are brothers or sisters not with us to worship. Their absence not only deprives them, but us as well. I frequently ask people to pray for the members of our parish who do not get to Mass regularly through their own choice, so I urge you to add that intention to your regular prayers. You just might be the source of strength someone needs to get them here. Perhaps you might even have a more direct role in bringing back to Church someone you know who has lapsed from the full practice of their faith. (Typically that doesn't happen by telling them how wrong they are—but rather, by respectfully inviting them, while sharing the joy and peace that you've come to know through the Lord.) Pray, and invite.

In our modern American society, which has such a high degree of consumerism, I fear that people sometimes apply the same standards to their religion as they would to Wal-Mart. "Is my parish giving me a good deal, a good package? Is there something else more attractive?" (For instance, going to the lake on a hot summer day.) One of the errors in this thinking is to view our religion as merely "what I get out of it". In fact, it is just as much "what we bring to it". The Lord, and the values of His Kingdom, should be the underlying element behind all that we do and experience throughout the week. We then bring all our joys—and difficulties—from the week into focus when we celebrate the Lord's love on Sunday.

We aren't at Mass just to receive, but to give. We give the Lord praise. We give each other encouragement. We give public worship, which is the Lord's due. In short, we give of ourselves as the Lord has given Himself to us. That's the opposite of consumerism, and it also has little to do with hot or cold



This weekend the Respect Life Committee  
Will be holding their Candy Bar sale!



**Life is Sweet!**

All proceeds to benefit  
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[www.milifespan.org](http://www.milifespan.org)

temperatures. When we give of ourselves, we find ourselves blessed, in turn. However, as I said above, it's important to recognize those blessings, and then joyfully give thanks!

Have a blessed summer!

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

PS: As we approach the celebration of our Independence in another fourteen days, the days from June 22 through June 29 have been declared **Religious Freedom Week** by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. If you visit their website, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), you will find prayers, reflections, and action suggestions for each day. Actually their website is a huge resource for this topic. I may touch on the topic of religious freedom in next week's column.

We've placed a link to the USCCB material on our Parish website, but if you decide to find it on your own, go to [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org), then click the search button and type "Religious Freedom Week". From the results, click on Religious Freedom Week: EVENTS / 22 June 2021.



### Legion of Mary

If you would like to enrich your spiritual life & would like to help others, we need you in Legion of Mary.

Meetings are in the St. Paul room every Tuesday morning after 6:30 PM rosary. Come join us and say the Rosary and see what we're all about.

Contact Sherri Szeptowski, 248-957-8244, if you have any questions.

## A message from Deacon Mike

There is a maxim, that says "change" is only constant in life. Such as it is, I want to share with you that I am retiring at the end of June. God has called me to a new assignment (really a continuation of the one I have had for the last 10 years) to concentrate on my ministry as a deacon, in my parish, at St. Florian's in Hamtramck.

I want to thank all of you for the opportunity I have had to, pray with, work with, study with, and sometimes disagree with. We have accomplished a lot with each other's help.

I want to call out Fr. Michael for the opportunity he provided me, to serve you, as the leader of St. William Parish. Special thanks to the many catechists and helpers who were the true backbone of the Religious Ed program. May the Lord reward you for your time and faith-filled examples to guide His children! Blessings upon those who served on the various commissions and committees with me. I know we did well to make it possible for the family of St. William to encounter God. Thank you to those who facilitated the many Bible studies we have shared over the years. (Did you know St. William had 6 different study groups going even in midst of the pandemic? Just Amazing!!) Thanks to all the staff especially Rosie and the maintenance crew for all of your help. Thanks, Lisa Geoffry, for your assistance in keeping the R.E, Bible Studies programs up and running.

A special "thank you" to my dear friend and collaborator in spreading the Good News, Karen Trojniak. Without you, I would still be asking what am I supposed to do today?

I have learned while serving as your DRE, that God is patient, He listens to our prayers, and He always provides to us what is necessary. There were many occasions where I was not so sure that I/we could meet the needs of our people, but, in every single instance, God, made it not only possible but brought about many blessings for having to go through the experiences with Him.

May God continue to reign down His blessings upon you,

Deacon Mike



**Sunday, June 20 (Fathers' Day) – Monday, June 28**

All are invited to participate in a special novena for families that calls on the intercession of St. Joseph. For nine consecutive days, you will receive a prayer prompt that reflects on different titles of St. Joseph. There is also a space to include any specific intentions for your family. The goal of this novena is to help the domestic Church flourish through families praying to grow closer to God and one another.

You can download the prayers from our website, [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com), or go directly to [www.unleashthegospel.org/st-joseph-novena](http://www.unleashthegospel.org/st-joseph-novena) to sign up via email and receive one PDF with the full nine days' reflections and consecration, or include your phone number to have the daily novena prayers texted to you, starting on June 20.



## Right to Life — Lifespan Father's Day

He gives us roots and wings; he gives us his name and his love. He is there for our ball games and our ballet recitals. He heals our scraped knees and eases our broken hearts. Dad, Pappa, Pops, Daddy, The Old Man—whatever his name, he is there when we call. Thanks Dad!

## A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Just as the apostles in today's gospel were amazed at the power of Jesus so our children are amazed at our lack of fear of dark rooms or monsters in closets or under beds. As the apostles depended on Jesus, children depend on us to restore quiet to their lives. Getting out of bed at night to quiet a child's fears is the stuff of holiness.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society — 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus calms the sea and then asks the disciples "Why are you lacking in faith." In our life's journey, we also must learn to believe in God's presence and to trust in his care.

Through your almsgiving you are sowing seeds that grow far greater than you know. The coins placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box bring Christ love and compassion to the poor.

## SIMPLE STEWARDSHIP:

### 525,600 minutes

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six  
hundred minutes.

Five hundred twenty-five thousand  
moments so dear.

five hundred twenty-five thousand six  
hundred minutes.

How do you measure, measure a year?

These lyrics, from "Seasons of Love", ask an important question of us and we each need to come up with our own answer. But no matter how you measure it, time remains one of the most valuable things a person can "spend."

When we think of things of value, we think of possessions, people and things like health and love. But time is also valuable. Just like any item which exists only in a specific amount, the value of time lies in the fact that there is only so much of it and once it's used up, it's GONE. And, as scripture tells us, we have no idea how much time we actually have as the "total" is not revealed to us.

That makes it even more important that we pay close attention to how we are spending our "coin of time." Are we spending it all on ourselves? Or are we wasting it, talking about what we wish to accomplish instead of

accomplishing it? Finally, are we deluding ourselves that there is "plenty of time" so a few wasted or misused hours don't really matter in the great scheme of things?

A true understanding of stewardship begins with taking care of and sharing the "coin of time." Stewardship of time involves the realization that none of us "owns" time. God has given us only so much of it. Planning a careful schedule to have the time to work, to rest, to play, to pray, and to "give back to God" is vital in the stewardship of our physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual lives.

In a busy secular society like ours, time is one of the most precious possessions and gifts we have. How we spend that time is perhaps the clearest indication of our progress in a life of Christian discipleship.

We remind you again that the commissions and ministries of the parish will be ramping back up and you will be "*called to serve.*" We prayerfully ask that you answer His call, embrace the mantle of Christian Stewardship, and graciously offer at least some of the 525,600 minutes of the next year to help advance the mission here at St. William Parish: *"To live the Good News so joyfully, that we can't help but proclaim it!"*



### Bottle and Can Drives for Youth Ministry

Let us help you clear out the bin at home! Please SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS for our upcoming Bottle and Can Drives to raise funds for the National Catholic Youth Conference that occurs in November. The NCYC bound youth will be collecting your donations after all masses on the weekends of July 10-11, August 14-15 and September 11-12. Please drop off your returnable cans and bottles at the trailer parked in the northeast corner of the main parking lot. The trailer will remain available through Monday of these weekends, too! If you have a large stash of returnables at your home and would like us to come and get them, please call Karen Trojniak at 248-624-1371 ext. 308 to arrange for a pickup.

More Youth Ministry news on page 6.

# Youth Ministry

Mrs. Karen Trojniak

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## Youth Ministry Continues to be Active and Growing

Last year at this time, many felt isolated, disconnected, and inactive, since most school, sports, band, dance and other activities came to a screeching halt due to COVID. This became an opportune time for Youth Ministry to ramp up. Small groups of youth were meeting together online up to three times a week for Bible studies, Teen Topic discussions, and Teen Prayer. Confirmation Prep and Middle School Faith Formation also continued, online and eventually in person, resulting in two separate celebrations of the sacrament of Confirmation for our candidates. The Holy Spirit was truly moving in our High School Youth Leadership Team, as they planned the "Overcome Retreat" for the Confirmation candidates and High School youth. Teens were engaged in works of mercy when they served with PBJ Outreach Ministries to the homeless, planned a 'Christmas Party in a Box' and assembled Easter baskets for the girls in Children's Village. The teens that have been active in Youth Ministry have continued to grow in their faith and relationship with Jesus Christ. What a joy and blessing it has been to witness their love of God and invite their friends to join us!

Looking ahead, members of the High School Leadership Team are presently on the 'Wait List' to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in November. There are a variety of activities planned throughout the summer, online and in person. The HS Leadership Team would also like to start planning another retreat. Many teens just want to get together with their friends and hang out, recognizing that this gathering is the only opportunity that they have to discuss the relevance of their faith in their life.

## In Whom Did You See the Face of Christ?

### Motor City Mission Trip

Lakes Vicariate Middle and High School youth are participating in a Motor City Mission Trip that will take place from **June 21-24, 2021**. Monday through Wednesday mornings we will be traveling to various service sites located in Detroit or Flint. On Thursday, we are planning a fun day at Kalahari Indoor Water Park in Ohio. We hope you can pray for us as we spread the Good News by serving those in need!

## Youth Ministry Calendar of Events:

- June 21-24, 2021** – Motor City Mission Trip for HS and MS youth
- July 6, 2021** – Summer Fun Picnic at Clara Miller Park, 7 -9p, MS and HS youth
- July 7, 2021** – Teen Topics on ZOOM, 4:30-5:30p, MS and HS youth
- July 10-12, 2021** – Youth Ministry Bottle Drive
- July 11, 2021** – Gospel Reflection for High School teens, 11:15a-12:25p
- July 14, 2021** - Teen Topics on ZOOM, 4:30-5:30p, MS and HS youth
- July 14, 2021** – Summer Service in Hospitality House Garden, 6-8pm, MS and HS youth



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BECOME  
WHAT WE  
LOVE  
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WHAT WE  
BECOME.

—St. Clare of Assisi

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## USCCB Word of Life

*"Through our prayers and through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron of fathers, may fathers come to know the irreplaceable role they hold in the lives of their children, and the responsibility they share in welcoming God's gift of new life!"*

Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre,  
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux  
"Fathers' Irreplaceable Role in Welcoming Life"



A Community of Faith, Family, and Learning

Betsy Gabrish, Principal 248-669-4440  
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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."



**St. William Dads' Club Golf Outing**

\*Proceeds to benefit the Dads' Club Activities and St. William Parent School Association

**DATE:** Saturday, September 25th, 2021 - Check-in begins at 12:00 pm

**COURSE:** Links of Novi - 50395 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48374

**FORMAT:** Four Person Team - 18-Hole Golf Scramble - Shotgun Start - 1:30 pm

**AWARDS:** Prizes, Vegas Hole, Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Raffles and more

**COST:** \$100 per person - includes golf, cart, dinner, range balls + 4 drink tickets

**REGISTER:** Online at <https://saintwilliam.net/events/golf>

**CONTACT:** Golf - Tom Kenyon - [trkenyon@comcast.net](mailto:trkenyon@comcast.net) (248) 207-7550  
Sponsorship - Nick Kiryakozza - [nkiryakozza@gmail.com](mailto:nkiryakozza@gmail.com) (248) 894-4200



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Select St. William School as charity  
We will receive 0.5% of all  
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## Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00 am

Judith Wozniacki (D) Roger; Anthony Palombo (D) K of C;  
Sally Jo Durney (SI) friends

Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 am

Jerome, Elizabeth & Sheila Lewis (D) D'Silva family

Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am

Charles Giacomazza (D) family; Josephine Capicchioni  
(D) family; Fidelis D'Silva (D) D'Silva family

Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm

Henry Sidor (D) K of C; Anthony Vitale (D) family; Gloria  
Raddant (D) Debbie Fink; Bas family (D) Ann McCarville;  
Edward McIlroy (D) Ray & Linda Anderson; Agnes  
Bushaw (D) and Chris Bushaw (SI) by Tom & Nancy  
Hahn

Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Barbara Carducci (D) St. William  
Parish; Loretta Jean Miller (D) by Sylvia Miller and Don &  
Cindy Moore Lewis & D'Silva families (L&D) family

## Readings for the week

Sunday: Jb 38:1, 8-11 / Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31  
[1b]/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 [12]/Mt  
7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mt  
7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9  
[8a]/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17  
[6b]/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17

Day: Is 49:1-6/Ps 139:1-3, 13-14, 14-15 [14a]/Acts  
13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [4]/Mt 8:1-  
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Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-  
55 [cf. 54b]/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,  
12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-  
24, 35b-43

## 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      | ♦ Sharon Godfrey      |
| ♦ Angela Roelofs    | ♦ Stephanie Kozlowski |
| ♦ Ann McCarville    | ♦ Trevor Monfette     |
| ♦ Betty Jo Weaver   |                       |
| ♦ Carla Podgurski   |                       |
| ♦ Cathy Vanderhovel | Residents of:         |
| ♦ Cheryl DesJardins | ♦ Bloomfield Villa    |
| ♦ Chris Bushaw      | ♦ Brookdale           |
| ♦ Jeffrey Dreyer    | ♦ First & Main        |
| ♦ John Shubsda      | ♦ Henry Ford          |
| ♦ Julieanne Lister  | ♦ Maple Manor         |
| ♦ Richard Meaney    | ♦ Novi Lakes          |
| ♦ Robby Spencer     | ♦ Serenity            |
| ♦ Ryan Mele         | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Sam Kirk          | ♦ 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*

Eric Parker

Ronald Chapp

## 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

As we look at our lives and world events, do we ever find ourselves wondering if God is sleeping? After all, maybe God's patient, unconditional love has run its course and He is finally fed up with humanity's reluctance to accept the truth about who we are. God really can't be that patient! All throughout human history, many have prayed to God for intervention or for particular needs. Because their prayers were not answered in the way they wanted or anticipated, they felt that God may have abandoned them. Were they right? It seems that we are continuing, at a rapid rate, down a path of destruction. Do you not care, God, that we may be perishing? When the boats of our lives are rocking and the seas tumultuous, we want to know that we have God's attention. Even more so, we want God's intervention.

Maybe the storms and the waves are necessary. If we listen, they can teach us valuable lessons. Without them, we would never learn that we have the strength to endure, understand the uselessness of fear and worry, or develop the ability to really trust. If God immediately rushed in and simply calmed things down before they got difficult, what good would that really be? We would miss opportunities to learn how to drink more deeply of life, treasure its complexity, irony, and beauty and fully engage ourselves in surrendering to the love of our Creator. It is easy to walk on the surface of life without immersing ourselves in its messiness. Life has to burn its way through us in order to bring us to a place of secure trust. It's unfortunate that some prefer a shallower journey.

That's the balancing act that comes with faith. It is not God's job to prevent us from encountering the torrential rains and winds of life. Many believe that if faith is done the right way, that God will provide for smooth sailing. That's not how it works. God permits us to ride out the difficult stuff knowing that the storm will eventually be calmed. Do we not have faith that God will do this? True faith trusts in the steadfastness of God's love when the seas are calm and when they are



choppy. God's unconditional loving presence shines through all of it and endures forever. Knowing this allows us to put our boats out into uncharted waters without hesitation. Knowing that we prefer the comfort and safety of what we know to be still waters, how do we feel when Jesus says, "Let us cross to the other side"?

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### Week of June 21<sup>st</sup> through 27<sup>th</sup>

Monday June 21 <sup>st</sup>
7:30pm K of C Meeting, Lower Zepf
Tuesday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>
8:00am Mass
6:30pm Legion of Mary, St. Paul Room
7:00pm Benediction & Adoration

### Wednesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00am Mass

### Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00am Mass

7:00pm St. Vincent de Paul Mtg., RGR

7:30pm AA Mtg., Lower Zepf

### Saturday June 25<sup>th</sup>

4:30pm Mass

### Sunday June 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00am Mass

12:30pm Mass

1:15pm Baptism Celebration

### Sharing the Gospel

The disciples of Jesus had a very scary night, because their faith was not very strong yet. They were crossing the sea in their boat, just as Jesus asked them to do, when a huge storm came up. Their boat was filling up with so much water they thought they would all die. When they woke Jesus up, he simply spoke to the wind and the waves, and the storm stopped completely. Now they were really scared. Who was Jesus, anyway? The wind and waves listened to him!

### Prayer

Dear God, sometimes I feel afraid, too. Help me to remember that you are stronger than any problem I have. Amen.

### Mission for the Week

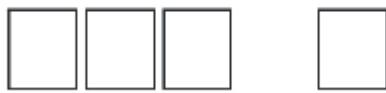
Sit down with your family, and read Mark 4:35-41 out loud. Then talk about the things you are afraid of. Pray to God, ask for help, and believe that God is stronger than any problem you have.

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