

# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

November 14, 2021

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Most, if not all priests I know, can recall how enthused they were at their ordination. They were on fire for the Lord. But then the burdens of office can start wearing them down, they can become discouraged, and sometimes the fire gets dampened. Fortunately, there's a way to get it stoked up again, because the fire of the Holy Spirit comes from a deep relationship with the Lord—and that relationship is always there if we but desire it and take the time to nurture it. Then the fire comes, and like the prophet Jeremiah says, we can't keep it in. (*Jer 20:7*) It makes us want to share Christ.

This is true not just for priests, but for all Christians who would dare become disciples! Pastors can get really pumped about helping others come to Christ and watching them develop that relationship! It's what we're all about. It's what the *Church* is all about, both priests and laity. As we ourselves develop an ever-deepening love relationship with the Lord, all we need is some tools for effectively sharing Him with others.

That's where "The New Evangelization", a term you've probably heard many times by now, comes in.

Evangelization, in simple terms, means proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. Often, we think in terms of that proclamation as it applies to unbaptized persons. But that's not the only application. (This is where a new focus, or a "NEW Evangelization" comes in.)

In our increasingly secular society, it applies very well to persons who are nominally Christian, *but have never really experienced the Christ*. These persons may or may not be going to Church. (Yes, even some church-going people might lack this encounter.) There are others who "used to be Catholic..." but are no longer practicing. There are still others who are regular church-goers, but as I suggest above, they lack enthusiasm—or perhaps have little carry-over of what happens on Sunday into their everyday lives. In short, there's a lot of people who don't know how *good* the Good News is! And it shows.

It's true that there are many people who have never really heard the Gospel, and need to be evangelized. Others have heard, at least at some level, but have lost

the fire; these need to be *re-evangelized*. And even for the most enthusiastic, there is a continual need to re-encounter the Lord to keep the blaze going. In short, we ALL need to be continually re-evangelized! Focusing on the people in the pews, as well as on the people who are no longer attending Church, and also on the people who are nominally Catholic but really aren't "on fire" for the Lord, is what "The NEW Evangelization" is all about.

I have to immediately clarify something. The real key to evangelization is to *personally encounter Christ*. That bears repeating: the key to being evangelized is to PERSONALLY ENCOUNTER CHRIST! It's NOT simply to learn about doctrines, Church practices, and moral teachings, however important and helpful those things might be. **At its core**, it's to fall in love with the Lord Jesus, to become aware of, and grateful for, all that he has done, and then to make a decision to accept him as **Lord**.

I believe that many, many people today have learned "about" Jesus, but have never really known him, have never really encountered him. Years ago it could well be assumed by a pastor that his people would automatically come to know the Lord, since being Catholic was an all-pervasive experience. Perhaps almost everyone in the neighborhood was Catholic, and even the social life revolved around the parish. Certainly almost everyone came to Church every Sunday, where they presumably prayed—which is the main way to encounter Christ.

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*. . .and more!*

Parish Goal: *"To become an Amazing Parish that fosters discipleship and equips disciples to share the good news."*

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 624-1421. 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>Pastoral Assoc.</b>	Mrs. Kim Kaye	Ext. 345
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<b>Business Manager</b>	Mrs. Deborah Diviny	Ext. 349
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### EDUCATION CENTER

135 O'Flaherty Street

<b>Office of Faith Formation</b>		(248) 624-1371
Pastoral Assoc.	Mrs. Kim Kaye	(248) 956-8236
Youth Ministry	Mrs. Karen Trojniak	Ext. 308
Music Ministry Dir.	Mr. Bill Richart	Ext. 310
Administrative Asst.	Mrs. Lisa Geoffrey	Ext. 342
<b>School Office</b>		(248) 669-4440
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Secretary	Mrs. Samantha Wren	Ext. 302

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>  
12 to 3 PM

Please come and spend some time with Jesus during our Saturday Adoration on Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The church is open 12-3pm with Jesus present to listen to your prayers or concerns. If you can spare a few minutes even if it is 15 minutes he will not let you down.

### Contribution levels are still below average due to lower Mass attendance due to COVID concerns.

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 Oct., 2021	<b>*\$301,157</b>	\$341,664	<b>(\$40,507)</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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Children prayed, too—not only at Mass, but in school, and at home with their parents. Since they presumably already *knew* Jesus in prayer, all that was left was to teach children *about* Jesus and his Church (history, liturgy, moral teachings, etc.). Today, things have changed and we can no longer assume that people have encountered the Lord. Lacking that, our kids won't become disciples—even if they aren't bored to tears by learning only about history and liturgy and morals.

There is a new imperative, which has to happen in homes and in classes: *Encounter Christ*. Our school mission statement, for example, has this as the first and foremost element: "To provide a school environment in which **Christ is encountered**...."

Encountering Jesus sometimes has small, almost innocuous, beginnings. It can be as simple as experiencing an act of hospitality. If we, as disciples, are "welcoming toward the stranger", we may be starting that person on a journey that leads to eternal life. Keep that in mind when you come to Mass here on the weekend. Even if the person next to you can't see your smile if you happen to be wearing a mask, you can smile with your eyes, and speak a word of peace. Such a small gesture might begin a journey for that person, especially as you remember him or her in prayer during that Mass.

Certainly the Sacred Liturgy, or even a "para-liturgy" such as an "evening of praise and worship", can be a moment of grace for a person whose heart is open to experience the Lord. We've been providing more and more such events recently, all of which have been overwhelmingly appreciated by the people who attended. I remember especially one event about a year ago. It was for our 9<sup>th</sup> graders who were to receive the sacrament of Confirmation the next morning. For an hour-and-a-half there was praise and worship, including Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction, and all the while, Confessions were being heard. At the end, when our Minister of Music, Bill Richart, asked "how many experienced being touched by the Lord?" virtually everybody's hand went up.

Exactly!

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

P.S. We have two special times of praise and worship coming up soon:

1) Next Friday night at 7 is the second of what we hope will become a monthly event. We're calling this series, "Friday Night at the Z". As the title suggests, it's going to be held in **Zepf Hall**, which was used as the church in our early parish history, and which we hope can provide a more intimate setting for this kind of para-liturgy.

2) On Saturday, December 12, in place of the 4:30 Mass, there will be an Advent Candlelight Mass. The last time we did a candlelight Mass, I received many positive and heartfelt comments. I'm looking forward to this being yet another opportunity for people to deeply encounter the Lord.

## Best Bang For The Buck



Our St. Vincent volunteers who partner with you in our attempts to alleviate the physical and mental anguish associated with poverty are especially aware that contributions made by our parishioners come at no small sacrifice. Therefore we try to make every precious dollar stretch as far as it can. To demonstrate this point, we are currently working with a neighbor in need who is experiencing severe dental issues. He needs multiple extractions, an upper denture and a lower bridge. The normal dental fee would be astronomical but we are teaming up with a very generous local dentist to get the job done at a fraction of the normal cost. You work hard for the money that you contribute to our shared cause and

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## Church Christmas Poinsettias!!!

The church looks so beautiful at Christmas with all the red poinsettias throughout!!! These are challenging times for each of us as well as organizations, businesses, and churches. We all need uplifting and healing during these times. St. William Church would like the opportunity to bring that to some of our parishioners. Therefore, we are offering Special Intention Poinsettias for sale to be placed in the church at Christmas. There will be a card attached to the poinsettia with your personal special intention written on it. Maybe you wish to

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## Donor Match Program

### ANOTHER GOOD REASON TO ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING!

Announcing the Faith Direct Donor Match Program for #GivingTuesday

#GivingTuesday is fast approaching, and we have a gift for your parish!

For every new recurring *offertory* gift processed in November *or* December 2021, we will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per church. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the **first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by Dec. 31, 2021.**

## Christian Service

Mrs. Karen Sommers  
248-624-8870  
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*It's almost here!*

*The next two weekends*

*November 13 & 14 - November 20 & 21*

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS**

*Box of 20 Deluxe cards \$17.00*

*Package of 10 cards \$7.00*

*Send a celebration of LIFE*



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel predicts end times; our challenge though is to live faithfully now. When we live in conformity to the Word, hearing Jesus' words and living them out, the future holds no fear for us.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are hearing the words of Jesus and living them out. suffering will be able to know God's love and care.

## Right to Life — Lifespan

### Down's is Up

This was written by a man, Heath White, who knew only success and thought his world was perfect until his unborn daughter was diagnosed with Down Syndrome. His perfect world was about to collapse, and he wanted to prevent Paisley from changing that by encouraging his wife to abort—until the day he realized she was a little girl, just like her big sister...  
*"Before you were born, I only worried about how your disability reflected on me. Now there is no better mirror in the world. You're my light in the dark, and it's a privilege to be your dad. Love always, daddy."*

## Rosary Altar Society NEWS

### Advent Tea

The Rosary Altar Society is having an Advent Tea on Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM in the Activity Center. If you would like to sponsor a table or just attend the tea call Shirley Dertinger 248-640-1177 or Rose Ann Troxtel at 248-931-0604. \$5 per person donation.

### Annual Christmas Party

Rosary Altar Society Annual Christmas Party will be on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. RSVP to Shirley Dertinger, 248-640-1177, or Rose Ann Troxtel at 248-931-0604 by November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Members \$5, spouses \$10.

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## Christmas Poinsettias



remember a loved one who has passed, know someone who is struggling with health, emotional, or spiritual issues, or maybe you want to thank our Lord for answering a special prayer. Whatever your need is, it can be put on the card (the card will be folded so what is written will remain private—your last name will be on the outside). Red poinsettias will be offered in two sizes: 6" for \$15, and 8" for \$25.

There are forms available in the tower entrances to be turned in **no later than December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Forms may be placed in the offertory basket or turned in to the rectory. Please submit payment with the form. If you wish to purchase more than one, please fill out a form for each. You may pick up your poinsettia after the last Mass on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9<sup>th</sup>).

Questions? Call Joan Dolder, 248-318-4749. Thank you and may God bless you!!!



Kim Kaye –  
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## UPCOMING RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREATS

Rachel's Vineyard is a place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and nonjudgmental environment where women and men can express and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration and healing. December 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> in Ann Arbor. Contact Beth To register [toheal4give@outlook.com](mailto:toheal4give@outlook.com) February 18<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup> or August 12<sup>th</sup> through 14<sup>th</sup> contact Delia Seeley at [nicrachelsvineyard@gmail.com](mailto:nicrachelsvineyard@gmail.com)

## ALTAR SERVING TRAINING

Our next altar server training is in January. Parents, if you are interested in having your child (grades 4<sup>th</sup> and up) trained please contact Lisa [lgeoffrey@stwilliam.com](mailto:lgeoffrey@stwilliam.com), or 248-624-1421, ext. 342 for more information. The trained servers will be scheduled for weekend and or Sunday Mass.

## The Privilege to Serve as Sacristan

Liturgical Ministers have a wonderful privilege to serve our pastor by helping to prepare the environment of Church for worship. The work of the sacristan is important for the seamless flow of the Church's liturgies. Often working behind the scenes, the sacristan readies the things needed for liturgical prayer – the books, the vestments, the vessels, and other elements.

This preparation is done for our regularly scheduled Mass, funeral Mass and weddings as we rely on a group of sacristans to prepare and maintain the beauty of our sacred space. If you would like to join this group and are willing to be trained and work cooperatively in this dedicated ministry, please call Kim Kaye 248-956-8236 for details on our upcoming training.

## Do You Enjoy Sewing?

We have a very simple task needed for the Catechist of the Good Shepherd atrium. If you can help us by sewing 10 mats for the children to use while working on their projects, please let me know. These will be thin enough for young children to be able to roll up to put away and also neutral in color. Call Kim Kaye if you can help. This project can be done at your convenience in your home.

## Babysitter Needed

Are you looking for an occasional volunteer opportunity that would benefit the faith formation mission?

We are working with parents in the RCIA that may occasionally need a sitter to attend sessions with the RCIA team. This commitment would include occasional Sunday or Monday sessions in the school building. The adults are on a journey to become Catholic Christians and need occasional support during their adult sessions. This commitment would be approximately 2 hours per month.

Call Kim Kaye at 248-956-8236 for more information. This volunteer opportunity is open to students or adults.

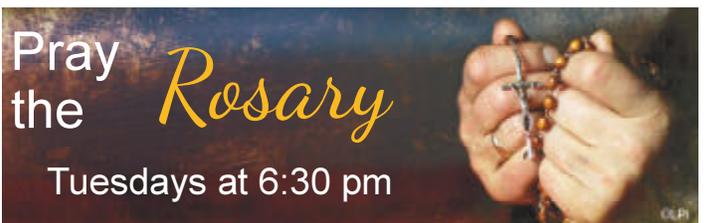


## Legion of Mary

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 evening 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.



## NCYC Starts in Just a Few Days,

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) will be gathering high school students from across the United States to come together to learn more about themselves and their Catholic Faith. The theme for this year is: *"Ablaze!"* This conference is offered every other year, and is scheduled for **November 18 – 21, 2021**, in Indianapolis, IN, where around 10,000 youth and adult chaperones will gather. In a distinctly Catholic setting, NCYC invites participants to encounter Christ, experience Church and be empowered for discipleship.

The Archdiocese of Detroit has coordinated seven busloads of participants to experience NCYC 2021. Our small group from St. William has been invited to join with the group from St. Patrick Parish. We ask that you keep Abigail Smith, Katelyn Rates, Karen Trojniak, and all youth and adults attending in your prayers.

## Coming up in Youth Ministry

**Nov. 18-21, 2021** – National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN, HS youth

**Nov. 19, 2021** – Friday Night at the Z, 7pm, MS and HS youth and families

**Dec. 3, 2021** – Teen Movie Night in Zepf, 7pm, 8 – 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Dec. 6, 2021** – Walk With Faith Hike at Proud Lake, 4-5pm, MS and HS youth

**Dec. 11, 2021** – PBJ Ministry to the Homeless, 5:30-10am, MS and HS youth and families

**Dec. 11, 2021** – Assemble Children's Village Christmas Gift Bags, 10 – 11am, MS and HS youth

**Dec. 11, 2021** – Advent Candlelight Mass at 7pm, MS and HS youth and families

**Dec. 12, 2021** – Children's Village Christmas Party, 6-8pm, HS youth and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

**Dec. 21, 2021** – Christmas Games Night, 7pm to 8:30pm, MS and HS youth

## Friday Night at the Z

Teens, grab your friends to come join us for an evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration to our God! St. William Parish will again be hosting *"Friday Night at the Z"* on **November 19, at 7pm** in Upper Zepf Hall. There will be a special guest preacher, and music and ministry will be led by Mr. Bill Richart and The Friends. Many of you have already experienced this type of worship at retreats and conferences. Hopefully, your enthusiasm will draw other youth and adults to experience a *"Friday Night at the Z"*.



## College Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the "The Knights of Columbus/Ushers Memorial Scholarship raffle tickets are on sale now. They can be purchased from any knight or usher. Tickets cost \$20. Drawings will be held once a month during the year. January—November the prizes will be \$100, \$75 and \$50. The grand price drawing will be held in December and the prizes will be \$1,000, \$500 and \$250. Tickets that are drawn are placed back in the bucket for next month's drawing so one ticket gives you a chance to win three times each month—that's 36 chances!!! Proceeds from the ticket sales will fund college scholarships for St. William high school seniors. Your past and future support of this program is truly appreciated. Thank you and God bless you.

## Advent Retreat Focuses on our own Holiness

When most people think of the Incarnation, they think of God becoming human as Jesus Christ. But, like Jesus, we all come from the wholeness and holiness of God. What if we really believed and lived from this essential truth?

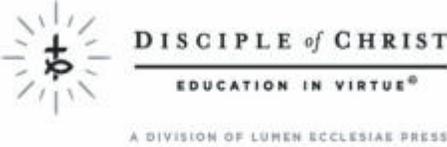
Sister Pat Kozak, CSJ, explores this theme in "Becoming Incarnation: An Advent Retreat," scheduled from 7:00 p.m. EST Sunday, November 28, 2021, through 11:00 a.m. EST Thursday, December 2, 2021. The event is offered virtually, through Zoom.

The cost is \$160. Registration is required and is available at [www.webercenter.org](http://www.webercenter.org); click on "programs." Registrations may also be made by calling 517-266-4000 or emailing [webercenter@adriandominicans.org](mailto:webercenter@adriandominicans.org). Limited scholarships are available.



### 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.”

(Recommended by the Archdiocese of Detroit  
created by the Dominican Sisters of Mother Mary of the Eucharist)

As a mission-driven school, one of our goals is to encourage Christ-centered interactions and teach students and families the language of Catholic virtue. Understanding our mission, as a school family, is essential for us to truly be "mission driven."

To increase understanding of what it means to "encounter Christ", we use the "Education in Virtue" program. This virtue-based program provides resources, tools and training to help teach our students how to live a virtuous life while also developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. We look forward to encountering Christ as we grow together through this program.

### upcoming events

## NOVEMBER

- 23 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 23-26 Thanksgiving Break
- 28 First Sunday of Advent

### SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

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## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Mark Scarr (D)** St. William Parish

**Wednesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Peg McDole (D)** St. William Parish; **Andrew Hailo (SI)**

**Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D); Dan Geoffrey (SI)**

**Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 pm**

**Judith Woznicki (D)** Roger; **Dave Kozora (D)** wife;  
**Olga Gates (D)** Kim Kaye; **Amie Kupovits (SI)**

**Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D)** family; **Clementina Tata (D)** family; **Mary Lukasik (D)** family; **Anthony Troskey (D)** family; **Deceased Members of Legion of Mary (D); Claire Robinson (D)** George & Melani;  
**Members of the RAS Confraternity**

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

**Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43

**Tuesday:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10

**Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 19:11-28

**Thursday:** 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-44

*Dedication:* Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-33

**Friday:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd [13b]/Lk 19:45-48

**Saturday:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-40

**Next Sunday:** Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

## 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.

- ♦Andrew Hailo
- ♦Baby Mason Duda
- ♦Chris Bushaw
- ♦Christopher Melcher
- ♦Chuck Tessier
- ♦Daniel Lessard
- ♦David Pfeiffer
- ♦Emily Hane
- ♦Jackie Nagy
- ♦Jill Braun
- ♦Lenhard Schell
- ♦Lilian Ishaq
- ♦Mary Kay Dreyer
- ♦Nancy Thomas

- ♦Riley Bowen
- ♦Sam Kirk

- Residents of:
- ♦Bloomfield Villa
  - ♦Brookdale
  - ♦First & Main
  - ♦Henry Ford
  - ♦Maple Manor
  - ♦Novi Lakes
  - ♦Serenity
  - ♦Sunrise Senior Ctr.
  - ♦Waltonwood



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

"Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." - Mk 13:30-32

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we work hard to make sure that it is used to the greatest effectiveness. This particular neighbor happens to be a member of St. William Parish who would much prefer to take care of his own needs but in this case cannot. In fact he recently appeared on a list of contributors to St. William School when times were better for him but he is currently experiencing a financial crisis in his life. This is where the charity of St. William Parish comes in. Although we will still need significant funds, we are confident that we can resolve this need through our fundraising efforts such as our Thanksgiving Day collection and through partnering with other Churches.



As you may know, the Thanksgiving Day collection is generously dedicated by our Parish to our St. Vincent de Paul organization. Although we encourage all our Parishioners to attend our beautiful Thanksgiving Day Mass Celebration, we realize that not all can be there. Therefore, as we have done for many years, envelopes will be made available in the pews on the Sunday before Thanksgiving that you can return at the Thanksgiving Day Mass or on the following Sunday during the regular collection.

Although making your dollar go as far as possible in resolving a financial need is a major goal of ours, another goal is, in our own little way, to Unleash the Gospel! In many cases, the fact that our volunteers take the time to listen to a neighbor's story can have a more lasting effect than the financial fire that we put out. Our procedure, stemming from the origins of our Society, is to visit our neighbor in their own surroundings so as to make it as comfortable for them as possible. We go out 2 by 2 just as Jesus sent out his disciples. And without proselytizing we listen, and if the opportune time presents itself we will mention the love of Christ and try to impart the second great commandment of love of neighbor through our words and actions. So although we are not always successful, we hope that some of them will feel that they have been touched by the loving hand of God. Of course, our efforts are only made possible through your support so we are co-partnering in our efforts with you. Yes, co-partnering so please consider a sacrificial donation to our Thanksgiving Day Campaign and you can be assured that you will be getting the biggest bang for your buck in monetary and spiritual ways! We hope that all of our parishioners and their families have a wonderful holiday season!

## November 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>

Monday Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>
6:15pm Rel. Classes
Tuesday Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>
8:00am Mass
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm Scouts Mtg., Upper Zepf
Wednesday Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>
8:00am Mass
7:00pm Dads Club Mtg., Lower Zepf
Thursday Nov. 18 <sup>th</sup>
8:00am Mass
7:30pm AA Mtg., Lower Zepf
Friday Nov. 19 <sup>th</sup>
7:00pm Friday Night with Jesus, Upper Zepf
Right to Life Christmas Card Sale Weekend
Saturday Nov. 20 <sup>st</sup>
12:00pm Adoration
4:30pm Mass
Sunday Nov. 21 <sup>st</sup>
10:00am Mass (livestreamed)
11:15am Rel. Ed. Class
12:30pm Mass
3:00pm Advent Tea

### Word of Life

#### United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

*"We can't imagine loving a child whom we conceived more than we love Andrew. It is amazing how he fits our personalities so well... Adopting Andrew has made us more aware of God's power and of his love for us. We realize that he always has a perfect plan for our lives."*

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities,  
"An Adoption Love Story" ([respectlife.org/adoption-love-story](http://respectlife.org/adoption-love-story))

### A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.

**Sharing the Gospel**

Today's Gospel reading gives us both a warning and a promise. One day Jesus will come back, so we need to be ready. For those of us who follow God to the end, Jesus promises to take us to heaven. So live every day like you are going to meet Jesus. One day you will.

**Prayer**

Dear God, keep me close to you until I live with you in heaven.

**Something to Draw**

Draw a picture of angels bringing you to heaven.

**Mission for the Week**

Invite a friend to come to church with you. Share a meal together, and talk about the promise Jesus made about heaven.

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**Unscramble these words from today's Gospel**

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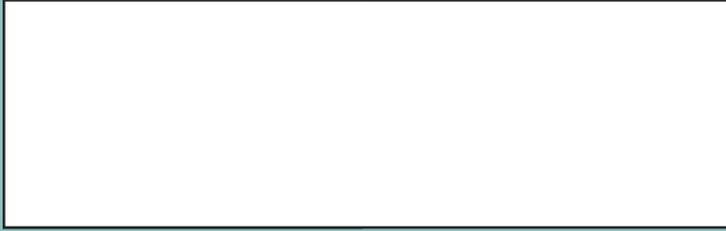
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