

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

- Jn 1:14

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.

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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 Szepietowski, 248-957-8244, if you have any questions.

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 <u>Faithdirect.net</u>, or follow the link from our website,

www.stwilliam.com.



Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

Collected Budgeted* Over/(Under) As of Nov., 2021 ***\$367,018** \$427,081 **(\$60,063)**

*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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Merry Christmas! Or, as the British might say it, "Happy Christmas". (That always sounds strange to my ears, but I guess it makes sense. After all, we say

"happy birthday", and we're celebrating Jesus' birthday!)

Most of the time, people tend to have rather fond recollections of their holiday times, particularly of the things they remember as children. For some people though, the memories of family and friends of Christmas Past are less than happy. Personal or familial troubles are especially poignant at Christmastime. We all wish that any such troubles could be avoided. We want to repress any sad memories.

You might spend some special time praying for any family that you know is experiencing difficulties during this holy season. (It might even be your own.) Perhaps, in your prayer, you might reflect on the *Holy Family*, and how they were able to stay peaceful even though they experienced stresses that could have torn them apart. Ask the help of Jesus, and especially ask the intercession of Mary and her husband, Joseph.

Every year during Christmastime the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. The feast is usually on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's Day, and this year, that puts it *the day after Christmas*. I wonder if the Church deliberately focuses on the Holy Family between Christmas and New Year's Day precisely because the holidays are when families gather. The example of the Holy Family of Nazareth is a beacon of hope to a world that in many places today is experiencing a degradation of family life. The Good News is that we can have the same kind of joy as the Holy Family—even in the midst of external difficulties—by following the same pattern as the Holy Family did: *to share life, in joy and thanksgiving, with Jesus at the center.*

I have a suggestion for nurturing whatever family relationships we have (and for expanding the joy of Christmas): **plan on doing some fun activity as a family** within the next couple of days. This can be done whether or not you have a family in the immediate area, because you can always "make do" with some friends or acquaintances, members of a very large Catholic "family".

Taking time to enjoy your family can actually make your family holier, even if the activity isn't overtly "religious"—although it doesn't hurt to consciously bring the Lord into it. For example, you can always at least **start the activity with a prayer**, even if it's a game, a special meal, or watching a movie together. A prayer of thanks helps focus us as we share life.

There are other ways, though, that most certainly **are** overtly "religious" and will help you reclaim your family's identity in relationship to God. Here are some excerpts from the Archbishop's letter, *Unleash the Gospel,* that specifically focus on family (*Action Step 1.3*):

- Reclaim Sunday: attend Mass as a family and intentionally spend time with one another, including sharing a meal together. (My comment: If for some valid reason you aren't able to attend in person, join us in worship via the livestream or the recording. Note that even when unable to attend Mass on Sunday, the Church still obliges us to "make holy the Lord's Day" by avoiding unnecessary labor and taking special time for prayer.)
- 2. Commit to forming your family in the love and power of sacred Scripture by placing it at the center of your family life.
- 3. Create time for regular family meals without distraction to reclaim its sacred nature.
- 4. Commit to developing family prayer time...Seek out simple ways to pray that fit your family, giving primacy to the family rosary, Scripture reflection, especially the Sunday readings, and devotions. (My comment: Try blending 3 and 4 by adding a short reading from Scripture to the Grace Before Meals and maybe asking others to add their prayer intention or a word of thanksgiving before the meal starts.)
- 5. Reclaim the sacrament of reconciliation as a lived reality in your home; heal wounds and brokenness in your family through sacrifice, forgiveness, mercy and love.
- 6. Parents: be the primary witnesses of the faith to your family.

May God bless you and your "holy family" throughout this Holy Holiday Season.

In Jesus, Fr. Michael

Knights of Columbus Breakfast – January2, 2022 Breakfast Date!

The Knights of Columbus appreciate everyone who has supported our Breakfasts since we brought them back in September. Your donations have really helped St. Vincent de Paul in their work. To date, we have been able to donate **\$1,253.00** to them, money they will put to good use!

Our next breakfast will be on January 2nd, once again after the 10:00 Mass. We've decided to hold it that Sunday since a number of key personnel will be attending the Men's Retreat the following weekend. Our usual fare will be offered, hopefully with Nino's doughnuts this time! We're going to keep the 'Free Will' donation again for this Breakfast with net proceeds once again going to St. Vincent de Paul! We hope you'll join us!

FAITH DIRECT

Donor Match Program

Announcing the Faith Direct Donor Match Program for #GivingTuesday

ENROLL IN ELECTRONIC GIVING!

#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.

Grow Your Faith + Friendships with Small Faith Groups

"They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to the prayers." - Acts 2:42

Interested in:

- Supporting Discipleship of others?
- Learning and Growing in your Faith?
- Accompanying others in the journey?
- Creating a small community?
- Charitably challenging each other to be the best version of ourselves?

Join a small faith group (SFG) at St. William! SFGs are forming around common interests and experiences to help members bridge their spiritual and everyday lives. The SFG Leadership team will support groups by providing content suggestions and assistance with facilitation and technology needs. Meeting schedules and locations (even

virtual!) are flexible based on your group's needs. If you're interested in participating in growing as a Disciple, online sign is available through SignUpGenius. Scan the QR code to the right with your phone's camera to go right to the link.







St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can

celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood. Rosary Altar Society

There will be no membership meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on February 2nd. Have a blessed Christmas and New Year.



Men's Retreat

Dear Men of St. William,

The St. William Men's Retreat is scheduled for January 7-9, 2022. This retreat is an amazing opportunity to just "Let go and Let God" for a very blessed weekend.

There are so many distractions from furthering our relationship with God. As Catholic Men in a world of moral chaos, we are under attack for our faith and for our role as fathers. Please consider joining your fellow St. William brothers for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and relaxation. God is calling you to join Him.

Our Retreat Weekend is **#14** and this year's theme is *"Bouncing Back: Living in Hope".*

Can you hear God calling you?

You can register by visiting the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center's website at <u>www.stpaulretreat.org</u>, Click on "Retreats" then "Register for an Upcoming Retreat" Or simply go to and click on: <u>https://</u> <u>www.stpaulretreat.org/event/mens-weekend</u> <u>-14/</u>, or you can call 313-535-9563 for more information.

This is an extremely popular weekend so secure your spot by registering today. Last year this weekend was full. The only way to guarantee your spot is to register early.

We look forward to joining you all for a weekend of brotherhood and taking "The Nestea Plunge" into the hands of God.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

May God Bless you all.

Tim McClorey, Co-Captain

Paul Micallef, Co-Captain

St. William Men's Retreat at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center



Marriage Appreciation Evening

Save the Date!

February 12, 2022

3rd and 4th Annual St. William Marriage Appreciation Evening

Sponsored by the St William of Vercelli Knights of Columbus Council 4064

Couples celebrating their 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th or more Wedding Anniversary in **2021 or 2022** are invited!

Details to come

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.

Youth Ministry

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RISE Detroit 2022 -

A gathering of High School Youth the Archdiocese of Detroit is hosting a brand-new event for high school students in the spirit of Unleash the Gospel-RISE Detroit 2022. All 9th through 12th graders are encouraged to attend with their pastor, youth minister, campus minister, or parents! The event will take place on Sunday, February 6, 2022, from 8:15 am to 7:15 pm at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. The theme is "Named," based on Isaiah 43:1: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine!" The speakers include Dr. Bob Rice, the Culture Project, Bishop Cepeda, and Fr. Patrick Gonyeau. Activities include keynotes, powerful praise and worship experiences, two workshop opportunities, small group discussion, and Liturgy!

Tickets are \$35/participant. If you are interested in attending, please contact Karen Trojniak at <u>ktrojniak@stwilliam.com</u> by January 23.

Thank You!

Over the last number of years, I have found St. William Parish to be one of the most generous parishes when it comes to supporting youth, and ministry for them! As the Coordinator of Youth Ministry, I want to send my sincere thanks to all of you who have supported Children's Village collections, bottle drives, college scholarships raffles, collections for the homeless, donations to allow youth to attend retreats, conferences, and activities they would otherwise have to pass on because the cost became prohibitive to attend. Most of all, I would like to thank you for your prayers of support, and the example you set for what it means to live our faith and be disciples of Christ. Be assured that they are watching you, and you are making a difference in their lives. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Coming up in Youth Ministry

- Jan. 8, 2022 Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Workshop
- Jan. 14, 2022 Friday Night at the Z, 7pm, MS and HS youth and families
- Jan. 22, 2022 PBJ Ministry to the Homeless, 5:30-10am, MS and HS youth and families
- Jan. 23, 2022 Confirmation Candidate Workshop 1, 6:30-8:30pm
- Feb. 6, 2022 RISE 2022 High School Youth Conference, 8:30am – 7:15pm

Intercessory Prayers

Intercessory prayer boxes are located 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, <u>www.stwilliam.com</u>. All prayer requests are kept confidential.



Right to Life — Lifespan Merry Christmas

The Christ child is born! Alleluia! He came as a little child! He came to bring Life to the world! Each child that is born carries the Life message of Christ. Merry Christmas and blessings to all.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

Christmas

Todays' gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.



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."



Mass Intentions:

Tuesday, December 28th 8:00 am

Jerome, Elizabeth & Sheila Lewis (D) D'Silva family; Donna Lou Ritter (D) the Vogelheims; Adair-Poling families (L&D)

Wednesday, December 29th 8:00 am

Mary Jo Kaye (D) Kim Kaye; Iluminada Minas (SI) family; Zennaia Roallos (SI) family;

Thursday, December 30th 8:00 am

Veronica Tarchini (D) D. Vaglia; Souls in Purgatory (D) D'Silva family; Andrew Hailo (SI)

Friday, December 31st

4:30 pm

Chester & Antoinette Tabaczka (D) family; Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D) family; Charlie Kupovits (D) Amy; Dave Kozora (D) wife; Vita Harter (D) family; Leo Bushaw (D) K of C; Rosary Altar Society Confraternity

Saturday January 1st 10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

Sunday, January 2nd

10:00 am

Members of St. William Parish (L&D)

12:30 pm

Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D) family; Kathryn Schantz (D) family; Angeline Pretrzak (D) Delphine Hall; Bailey Broderick (D) St. William Parish; Souls in Purgatory; Bruce Everett (SI)

Readings for the week

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12 -21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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 •Anthony Cadili •Bonetta Barhite •Bonnie LaClair •Bruce Everett

- Carol BielmanCindy Cendroski

- •Elaine Madigan
- Faith Richart
- Fr. Pat Brennan
- ◆Glen Flanigan
- Jaxon Putz
- John Shubsda
 Lilian Ishaq
- Linda Johnson
- Marie Frisch
- Margaret Shubsda

- Mary Thompson
 - Mike Miklosi
- Riley Bowen
- •Suzanne Bobier •Sylvia Miller
 - Terry Sivick
- Theresa Sivick
- ♦Walter Bieda
- 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 Mary Jo Kaye



The Nativity of the Lord

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled: cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the selfabandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.





Calendar of Events

Monday December 27th 9:00am Campus Closed Tuesday December 28th 7:00pm Benediction & Adoration 7:00pm Scouts Mtg., Upper & Lower Zepf Wednesday December 29th 8:00am Mass Thursday December 30th 8:00am Mass 7:30pm AA Mtg., Lower Zepf 7:30pm Lector Practice Friday December 31st 4:30pm Mass Saturday Janua<u>ry</u> 1st 10:00am Mass 11:00am Rosary Sunday January 2nd 10:00am Mass 11:00am K of C Breakfast 12:30pm Mass

Sharing the Gospel

Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. Once they found out what God wanted, they did it. God wanted Mary to have a special baby, and she said "yes" to God. God wanted Joseph to be a good husband and father, and Joseph said "yes" to God. When that special baby from God was finally born, Joseph named him Jesus. One day God would ask Jesus to save the world from sin on the cross, and Jesus would say "yes" to God. **Prayer**

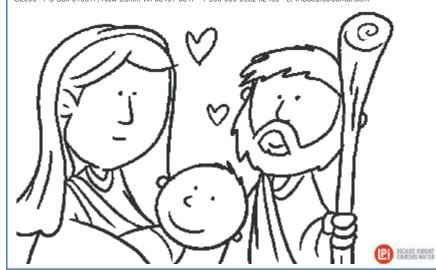
God, help me to trust you and say "yes" to you.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus. Mission for the Week

Saying "yes" to God takes practice. When your parents ask you to vacuum or set the table or take the garbage out, say "yes" to them.

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Find and	circle these words
from	today's Gospel.

MARY JOSEPH HOLY SPIRIT				WEDDING ANGEL DREAM			BABY JESUS VIRGIN				
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