

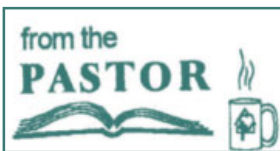
# St. William Parish Community



Walled Lake, Michigan 48390

January 16, 2022

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The Christmas lights and decorations have come down. The holiday season has ended. That may be a cause for sadness—or a sigh of relief. In any event, Happy “Ordinary Time”!

Sometimes a season like Christmas can be a real emotional and spiritual high—or quite the opposite. Perhaps some people found the holidays this year to be less than they hoped for due to the COVID concerns that impacted the usual gathering with family or friends. Regardless, as the Christmas Season finishes, we can often feel really worn out. At that point, beginning what we call “the season of Ordinary Time” can seem instead like beginning the season of “Down-in-a-Rut Time”.

But that’s not the way it should be! Far from being depressing or dull, “ordinary” should refer to the exciting work of the Lord that we are all supposed to *ordinarily* be doing day-to-day. If we keep focused on what the LORD is asking us to do, rather than on what WE feel we must do or (worse yet) what OTHER PEOPLE tell us we should be doing, we can find ourselves feeling peaceful, even in the midst of chaos. We can find ourselves energized and refreshed.

The key to this wonderful experience however, is **to take time to pray**, especially to **LISTEN** to the Lord during prayer. Prayer is supposed to be a conversation with God. “Conversation” suggests that you’re not supposed to be doing all the talking.

Last Wednesday at morning Mass we heard the

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A graphic for the "9 Days for Life" campaign. It features a large orange circle with the text "PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!" at the top, "9 DAYS FOR LIFE" in large white letters in the center, and "JANUARY 19 - 27, 2022" and "9DAYSFORLIFE.COM" at the bottom. Below the circle is a QR code. At the bottom of the graphic are three icons: an envelope, a speech bubble, and a laptop.

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

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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 Szepletowski, 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 [Faithdirect.net](https://Faithdirect.net), or follow the link from our website, [www.stwilliam.com](https://www.stwilliam.com).



### Offertory Report

(The fiscal year begins July 1)

	Collected	Budgeted*	Over/(Under)
As of Dec., 2021	<b>*\$443,974</b>	\$512,498	<b>(\$68,524)</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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story of the call of the first prophet in the history of Israel, Samuel. When Samuel was just a young boy, he kept hearing the Lord calling to him in the night. Finally, he was told how to respond, and I think it's key: he responded, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is *listening*."

Last Wednesday in the Gospel reading, it was recounted how Jesus, after a busy, successful, but long day, early the next morning "went off to a lonely place in the desert; there he was absorbed in prayer." After his companions "managed to track him down," he told them to move on with him to the neighboring villages to proclaim the Good News there also, because that was what he was sent to do. What gave Jesus the energy and direction to keep going? ***It was prayer.*** He was *listening* to the Father and the Spirit. I think he was teaching his disciples (and us) by example how to keep going and keep doing the work of the Father.

"Ordinary time" is the right time for doing the ongoing work of disciples. But if we're going to succeed in hearing and heeding what the Lord wants us to do, **we need to pay attention to when, where, and how much time we spend in prayer.** Otherwise, we'll tend to get discouraged, or maybe even overwhelmed.

Part of the work of a disciple is to call others to the Christ. After developing a deeper relationship with Christ ourselves, we need to share the Lord with others. If you are trying to bring someone [back] to the Christ, without prayer, you could easily get discouraged. Instead, keep your efforts focused through prayer. Then you will be tuned into the Spirit when the time comes to specially witness to that person how Christ has made a difference in your life. Prayer leads us to action, action that will be effective because it will be empowered by the Spirit.

If your prayer-life seems to be lagging, one way to bolster it is to LEARN something! New insights can do wonders for adding enthusiasm to Mass, private prayer, and day-to-day living. There are high-quality books and electronic recordings that are available in the East Tower Entrance of the church. But wait, there's more! The Parish has purchased a tremendous ONLINE resource called *FORMED*, and it's FREE to all parishioners! Go to our website and scroll down the home page until you get to "FORMED". There are simple instructions to give you access to tons of online Catholic programs, movies, books and audiobooks. (Did I say, "Movies"? YES!)

Learning is a life-long process, and frankly, I am

amazed at the lack of religious education on the part of far too many of our adult Catholics. I'm also amazed that there are a lot of parishioners who don't even know that we *have* adult study groups. But if you go to our website (again on the home page) you will see a schedule for Bible Studies. (If it's not updated by the time you visit, it will be soon.)

Also, in that same area you can inquire about "Small Faith Groups". (We were promoting Small Faith Groups at Mass for a few weeks before Christmas.) People who have joined such groups in the past have witnessed to the huge benefit they have been to their faith-life. I hope that at some point virtually every parishioner will be involved with one or another of these groups. The "Sign-up Genius" is only to give us your contact information so that one of the leaders can get back to you, answer questions, and help you discern if there's a common-interest group that would work for you.

It's an exciting time to be a member of St. William Parish. Please keep praying, and listening. Together we will accomplish the Mission he has sent us to do.

In Jesus,  
Fr. Michael

"God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child."

*Patris corde, 5*



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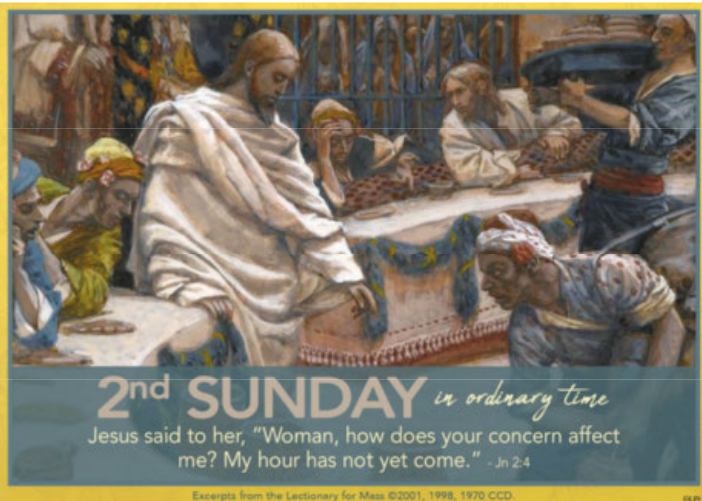


Our next meeting will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm in Lower Zepf Hall. We are looking forward to seeing you.

Our next Bake Sale will be on February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> after all the Masses. Details to come.

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

We witness God's power in today's Scripture passages. In his First Letter to the Corinthian community, the evangelist St. Paul recognizes that different spiritual gifts, forms of service, and workings are derived from the power of the one Trinitarian God. These blessings are bestowed for the good of the common Corinthian community. In St. John's Gospel, Jesus, at His Mother Mary's encouragement, miraculously changes water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, manifesting His glory and power. As Christian stewards, we acknowledge that all blessings arise from God's tremendous love for us. In heartfelt gratitude, let us use our gifts in prayer, service, and generosity to spread the Good News of salvation. Every parish has an unlimited need for parishioners to help at the food pantry, read at Mass, serve on the Evangelization or Stewardship Commission, or volunteer in the school or faith formation program. Can your family offer a few hours a week in service to the Lord?



## Scholarship Raffle

The first monthly Ushers Memorial Scholarship raffle was held on Monday, January 3.

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize - \$100	George Weber	# 233
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$75	Rick Bryant	# 463
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$50	Chris Thayer	# 165

There are still tickets available and 22 more drawings to win. Thank you for your support for the high school seniors of our parish.

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, held in December, 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.



## Right to Life — Lifespan

### Motor City Caravan

Plan to join other pro-lifers in the second annual [Motor City Caravan](#) on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Last year's caravan was a great success, as we traveled down Woodward Avenue to Detroit and back, with our pro-life flags reminding everyone along the route that Human Life needs to be respected and protected. This year's caravan will assemble in the parking lot of the National Shrine of the Little Flower at 12 Mile and Woodward. Call the Wayne West office of LIFESPAN for details, 734-422-6230.



## K of C Sunday Breakfast – February 6<sup>th</sup>

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. Last year we were able to donate **\$1,253.00** to them, money they will put to good use!

Our next breakfast will be on February 6<sup>th</sup>, once again after the 10:00 Mass. 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!



## St. Vincent de Paul Society Wedding Feast at Cana

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they began to believe in him. Everyday, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul becomes a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

## A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

### Wedding at Cana

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

## Special Thanks to our Design Team

Just before Christmas Eve, we had an amazing team of helpers that prepared for our Christmas celebration. Your time and talent are truly appreciated by the entire community. The lights, wreaths, cre'che and wreaths allowed all of us to enter into the mystery of the incarnation with much beauty and awe.

A special thanks to Lynne Helton and Suzanne Monfette for the special hospitality for our team.

I am looking forward to our next project together!  
Kim Kaye



## United States Conference of Catholic Bishops - *Word of Life*

*"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."*

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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 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Trojaniak at [ktrojaniak@stwilliam.com](mailto:ktrojaniak@stwilliam.com) by Jan. 23.

## Coming up in Youth Ministry

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

Jan. 30, 2022– Feb. 5, 2022 – St. John Bosco Prayer Initiative for Young People

Feb. 6, 2022 – RISE 2022 High School Youth Conference, 8:30am – 7:15pm

## What You Do For the Least of My Brothers . . .

St. William Youth Ministry continues to serve with P.B.J. Outreach, Inc., a non-profit organization focused on feeding and clothing the poor and marginalized living in the Detroit metropolitan area. The organization unites volunteers and equips them to obtain, prepare, and distribute food and clothing to those in need. Volunteers from various organizations or as individuals, meet every Saturday to prepare food, and then head to various locations in Detroit to serve it. Our experiences have shown us what is more important than the food that we serve to these wonderful people, is the sharing of a smile, handshake or hug, and offering a few words of hope.

We will be joining P.B.J. Outreach again on **Saturday, January 22**. We meet at 5:30am in St. William parking lot and car pool to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, home to P.B.J. Outreach, Inc.

After serving our homeless guests at 8:00am, we go out to breakfast and talk about our experiences. Middle and High School youth are invited to join us. Youth permission slips can be found in the email reminder.

## Will You Pray for Young People?

We are hoping to get at least 1,000 volunteers to pray for young people and those who minister to them for the Feast of St. John Bosco! Will you join us?

For more information about the St. John Bosco Prayer Initiative and to reserve an hour of prayer during the week of January 30 through February 5, visit [boscoprayer.org](http://boscoprayer.org).

## 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, [www.stwilliam.com](http://www.stwilliam.com). All prayer requests are kept confidential.



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**January 30, 2022: OPEN HOUSE - 11:30am - 1:00pm**

Catholic Schools Week - *In-Person* - Following a student-led Mass at 10:00am - Tour the school with a Parent Ambassador

**March 5, 2022 - OPEN HOUSE - 10:00am - 12:00pm**

Meet in the Activity Center- *In-Person*- Tour the school with a Parent Ambassador

\*RSVP here  or call (248)-669-4440

*If you prefer a private tour please contact [bdulzo@stwilliam-school](mailto:bdulzo@stwilliam-school) to schedule*



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## Mass Intentions:

**Tuesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Mike Tyrrell (D) and Dave Myre (D)** Rose Campeau;  
**Tony Vitale (SI)** Ann Moore

**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Jim & Juli Simpson (SI)** 8 am Mass Buddies; **Andrew Hailo (SI)**

**Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 am**

**Judy Woznicki (D)** Roger; **Pham, Ngoc & Hoang families (D)**

**Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**4:30 pm**

**Christine Zebrowski (D)** Sommers family; **Sheryl Lewis (D)** and **Souls in Purgatory (D)** D'Silva family

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**10:00 am**

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

**12:30 pm**

**Anthony Troskey (D)** family; **Ray & Marie Hibbeln (D)** family; **Bob Kulman (SI)** Rose Campeau

## Readings for the week

**Sunday:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

**Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## 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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| ♦ Bob Kulman       | ♦ Riley Bowen         |
| ♦ Cindy Cendroski  | ♦ Suzanne Bobier      |
| ♦ Diane Davio      | ♦ Teri Les            |
| ♦ Diane Gravett    | ♦ Theresa Sivick      |
| ♦ Fr. Pat Brennan  | ♦ Walter Bieda        |
| ♦ Janet Sergus     |                       |
| ♦ Jim Simpson      | <b>Residents of:</b>  |
| ♦ John Shubsda     | ♦ Bloomfield Villa    |
| ♦ John Smiley      | ♦ Brookdale           |
| ♦ Jose Lebron      | ♦ First & Main        |
| ♦ Juli Simpson     | ♦ Henry Ford          |
| ♦ Lilian Ishaq     | ♦ Maple Manor         |
| ♦ Linda Johnson    | ♦ Novi Lakes          |
| ♦ Marie Frisch     | ♦ Serenity            |
| ♦ Margaret Shubsda | ♦ Sunrise Senior Ctr. |
| ♦ Maureen Corrado  | ♦ 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*

Joseph Wozniak, Sr.  
Joan Pillon





## Gospel Meditation

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from



foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

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### Calendar of Events

<b>Monday January 17<sup>th</sup></b>
6:15pm Rel. Classes
7:00pm K of C Board Mtg., Lower Zepf
<b>Tuesday January 18<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00am Mass
6:30pm Rosary
7:00pm Legion of Mary
7:00pm Scouts Mtg., Upper & Lower Zepf
<b>Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00am Mass
7:00pm Dad's Club Mtg., Lower Zepf
7:00pm Re-Launch of Commissions, TBA
<b>Thursday January 20<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00am Mass
7:30pm AA Mtg., Lower Zepf
<b>Saturday January 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
4:30pm Mass
<b>Sunday January 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
10:00am Mass
12:30pm Mass

## Kid's Corner



### Sharing the Gospel

Mary had great faith in God. She also knew that God could do anything. So when the wedding servers ran out of wine, she knew Jesus could help. She said, "Do whatever Jesus tells you to do." That's the smartest thing any of us can do.

### Prayer

Dear God, help me to do everything you say. I know you can do anything.

### Something to Draw

Draw a picture of the wedding servants listening carefully to Jesus.

### Mission for the Week

What does Jesus tell you to do in his word, the Bible? Find out by reading the Bible for 15 minutes a day with your family. You could start by reading Luke.

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