

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9am-4:30pm

closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm

Religious Education/Teen Ministry

Pre-K-8, Sundays 9:45-10:45am

All Teenagers, Sundays 12:15-3:00pm

September - May

Instructions in the Catholic Faith - (O.C.I.A.)

Tuesdays, 7pm, September - April

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 4:30pm

Sunday: 8:30 & 11am

WEEKDAY MASSES & HOLY DAYS OF

OBLIGATION

as announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3-4pm in the FLC & by appointment

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 9-10am

WEDDINGS

Six months notification required.

BAPTISM

By appointment - Parent Class required and must be registered three months in the parish.



December 21, 2025 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas Mass Schedule

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, December 24th

4:30pm, 6:30pm & 9pm

CHRISTMAS

Thursday, December 25th

8:30am & 11am

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 24– Friday, December 26.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL

Wednesday, December 31st

6pm

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday, January 1

8:30am & 11:30am

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, December 31– Thursday, January 1.

Please note there will be no OCIA this Tuesday, December 23, due to Christmas.

There will also be NO PRE or Youth Group next Sunday, December 28, due to Christmas.

WEEKLY OFFERING

WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:

Offertory Actual \$6,849
Offertory Budget \$7,849

YTD Offertory-actual \$190,698
YTD Offertory-budget \$188,384

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

YTD Offertory-actual \$34,300
YTD Offertory-budget \$25,615

Teen Times

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Parents of Teens!!

Knowing how busy everyone is, life is hectic, I still want to put out a request that if you have a teenager in your family, you consider strongly encouraging them to attend Youth Group. I believe there is an incredible need to continue to grow in their faith and grow closer to Jesus beyond eighth grade and especially during the teenage and college years. We meet most Sundays, and my whole goal is to help them to grow closer to Jesus, to have some fun while they're doing it and to grow relationships with good Christian young people their age. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. All teenagers in the parish are welcome at any and all Youth Group events which are listed each week in this Teen Times column.

God bless you, Bridget DiCello, Youth Group Director.

What's Next? First meeting of 2026 is January 11th at 12:15 we will be learning about Lectio Divina. Come join us!

Thank you for reading Teen Times, the official Youth Group news outlet.



Mission Statement

We the people of St. William Parish, accept as our mission: to love God with all our heart and mind, and our neighbor as ourselves. We seek to know our faith, to live our faith, and to authentically teach our faith by word and example. We carry out this mission by lovingly promoting the traditions and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and through prayer, evangelization, and service to others; while always remembering that the primary mission of the Church is the salvation of souls.

Out of consideration of our Lord's presence in the tabernacle and for those wishing to pray before or after Mass, please refrain from talking in the church worship space.

“Although each of the faithful always has the right to receive Holy Communion on the tongue, at his choice, if any communicant should wish to receive the Sacrament in the hand, in areas where the Bishops’ Conference with the recognition of the Apostolic See has given permission, the sacred host is to be administered to him or her. However, special care should be taken to ensure that the host is consumed by the communicant in the presence of the minister, so that no one goes away carrying the Eucharistic species in his hand. If there is a risk of profanation, then Holy Communion should not be given in the hand to the faithful.” Redemptionis Sacramentum paragraph # 92 from the CONGREGATION FOR DIVINE WORSHIP AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE SACRAMENT.

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

If you have a grave family emergency and need a priest immediately, contact your parish first at 901-872-4099 or 901-616-9437.

Another option is to talk to the hospital chaplain or a hospital staff member for assistance in reaching a priest after business hours.

There is a team of volunteers that help find a priest for emergencies called AHERT.

If you are struggling with health issues or are anticipating surgery, you are always welcome to call your pastor and request an anointing at your parish.

Guidelines for Receiving the Eucharist

Catholics should make spiritual preparation before receiving Holy Communion. We do this by abstaining from food and drink (except water and medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Communion (see Can. 919: §1). Be aware that chewing gum breaks the Eucharistic fast. No one should ever attempt to receive Communion with chewing gum in their mouth. Also, a Catholic in a state of mortal sin should first make a sacramental confession before returning to the Eucharist.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please have someone contact the Parish Office if you are hospitalized or are seriously ill. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not notify churches when patients are admitted. Also, Catholics are encouraged to seek the sacrament in advance of scheduled surgery.

When should I call for a priest?

If you or a family member are suffering from a serious illness, in the hospital, or near death — then the parish should be contacted (regardless of the day or time). The parish should be contacted as soon as serious illness befalls a sick person or when serious surgery is scheduled (assuming that this is consistent with the wishes of the individual). This is so that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if possible. Pastoral care for the sick person should be asked for as soon as a person experiences the danger of illness or is chronically ill, particularly if the person is elderly. To receive the Anointing of the Sick, the illness may be physical or mental. The ritual indicates that a person who is ill should be anointed early in the illness, or before one faces serious surgery. The anointing can be repeated if the medical situation worsens or if the sick person experiences a different illness or injury. During the course of the illness, Holy Communion should be offered to the sick person as well.

	Monday	December 22	8:30am	+Emmanuel Guevarra by the Stevenson Family
	Tuesday	December 23	11:30am	+Juan Ayala by Julie Rannou
	Wednesday	December 24	8:30am	+Pat Hourican by Rev. John Hourican
			4:30pm	For the parishioners of St. William
			6:30pm	<i>Intention of Fr. Edward Fisher</i>
			9:00pm	For the parishioners of St. William
	Thursday	December 25	8:30am	For the parishioners of St. William
			11:00am	<i>Intention of Fr. Edward Fisher</i>
	Friday	December 26	8:30am	+Emmanuel Guevarra by Ruby Guevarra
	Saturday	December 27	8:30am	+John F. Hourican by Rev. John Hourican
			4:30pm	+Linda Fenwick by Jay Fenwick
	Sunday	December 28	8:30am	For the parishioners of St. William
			11:00am	+Nina Lopez Rimando by Rica & Delia

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND/OR RECUPERATING OF OUR PARISH: *Guy Avanzi, Earl Baker, Bill Beckmann, Jeanne Brannock, Dee Burke, Alex Domingo, Ken Gregory & family, Terry Hunt, Angelo LoBianco, Evelyn Lynn, the Marcello Family, Carol McClain, Mary Morrison, Linda Norman, Howard Olson, Rick Ortiz, Bennett Purdy, Anna Stringfellow, and Chase Weston.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES: *Eric Ballou, Debbie Barkowski, Harriet Bordelon, Larry Bragg, Fr. Bill Burke, Diana Carroll, Brenda Cline, Caroline Clowes, Donna Cordle, David & Essy Cragin, Virginia Duff, Patty Hayes, Beverly Higgins, Dianne Langley, Babette Lopez, Tanya Martchek, Taylor Martchek, Haley Millican, Jamie Neal, Michelle Neal, Carole O'Brien, Marcy Oliver-Arrambide, Donald Stephens, Courtney Stutes, Marie Sublett, Dave Wainwright, Cathy Whaley, Jane & Martin Wiseman, all caretakers, all the unborn babies, and for all abused children.*

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY: *HMI James Allen, Zachary Andrews, PFC Anna Grace Beckmann, SP4 Patrick Beckmann, BMI Shane Blevins, LCDR Eyan Bower, Airman David W. Brandt USN, CS2 (SW/AW) Michael Domingo, Msgt Jonathan A. Duncan USMC, CS2 (SS) Michael T. Duncan, PFC Dylan Kirkpatrick, Captain Olivia Anne Koehler, Cody Michael Maglio, Sgt. John Messene, Arthur Metcalfe IV, MAJ Ian A. Netzel, LCDR Leah Ortiz, Joseph Stephens, Turner Weston OSSA, and ISG Nathan Wright.*

		December 27	December 28	December 28
		4:30pm	8:30am	11:00am
	Lectors	Lisa Schmidt	Mark Miller	Wendy Strelvel
	Ministers of Holy Communion	Deacon Scott Ewen*	Deacon Scott Ewen*	Deacon Scott Ewen*
	Altar Servers	Buddy Kuhstoss	Annabelle Grassie	James Pagulayan
		Janis Nichols	Jackson Grassie	Addison Strelvel
		Chris Pond	Alex Marlow	Cole Strelvel