

# SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH STAFF

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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.



January 4, 2026 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

*Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas Masses! Musicians, lectors, ushers, money counters, everyone who went above and beyond to make everything run smoothly. We really appreciate you all!*

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the old school building.

This week's topic is  
"The Sacrament of Baptism".

You do not have to be a participant in the class to attend.  
All are welcome!



We have a novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help each first Wednesday beginning at 6pm in the Church. All are welcome.

*There will be a Rosary Thursday, January 8th, at 6:30pm in the church. All are invited to attend.*



### **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

Thursday, January 8th, at 7:00pm  
in the school cafeteria.



## You are most cordially INVITED

To our First Annual Vocations Ministry Retreat / Workshop

WHEN: Saturday January 10, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Followed by Confessions and Mass

Breakfast and Lunch will be served

WHERE: St. Ann Catholic Church, located at 6529 Stage Rd, Bartlett

We will meet at the Church first for a Rosary for Vocations

THIS EVENT WILL BE BILINGUAL

Please RSVP by no later than December 28 by call or text to our

Vocations Admin, Lyz Candia, at 901-786-4889, or by email

to [lysette.candia@vocations.cdcm.org](mailto:lysette.candia@vocations.cdcm.org)

 VOCATION  
MINISTRY

**SCAM!  
ALERT!**

Please be aware that Bishop Talley, Fr. Hourican, or any Priest, Deacon, Seminarian or Church staff member of the Diocese of Memphis will **never** email or text you asking for gift cards, money or any other type of funding. If you do receive what appears to be a scam email or text, please delete them.

## Save the Date

A potluck dinner will be held on January 17, after the 4:30pm Mass. Mayor, Larry Dagen, City Manager, Frankie Dakin, and their wives, will be joining us for dinner. Both will speak and then hold a question and answer session. Please plan to attend, bringing food for your family, plus one. We look forward to our speakers and a great potluck dinner.

Don't forget "**Share Sunday**" next weekend, January 10/11. The items donated are given to the poor. The following items are needed and used each month: paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, feminine products, coffee, tea bags, creamer, sugar, cooking oil, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies, and soap (they receive plenty of food).

Please bring your items to the Family Life Center and place in the wooden boxes in the gym.

Thank you for your generosity.

# Teen Times

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## Lectio Divina

Our prayer topic next week is Lectio Divina, which means divine reading. It is a beautiful way to pray through scripture in a deep and meditative way. The Holy Bible is the word of God and each word can reveal something to us. Lectio Divina is a way to find deeper revelation and invite God in a unique way in our reading. Learn more at our meeting next Sunday!

**Happy New Year from Youth Group!!**

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

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*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**

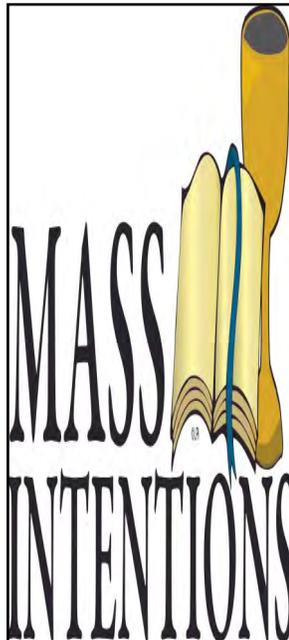
Catholics should make spiritual preparation before receiving Holy Communion. We do this by abstaining from food and drink (except water and medicine) for at least one hour before receiving Communion (see Can. 919: §1). Be aware that chewing gum breaks the Eucharistic fast. No one should ever attempt 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	January 5	8:30am	<b>+Jerry Pinner</b> by Cheryle Jenner, Tara & Tamara McClelland & Janet Park
	Tuesday	January 6	11:30am	<b>+Jim &amp; Martha Cline</b> by Mike & Margaret Carlson
	Wednesday	January 7	8:30am	Spec Int of <b>Davis Crocker</b> by Rev. John Hourican
	Thursday	January 8	11:30am	<b>+Ruthann Olson</b> by Joe & Dot Costa
	Friday	January 9	8:30am	<b>+Felisa Vivo</b> by Josie Austin
	Saturday	January 10	8:30am	Spec Int of <b>Andrew Smothers</b> by Rev. John Hourican
			4:30pm	<b>+The Torini Family</b> by Marta Torini Lilly
	Sunday	January 11	8:30am	<b>For the parishioners of St. William</b>
			11:00am	<b>+Pat Hourican</b> by Gary & Nancy Shellenberger

**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, BM1 Shane Blevins, LCDR Evan 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.*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:

Offertory Actual \$9,027  
Offertory Budget \$7,849

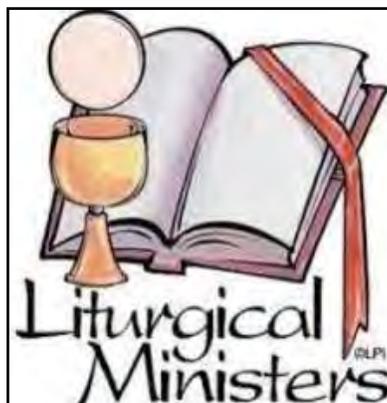
YTD Offertory-actual \$215,541  
YTD Offertory-budget \$204,083

### BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

YTD Offertory-actual \$35,152  
YTD Offertory-budget \$27,750

**Next weekend's second collection is for  
Diaconate Formation.**

*Statements of your **2025 financial donations** to the church will be available upon request only. Please call the Parish Office or email [lisa.rhodes@stwilliam.cdom.org](mailto:lisa.rhodes@stwilliam.cdom.org) if you wish to have a record of your donations.*

		<b>January 10</b>	<b>January 11</b>	<b>January 11</b>
		<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
	<b>Lectors</b>	Barbara Pettit	Agatha Asemota	Rob Tomlinson
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Deacon Scott Ewen*	Deacon Scott Ewen*	Deacon Scott Ewen*
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Buddy Kuhstoss	Joseph Marcello	Cayleigh DiCello
		Janis Nichols	Alex Marlow	James Pagulayan
		Chris Pond	Delia Rodocker	Sophia Rosas