

# SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH STAFF

**Rev. John Hourican**, *Pastor*

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**Mrs. Debbie Breckenridge**,

*Director of Religious Education*

(901) 359-7063

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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.



August 2, 2026 ~ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



### **Knights of Columbus Meeting**

Thursday, August 6th, at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.

*The Women's Club would like to thank you all for your support with our annual yard sale. Whether you donated items, came out to shop, or both, your help made it a great success.*

## **St. William PRE BACK TO SCHOOL**

Registration is open- scan the QR code to register online



Classes start Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> so register NOW

In-person registration 8/16/26 in the FLC between the Masses. Call Debbie with questions 901-359-7063

### **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**

OCIA will start on Tuesday, **September 8**, at 7pm in the old school building. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or inquiring about the Catholic Faith, or was baptized in the Catholic Faith but needs to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, please join us. To register, please contact the Parish Office or email [lisa.rhodes@stwilliam.cdom.org](mailto:lisa.rhodes@stwilliam.cdom.org). We look forward to helping you on your faith journey.

## **The Chosen Bible Study Season 2**

**Mondays on Sept. 14 - Nov. 9th**

In the Family Life Center classroom  
6:30pm Discussion / 7:30pm Watch Party

Contact Shellie Teems at 901-230-0074 to sign up and receive a book for \$10.



Don't forget "**Share Sunday**" next weekend, August 8/9. 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.



## **SMOKED BBQ PORK ROASTS FOR SALE**



### **\$60 Pork Roast**

Please text Mark Miller at 901-870-3925 to reserve your BBQ pork roast by Sunday, 8/30.

*Pulled Pork Dinner provided by the  
St. William Women's Club*

**SATURDAY, 9/5/26, AFTER 4:30 MASS AND SUNDAY  
9/6/26 AFTER 11:00 MASS IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Pulled Pork, Bun, Beans, Slaw, and Dessert \$15



## **Teen Times**

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### **Youth Group Game Day!**

August 9<sup>th</sup> is our kick off party for Youth Group. Games and lunch will be provided starting at noon. It will be a fun couple hours and a great way to get to know other teens in the parish. Parents are encouraged to return at 1:30 for an info session and Q&A.

Even if you have never been to Youth Group please 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.**

## **New Knights of Columbus Officers, Members, and Their Families**



## **People have asked why some strike their breast?**

Catholics traditionally strike their breast during the Confiteor ("I confess...") as a physical sign of repentance and personal responsibility for sin. The gesture accompanies the words: **"Through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault."**

In the Confiteor during Mass, we typically strike our heart three times while saying these words.

## **The practice has several layers of meaning:**

- 1) The heart symbolizes the inner person. Striking the breast is a way of acknowledging that sin comes from within—not just from external circumstances.
- 2) It's an expression of contrition. The gesture reinforces the spoken confession with a bodily act, reflecting the biblical idea that worship involves both body and soul.
- 3) It has biblical roots. One of the clearest examples appears in Gospel of Luke 18:13, where the tax collector prays: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner," while beating his breast as a sign of humility and repentance.
- 4) Another example is in Gospel of Luke 23:48, where people witnessing the crucifixion return home beating their breasts in grief and remorse.
- 5) The gesture is not meant as self-punishment. Rather, it is a symbolic acknowledgment that one needs God's mercy.

In summary, beating the breast during the Confiteor is an ancient Christian gesture that expresses: humility before God, sorrow for sin, acceptance of personal responsibility, and trust in God's mercy.

Do You Have a  
Question for  
Father John or  
Deacon Scott

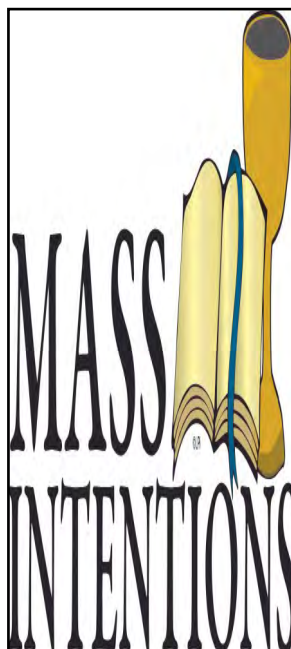
IS THERE SOMETHING THAT  
HAPPENS DURING THE MASS THAT  
YOU WANT TO UNDERSTAND OR  
HAVE ALWAYS WONDERED ABOUT?

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You can anonymously drop  
your question into the question  
box located in the narthex.

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QUESTIONS WILL BE  
ANSWERED AT THE END  
OF MASS

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|  | Monday    | August 3 | 8:30am  | <b>+James Hoffman</b> by the DiCello Family                 |
|                                                                                   | Tuesday   | August 4 | 11:30am | Spec Int of <b>Kalynn Smith</b> by Josie Austin             |
|                                                                                   | Wednesday | August 5 | 8:30am  | <b>+Rev. James W. Murphy</b> by Rev. John Hourican          |
|                                                                                   | Thursday  | August 6 | 11:30am | Spec Int of <b>Fr. Ruben Rivera</b> by Mike & Ellen Schmall |
|                                                                                   | Friday    | August 7 | 8:30am  | <b>+Pat Hunt</b> by Terry Hunt                              |
|                                                                                   | Saturday  | August 8 | 8:30am  | <b>+Catherine Hourican</b> by Rev. John Hourican            |
|                                                                                   |           |          | 4:30pm  | <b>+Alton Meyer</b> by Joyce Meyer & Cheryl Winter          |
|                                                                                   | Sunday    | August 9 | 8:30am  | <b>For the parishioners of St. William</b>                  |
|                                                                                   |           |          | 11:00am | <b>+Angelo LoBianco</b> by Eddie & Elaine Schad             |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND/OR RECUPERATING OF OUR PARISH:** Stacey Asbill, Guy Avanzi, Earl Baker, Bill Beckmann, Pauline Bielen, Jeanne Brannock, Dee Burke, Holly Dunn-Moon, Ken Gregory & family, Charles LoBianco, the Marcello Family, Carol McClain, Mary Morrison, Linda Norman, Howard Olson, Rick Ortiz, Frank Stephens, Anna Stringfellow, and Chase Weston.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** Eric Ballou, Harriet Bordelon, Larry Bragg, Fr. Bill Burke, Brenda Cline, Caroline Clowes, Donna Cordle, David & Essy Cragin, Virginia Duff, Regina Garrard, Beverly Higgins, Annie Longoria, Florence Marcello, Tanya Martchek, Taylor Martchek, Haley Millican, Michelle Neal, Carole O'Brien, Marcy Oliver-Arrambide, Lynette Reed, Jerome Schlitt, Carol Smith, Courtney Stutes, Marie Sublett, Bob Van Allen, Dave Wainwright, all caretakers, all the unborn babies, and for all abused children.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** HMI James Allen, CMCN Frank Amato Jr., 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, MAJ Andrew Snell, Joseph Stephens, Turner Weston OSSA, and 1SG Nathan Wright.

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:

Offertory Actual \$8,123  
Offertory Budget \$7,942

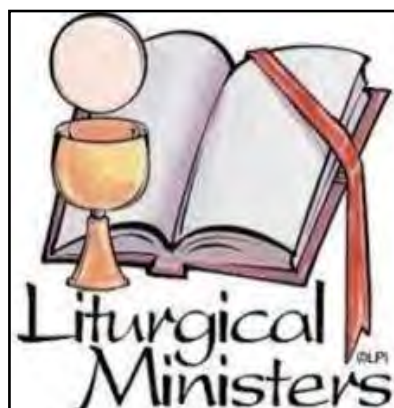
YTD Offertory-actual \$31,864  
YTD Offertory-budget \$31,769

### BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

YTD Offertory-actual \$4,069  
YTD Offertory-budget \$4,615



*The altar flowers this weekend  
are In Memory of  
All Deceased of the  
Medrano/Harbach Family  
by Mike & Ellen Schmall.*



|                                    | August 8           | August 9           | August 9           |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                    | 4:30pm             | 8:30am             | 11:00am            |
| <b>Lectors</b>                     | Chris Pond         | Mike McLellan      | Marie Stevenson    |
| <b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b> | Deacon Scott Ewen* | Deacon Scott Ewen* | Deacon Scott Ewen* |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>               | Buddy Kuhstoss     | Gavin Bulthuis     | Luz Marie Rosas    |
|                                    | Thomas Morrison    | Logan Bulthuis     | Addison Strevel    |
|                                    | Tom Morrison, Sr.  | Alex Marlow        | Cole Strevel       |