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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.



from the desk of Deacon Jimmy



Dear friends. By now you have heard the rumor that my wife and I are moving. It's not a rumor. I don't like goodbyes so I won't say it here. But after much talking, and praying, my wife and I have in fact decided to move. In a little over a month from now, we will be moving to Maryville, TN, near Knoxville. The plan is to be packed up and on our way by August 20, 2023.

This has not been an easy decision. We do not take it lightly. But at the end of the day, I think it's the right one. Our daughter and her family moved there a few months ago, and it has not been an easy transition. Especially for our grandson Jack. And being that our daughter has to travel for work, someone needs to be there for Jack, especially when school starts.

Over the next several weeks, I plan to wrap up my duties here at St. William. If you have a sacrament or RCIA question, they should go through Fr. Hourican. My last weekend on the altar will be July 29-30.

Beginning with the July edition, Velda Dedeaux has agreed to take over the William Tell duties. You can email her at veededo@att.net. Beginning August 1, 2023, Lisa Schmidt has agreed to take over the Prayer Chain. You can email her at lisaschmidt319@yahoo.com.

The Food Pantry Ministry will continue. The Knights of Columbus and the Women's Club will continue to staff the Pantry on the third Saturday every month. We need a volunteer or two to take charge of the food drives once a quarter here, and to keep our pantry organized.

The plan is for me to transfer as a Deacon to the Diocese of Knoxville. There is paperwork and red tape involved, but Bishop David, Fr. Hourican, as well as the Deacon Leadership in Memphis are aware of my plans and will assist me in that transition.

Whatever parish I'm assigned to, it will never hold a candle to St. William. This is my home parish and always will be. You have all been so good to me over the years, from the time I was 10 years old all the way through my diaconate ministry. Part of who I am as a man, as a husband, as a father, and a deacon are because of the life lessons I learned here from many of you. Thank you for that. I will always carry those lessons with me.

Again, I don't like goodbyes. I still have friends and family here. Two of my brothers are still here, as well as my son and his family. And YOU, you are still here. So, we'll be back to visit family, back to visit St. William, and back to stock up on lumpia. In the meantime, keep Lesa and me in your prayers as we begin this next chapter in our lives. If you are ever in the Knoxville-Gatlinburg area, please call. We'd love to hear from you. And please know that you will always be in our prayers. God Bless You.

In Christ,

Deacon Jimmy



St. William Council 6321

June 2023 News



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July 2023

The month of July marks the beginning of a new fraternal year for the Knights. Our current Officers have one more year to serve in their current position. We also tally up last year's performance and turn in the required forms. What a great year we had with your support. According to my records, which could be in error as I don't like paperwork, we have had 4 blood drives, 8 homeless meals as well as the Thanksgiving meal. We also distributed 96 coats through our Coats for Kids program, supported the Missionaries of Charity, our Seminarians, and the local Millington Crisis Center and Millington Food Pantry. We just recently sent our special needs Knight to a weeklong camp in Eva, TN with the help of the Millington Kiwanis Club. We also collect wheelchairs from various places to hand out as needed so if you come across one let a Knight know as we have handed out 3 this year and need more. We also collect bikes during the year and repair them and give them away during Christmas so we can use some of them as well. Those are just some of our works of Charity so give yourself a pat on the back. Without you supporting our programs and fundraisers it wouldn't be possible. On behalf of the Knights, thank you and we are looking forward to the new fraternal year.

If you are a Catholic man who would like to join our council and help us help others, scan the QR code above or go to kofc.org/join, or just ask a Knight for more info. Thanks!



Happy 4th of July



How to Get the Most out of the Eucharist

A couple of years ago, I read a book by this title, written by Michael Dubruiel. He explains how over the years, the attitudes of most Catholics have changed. Forty years or more ago those who attended Mass believed much more so in the sacrificial aspects of the Mass and in their faith in general. The faithful then looked at the sufferings and pains in their lives as an opportunity to “offer it up” to God, as Jesus offered himself up for us. In recent times, however, this attitude of sacrificial offering of the Mass has become an attitude of a “Eucharistic Banquet” – the meal aspect of the Mass, where fellowship is seen as more important than worshipping God.

I highly recommend this book to all. Mr. Dubruiel uses the letters in the word SACRIFICE to give us a mnemonic device to see the connection between our lives and what we do at Mass. Below is an extremely brief look at these nine letters and the connections we can make to gain greater meaning in our lives and the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist.

S... Serve – Foster an attitude of service toward God in the Eucharist. God is always right! Believing this can lead us to wanting to serve God with our lives every minute of every day. We should ask God every day what He wants us to do to serve him. By doing this, we then begin to develop a Eucharistic Spirituality.

A... Adore – We were given the commandment to Worship God alone. We are not to worship false gods. What are some of the false gods that can present themselves at the Eucharist? These false gods can be the sin of pride. Do we only accept what the Church teaches if it suits our needs? Do we reject other teachings because we don't want to accept that what we may be doing or how we are living goes against the Gospels and the teachings of the Church? Do we make God in our image to suit us instead of Adoring God as God and changing ourselves to live as he teaches? When we truly adore God, then we fully trust in God.

C... Confess your belief in God – The loss of the sense of personal sin reduces our capacity to feel the necessity of our need to be saved by Jesus. We must admit our need for God in our lives and ask God for his mercy. We must pray.

R... Respond by participating. Make an offering of your voice and body to God. Participate fully in the Mass by when the hymns are sung, sing; sit, stand and kneel during the appropriate times during Mass. Participate in the prayers offered during the Mass.

I... Incline your ear to the Lord. This is a way to offer the sacrifice of our thoughts in order to first listen to what God is saying. When we open ourselves up to the reality that God wishes to speak to use through His Holy Word, we will find our hearts will be filled with joy. Hearing the Word of God can change our lives by leading us closer to God and His will for us.

F... Fast in anticipation. We are called to fast one hour prior to receiving the Eucharist. Do we use this time of fasting anticipating who we will receive in this greatest gift? We can offer our time of fasting up for the needs of others, or to help us overcome our own faults and desires. Our fasting can be a prayer. We can also fast at other times and offer that up as a sacrifice for a particular need.

I... Invite the Lord to come. Welcome God into your life and your heart. Invite the Lord to be with you in your daily life – at work or home; in your joy and in your suffering. Be welcoming to others, as you would to God.

C... Commune; Receive the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a “Who”, not a “what”. St. Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist the “medicine of immortality”. Jesus who is totally present in body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist gives us eternal life. When we come to communion and believe in the power of Jesus to ward off all our death-induced behaviors and to help us live as members of the kingdom of heaven, we truly will get the most out of the Eucharist. He will live in us and we in communion with Him.

E... Evangelize: Share the Good News. We should be living out the Gospel in our daily lives. We should trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the words to speak when we witness the power of Christ to others. We should not be afraid to speak about God and be proud witnesses to our faith. When we are dismissed from Mass, we are being sent to share the Good News of God to others, strengthened by the Eucharist.

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Divine Jesus, You have said, "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you." Behold me kneeling at Your feet, filled with a lively faith and confidence in the promises dictated by Your Sacred Heart to Saint Margaret Mary. I come to ask this favor: (Mention your request).

To whom can I turn if not to You, Whose Heart is the source of all graces and merits? Where should I seek if not in the treasure which contains all the riches of Your kindness and mercy? Where should I knock if not at the door through which God gives Himself to us and through which we go to God? I have recourse to You, Heart of Jesus. In You I find consolation when afflicted, protection when persecuted, strength when burdened with trials, and light in doubt and darkness.

Dear Jesus, I firmly believe that You can grant me the grace I implore, even though it should require a miracle. You have only to will it and my prayer will be granted. I admit that I am most unworthy of Your favors, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercy, and You will not refuse a contrite heart. Cast upon me a look of mercy, I beg of You, and Your kind Heart will find in my miseries and weakness a reason for granting my prayer.

Sacred Heart, whatever may be Your decision with regard to my request, I will never stop adoring, loving, praising, and serving You. My Jesus, be pleased to accept this my act of perfect resignation to the decrees of Your adorable Heart, which I sincerely desire may be fulfilled in and by me and all Your creatures forever.

Grant me the grace for which I humbly implore You through the Immaculate Heart of Your most sorrowful Mother. You entrusted me to her as her child, and her prayers are all-powerful with You. Amen.

Offering Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

My God, I offer You all my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings in union with the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for the intentions for which He pleads and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, in thanksgiving for Your favors, in reparation for my sins, and in humble supplication for my temporal and eternal welfare, for the needs of our holy Mother the Church, for the conversion of sinners, and for the relief of the poor souls in purgatory.

Foundations for the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Theological foundations: The Heart of Jesus, like all else that belongs to His Person, is worthy of adoration, but this would not be so if It were considered as isolated from this Person and as having no connection with It. But it is not thus that the Heart is considered, and, in his Bull "Auctorem fidei", 1794, Pius VI authoritatively vindicated the devotion in this respect against the calumnies of the Jansenists. The worship, although paid to the Heart of Jesus, extends further than the Heart of flesh, being directed to the love of which this Heart is the living and expressive symbol. On this point the devotion requires no justification, as it is to the Person of Jesus that it is directed; but to the Person as inseparable from His Divinity. Jesus, the living apparition of the goodness of God and of His paternal love, Jesus infinitely loving and amiable, studied in the principal manifestations of His love, is the object of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, as indeed He is the object of the Christian religion. The difficulty lies in the union of the heart and love, in the relation which the devotion supposes between the one and the other. Is not this an error long since discarded? If so, it remains to examine whether the devotion, considered in this respect, is well founded.

Philosophical and scientific foundations: In this respect there has been some uncertainty amongst theologians, not as regards the basis of things, but in the matter of explanations. Sometimes they have spoken as if the heart were the organ of love, but this point has no bearing on the devotion, for which it suffices that the heart be the symbol of love, and that, for the basis of the symbolism, a real connection exist between the heart and the emotions. Now, the symbolism of the heart is a fact and every one feels that in the heart there is a sort of an echo of our sentiments. The physiological study of this resonance may be very interesting, but it is in no wise necessary to the devotion, as its foundation is a fact attested by daily experience, a fact which physiological study confirms and of which it determines the conditions, but which neither supposes this study nor any special acquaintance with its subject.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a moving way to express devotion to Our Lord by making reparation through adoration for the offenses committed against His Sacred Heart. Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a 17th century nun, made devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus best known after He revealed His desire to her in visions that we all acknowledge His tremendous love for us. The symbolic image of Christ's heart burning with love for us, even while pierced with the thorns of our indifference and ingratitude, as in the painting above, is also associated with this devotion.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart is one of six litanies approved for public use by the Church and is often prayed during First Friday services. When prayed publicly, the congregation's lines are in italics.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.

**Heart of Jesus, formed by the Holy Spirit in
the Virgin Mother's womb, have mercy on us.**

**Heart of Jesus, substantially united to the
Word of God, have mercy on us.**

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, King and center of all hearts, have mercy on us.

**Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures
of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy on us.**

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Godhead, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father was well pleased, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, rich to all who call upon You, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our offenses, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, overwhelmed with reproaches, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, bruised for our iniquities, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, obedient even unto death, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in You, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in You, *have mercy on us.*
Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints, *have mercy on us.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us.*
Jesus, meek and humble of Heart, *Make our hearts like unto Thine.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, look upon the Heart of Thy most beloved Son and upon the praises and satisfaction which He offers Thee in the name of sinners; and to those who implore Thy mercy, in Thy great goodness, grant forgiveness in the name of the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who lives and reigns with Thee forever and ever. Amen.

The Litany of the Sacred Heart gives us many striking images of our Lord and His love for us. Christ's heart is a "burning furnace of charity", "bruised for our iniquities", and yet still the source of "our life and resurrection" if we love and follow Him as best we can in our daily lives.

For those days that you feel *anything* but holy, incidentally, Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque had this advice: "If you feel yourself frail and weak, lapsing into faults at every moment, go to the Sacred Heart and draw from it the strength which will invigorate and revive you." Praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart, whether publicly or in private, can help you tap into our Lord's "source of all consolation," His Sacred Heart!



Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have Mercy on Us

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Women's Club News

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June 25th was the Feast Day of St. William and we celebrated with a parish picnic that included lunch, games, and a cornhole tournament. We would like to thank all who helped make it a success. The old saying, "the more, the merrier" is certainly true. If you did not attend this year, we hope you will mark your calendar and join us next year. Our parish family continues to grow and spending time together is the best way to get to know each other and keeps us strong.

July marks the month that several of our parishioners will be departing for the World Youth Conference. Their journey will take them to Rome, Lisbon, and Fatima. The Women's Club would love for you to join us for a send off reception after the 11:00 Mass on July 23, 2023. Please help us let Carol Hunter and her children, Emily, Caroline, and Joshua, as well as Bridgett and Megan DiCello, know that we wish them well and will be praying for them.

Our spotlight this month shines on Debbie Breckenridge. Debbie and her husband, Ronnie, reside in Brighton. They have two daughters, Beca and Valarie. Since joining St. William parish, Debbie has served as a PRE teacher, Eucharistic Minister, Women's Club secretary, and is currently our Director of Religious Education and serves on the Parish Pastoral Council. Debbie is always willing to help with anything and everything and does so with a smile. She prides herself on sharing her faith journey and encouraging others to do the same. If you do not know Debbie, join in any parish event and you are sure to find her doing what she can to make the event a success. She loves her parish family and does not hesitate to show it!

Our next meeting will be held July 12, 2023, in the Family Life Center. Please join us.

Caring Enough To Act

Life can sometimes bring overwhelming challenges. The compassion and generosity of friends and family can help ease the burden and lighten the load. CETA is a faith-based program that was developed to provide help to those in need. If you would like to learn more about the CETA program or if you or someone you know would benefit from the monetary resources available, we encourage you to contact the St. William church office or any Women's Club member to obtain additional information.

And the King will reply, "truly I tell you, whatever you did for the least of one of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

10 July Activities for Catholic Families



- 1. **Have a special prayer time to ask for God's guidance for your country and its people,** especially for those in countries like the United States, Canada, and France that celebrate special holidays for their country this month.
- 2. **Do a craft to remember that the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus.** <http://bit.ly/preciousblood>
- 3. **Pick a service project to do as a family this month.** It could be something small or something large – it's just important to do it with a giving heart.
- 4. **Grab out blocks or LEGO bricks and create unique buildings and other creations for Saint Thomas the Apostle's feast day on July 2nd.** He is the patron saint of architects.
- 5. **Visit Eucharistic Adoration (even if only briefly with young children)** in honor of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, who had a great devotion to the Eucharist. Her feast day is July 14th.
- 6. **Prepare your favorite apple recipe** on or around July 15th, since apples (and raindrops) are symbols of Saint Swithun.
- 7. **Make empty tomb rolls** as a reminder of Saint Mary Magdalene being present to see both the empty tomb and Christ resurrected. Her feast day is July 22nd.
<http://bit.ly/emptyrolls>
- 8. **Go fishing (or just play a round of the card game Go Fish!)** in honor of Saint James the Apostle who was a fisherman. His feast day is July 25th.
- 9. **Plan a visit (or video chat, if distance is an issue) with grandparents** to celebrate the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, grandparents of Jesus. Their feast day is July 26th.
- 10. Saint Martha used hospitality as a way to serve Jesus and others. **Prepare a meal or treat for someone special.** Her feast day is July 29th.

St. William Kids Fun Night

**FRIDAY, JULY
14TH 6-9 PM**

**EVENT WILL BE HELD
IN THE GAMEROOM OF
SCHOOL BUILDING**

**DROP YOUR KIDS FOR A
GREAT NIGHT OF FUN AND
ACTIVITIES**

**BRING T-SHIRT
TO TYE-DYE**

& Parents Night Out!

**DINNER WILL NOT BE SERVED BUT SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.
CALL DEBBIE FOR MORE INFORMATION 901-359-7063**