

November
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2023 Chili Cook-Off Winners



2023 Cornhole Tournament Winners



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.



St. William Council 6321

October 2023 News



The holiday season is upon us. It's time to get ready to celebrate with family and friends and let's not forget those Christmas decorations. There are a couple of upcoming events going on at St. William to help those in need during this season.

Our annual Coats for Kids program is in full swing. With your help supporting our fundraisers we raise money to buy coats through the Knights of Columbus. At an average cost of \$23 each that's a pretty good deal. The coats are distributed to local schools and the Millington Crisis Center.



The annual Thanksgiving Day meal for the community is set to go on this year as well so keep an eye on the bulletin for this upcoming event. This is a great opportunity to work with others in the community to feed those in need and St. William is where it all comes together. We will need a lot of pilgrims to pull this off as hundreds of meals are prepared and delivered. The turnout is always great, and we get done in plenty of time to get home to family.

[This Photo](#) by

Our brother Knight Josh Martinez is looking for sponsors for the St. Jude Marathon on Saturday December 2nd. Josh is a former St. Jude patient himself and is an inspiration to those who know him. Scan the QR code to support Josh and the kids at St. Jude if you like.



Congratulations to our chili cookoff champions, Rob and Josie Tomlinson, and our cornhole champions, Ricky Ancar and Ernie Obando. Great job and thanks to all who participated in making this a great event and raising money for our Coats for Kids program.





The Nicene Creed, Part 2

Last month, we looked at the Council of Nicaea, held in 325, called by the Roman emperor Constantine in response to the heresy of the preaching of Arius regarding Jesus' divinity. It was at this Council that did formulate the first formulation of the Creed, in which concluded that Jesus was fully human and fully divine and was of the same substance of God the Father.

This month, we will focus on the First Council of Constantinople which was called in part to confirm the Faith of the Nicaean Council and to continue to dispute Arianism. The Council of Constantinople (present day Istanbul, Turkey), was called in May 381 by Emperor Theodosius to provide for a [Catholic](#) succession in the patriarchal [See of Constantinople](#), to confirm the Nicene Faith/Creed, to reconcile the [semi-Arians](#) with the [Church](#), and to put an end to the Macedonian [heresy](#), which denied the full person and divinity of the Holy Spirit.

Originally it was only a council of the Orient and was attended by 150 [Catholic](#) and 36 [heretical](#) ([Semi-Arian](#), Macedonian) [bishops](#), and was presided over by [Meletius of Antioch](#); after his death, by the successive Patriarchs of Constantinople, [St. Gregory Nazianzen](#) and Nectarius.

The Council drew up a formal treatise on the [Catholic doctrine](#) of the Trinity. This is traditionally held to be an enlargement of the [Nicene Creed](#), with emphasis on the Divinity of the Holy Spirit. It seems, however, to be of earlier origin, and was probably composed (369-73) by [St. Cyril of Jerusalem](#) as an expression of the [faith](#) of that Church, though its adoption by this council gave it special authority, both as a [baptismal](#) creed and as a [theological](#) formula.

At the close of this council [Emperor Theodosius](#) issued an imperial [decree](#) (30 July) declaring that the churches should be restored to those [bishops](#) who confessed the equal Divinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and who held communion with Nectarius of Constantinople and other important Oriental [prelates](#) whom he named. Pope Damasus approved it.

Next month, we will begin to look at the Nicene Creed in detail, focusing on the first of the of the Statements of Faith: I Believe in One God....



Women's Club News

November 2023

Our yard sale was a huge success and we would like to thank all who helped make it so. Whether you donated items, time, came out to shop, or all of the above, your generosity is very much appreciated. Thank you!



We will have a bake sale after all Masses November 18th and 19th. The bake sale comes just in time for Thanksgiving and we hope you come out and pick up your Thanksgiving meal desserts and homemade bread! Craft vendors will share the FLC with us and we encourage you to support them as well.

The Women's Club will once again be sponsoring the Gifts for God's Children program through Catholic Charities. This is St. William parish's opportunity to provide Christmas for children, adults, and seniors who might not otherwise be provided for. Please look for additional information in the upcoming bulletins.



Have you noticed a woman going above and beyond for our parish and want to do something special for her? The Women's Club selects one woman as the St. William Woman of the Year based on input from our parish. Nominations for Woman of the Year are now being accepted. If you have a woman you think is deserving of this award, please submit her name to Theresa Cook (tcookjnj@gmail.com) prior to November 27th. Your nomination may also be emailed or dropped off with Lisa in the office. The Woman of the Year will be announced at our Christmas party, December 3rd.



Our Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction to be held after 4:30 Mass November 4th. Donations have been coming in and we are sure you will find something you will want to bid on! Tickets for dinner may be purchased at the door. Adult tickets are \$15 and children under 12 are \$8. Dinner is a sit down turkey dinner with all the trimmings, dessert, and beverage. Auction bidding will be active from 4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. For additional information, please contact Shirley Maes (901-647-6111) or Mary Heburn (215-266-5244). We hope to see you all there!

Our next meeting will be held November 8th in the Family Life Center. Please join us for a pumpkin themed social gathering at 6:30 p.m.. Our meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.



Religious Education

Thanks to all who came out and showed out at our annual Halloween event. A great time was had by all and couldn't have been possible without everyone's participation!

We are looking forward to our 5th graders serving at our Youth Mass on November 19 at 11:00.

Our Confirmation Class is off to a fantastic start this year! They served our parish well at our youth Mass in October as well as helping their brothers and sisters at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen a few weekends ago. They look forward to serving you at the Women's Club Annual Harvest Dinner and Silent Action on November 4th, so come and see them!

The PRE Classes will be collecting food in November for the parish-wide Thanksgiving meals program we do every year. Please watch for a handout to come home with your child outlining what we can use if you are able to help.

Thanks!
Debbie Breckenridge
901-359-7063





Each year the St. William Women’s Club recognizes a female parishioner for her commitment to our church and community. This award is presented to an individual that lives the gospel message in her everyday life. Nominees should exemplify service to the Catholic Church as well as to the community at large. She should be someone who assumes a leadership role in parish activities and has the ability to inspire others through her actions.

If you have someone that you would like to nominate for this award, please email Theresa Cook tcookjmj@gmail.com with the name of who you want to be the St. William Woman of the Year. Please text Theresa at 901-483-3032 to confirm receipt of your nomination. Feel free to add any information about the person you are nominating but just a name is required for your vote. The nominations need to be in no later than November 27,2023. You may also drop your vote off to Lisa in the office in an envelope labeled: Woman of the Year Nomination – Attn: Theresa Cook

Please note that past recipients of the Woman of the Year award are not eligible for further nomination.

Past Honorees:

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| 2003– Ruth Ann Olson | 2004 – Bea Schaller | 2005 – Hollye Burger | 2006 – Millie Quigley |
| 2007 – Rose Brown | 2008 – Kathleen Bryant | 2009 – Anna Bernil | 2010 – Lisa Schmidt |
| 2011 – Becky Ramberg | 2012 – Bitha Luze | 2013 – Shirley Maes | 2014 – Judi Harper |
| 2015 – Susan Howard | 2016 – Debbie Breckenridge | 2017 – Shirley Harris | 2018- Debi Yetman |
| 2019 - Anna Stingfellow | 2020 - Monette Ray | 2021 - Mary Heburn | 2022- Sandra Kirk |

ST. WILLIAM UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

All Saint's Day

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass Times 8:30 & 11:30 AM
Vigil Mass 10/31 6 PM

NOV. 1

Harvest Dinner & Silent Auction

Turkey & Dressing Dinner
\$15 adult \$8 Kids
after 4:30 Mass
Silent Auction closes at 6:45

NOV. 4

NOV. 18/19

Bake Sale & Craft Fair

Bake Sale & Craft Fair
after each Mass in FLC
For craft fair space, call
Mary 215-266-5244

Parish Thanksgiving Meals Project

Prepare, package and
deliver Thanksgiving
Meals to those in need

NOV. 23

Gifts for God's Children Auction

Pot Luck & Live
Auction to Raise Money
for the Gifts for God's
Children Christmas
campaign

DEC. 2

Women's Club Christmas Lunch

Potluck Christmas Lunch
and Dirty Santa Gift
Exchange 1:00 pm.

DEC. 3

Opportunities to get involved and participate.

We will be collecting food throughout November to make our parish Thanksgiving Project a success...please watch bulletin for details.

Watch for details on providing children with Christmas gifts through Catholic Charities Gifts for God's Children's Program during the Month of November

Lots of work and effort go into all of the events that go on at our wonderful Parish. Please try your best to support as many of them as you can.

**ST. WILLIAM
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*Bake Sale &
Craft Fair*

In Family Life Center

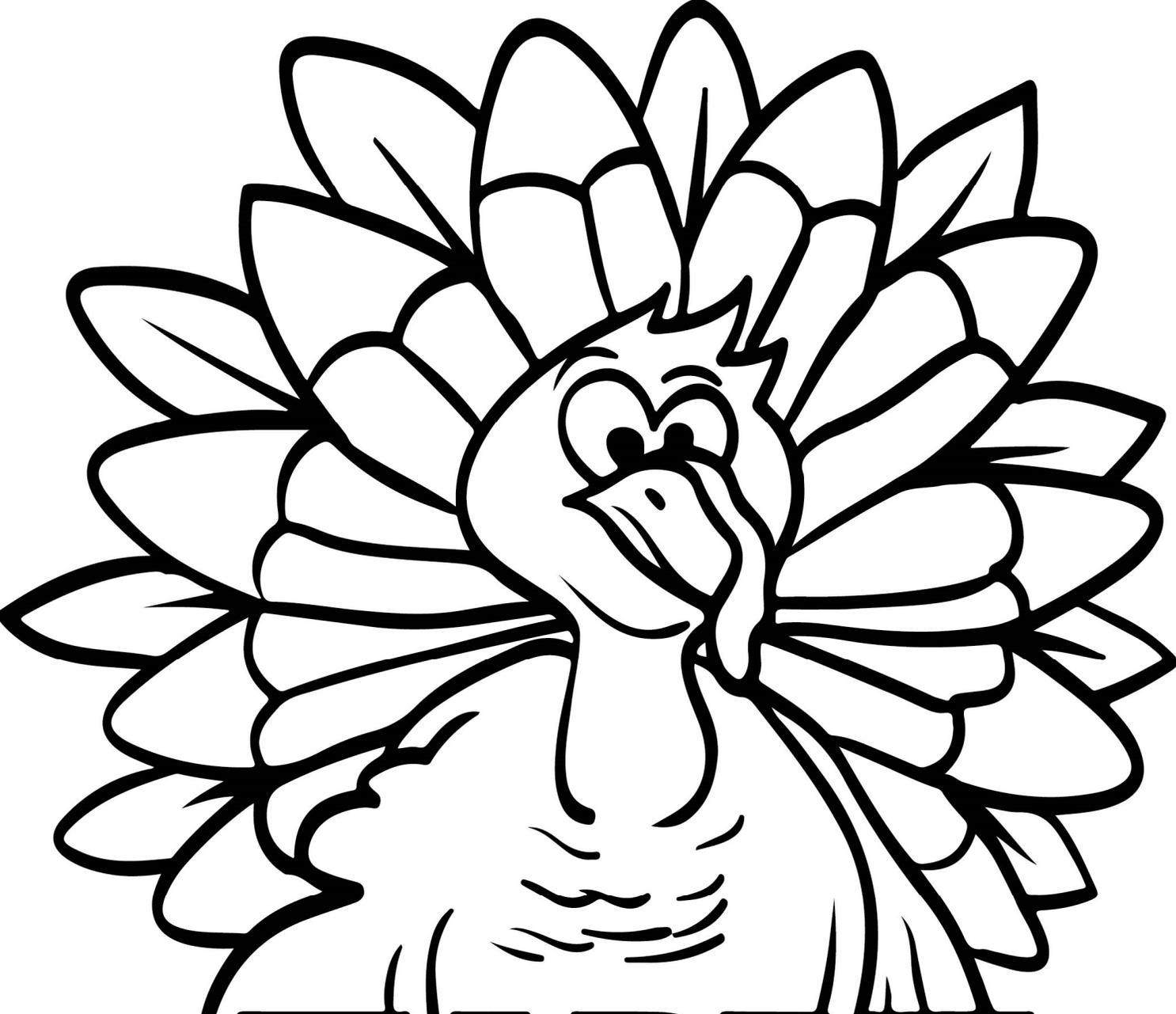
Saturday 11/18 after 4:30 Mass

Sunday 11/19 after 8:30 and 11:00 Mass

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**COME SUPPORT THE
WOMENS CLUB OF ST.
WILLIAM AS WELL AS
LOCAL VENDORS**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A BOOTH AT CRAFT
FAIR CONTACT MARY HEBURN 215-266-5244**



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

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TRIVIA

- Q.1. What is the day after Thanksgiving known as?
- Q.2. When did the first national Thanksgiving Day take place?
- Q.3. Which German holiday closely resembles Thanksgiving?
- Q.4. When was the first Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade?
- Q.5. Who is the Greek goddess of the harvest?
- Q.6. When is Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada?
- Q.7. How many days did the first Thanksgiving last?
- Q.8. Which U.S state consumes the most Turkey?
- Q.9. How many pilgrim's traveled to America in Mayflower?
- Q.10. Which Indian tribe helped the pilgrims?
- Q.11. What product owes its existence to Thanksgiving?
- Q.12. What is the weight of the largest Turkey?
- Q.13. What is a group of domesticated turkeys called?
- Q.14. How many NFL games are played on Thanksgiving?
- Q.15. How many different varieties of pumpkins are there?

10). The Wampanoag

6). October

8). California

1). Black Friday

11). TV Dinner

2). November 26, 1789

14). 2

7). 3 Days

4). 1924

12). 86lbs

13). Gang

3). Erntedankfest

15). 45

5). Demeter

9). 102