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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.



St. William Council 6321

September 2023 News



September is here which marks the end of Summer and the start of Autumn. Hopefully things will cool off as my AC could use a vacation. This month working, with the Women's Club, we will have our Labor Day pork sales. Hope you have a chance to come by the FLC after Mass on the 2nd to get a plate.

On Sunday the 10th, we will have our monthly homeless meal at St. Patrick. The last one went well. We served pork sandwiches, slaw, beans, snack cakes and candies for dessert. We also handed out religious materials we get in the mail and socks and underwear that are donated. If you have any items like this, you would like to donate just hand them off to a Knight. The rosaries we get in the mail were a big hit and we could use some more. If you would like to make a monetary donation you can make out a check to Knights of Columbus Council 6321 and write homeless meal in the memo.

On Saturday the 16th we will have a blood drive in the FLC so keep an eye on the bulletin for details. It's also our turn to support the food pantry on that same day. If you know of someone who lives in the 38053-zip code with food insecurity have them call the food pantry which is open every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the third Saturday of the month, same time at 901-872-2771.

Thursday the 21st we will be busy with our friends from the Millington Kiwanis Club at their annual banquet. We cook a meal for them, and a good time is had by all as some of our Knights and fellow parishioners are also Kiwanians whose motto is improving the world, one child and one community at a time. This is a fundraiser for our coats for kids' program.

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!



The Seven Sorrows of Mary



September 15th is the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. We celebrate Mary under this title based on the seven sorrows that she experienced with Jesus. These all come from the Gospels. The Blessed Mother revealed these along with seven promises to Saint Bridget of Sweden in the 14th century as an offering of hope to those who recite seven Hail Mary's daily while reflecting on her tears and sorrows.

The Seven Sorrows of Mary are:

The Prophecy of Simeon...

And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother: Behold, this *child* is set for the ruin, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. *Luke 2:34-35*

The Flight Into Egypt...

But when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph, saying, "Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I tell thee. For Herod will seek the child to destroy him. So he arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and withdrew into Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod; that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son." *Matthew 2:13-15*

The Loss of the Child Jesus in Jerusalem...

And after they had fulfilled the days, when they were returning, the boy Jesus remained in Jerusalem, and his parents did not know it. But thinking that he was in the caravan, they had come a day's journey before it occurred to them to look for him among their relatives and acquaintances. And not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem in search of him. *Luke 2:43-45*

Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary...

And bearing the cross for himself, he went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha, *Luke 2:17*

Jesus Dies on the Cross...

He went forth to the place called the Skull, in Hebrew, Golgotha, where they crucified him, and with him two others, one on each side and Jesus in the center. And Pilate also wrote an inscription and had it put on the cross. And there was written, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." *John 19:18-19*

Mary Holds the Life Less Body of Jesus in Her Arms...

Now when it was evening, there came a certain rich man of Arimathea, Joseph by name, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate ordered the body to be given up. *Matthew 27:58-59*

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb...

They therefore took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen cloths with the spices, after the Jewish manner of preparing for burial. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. There, accordingly, because of the Preparation Day of the Jews, for the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus. *John 19:40-42*

The promises given by Mary to St. Bridget for all who recite 7 Hail Mary's while reflecting on these sorrows are:

1. "I will grant peace to their families."
2. "They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries."
3. "I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work."
4. "I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls."
5. "I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives."
6. "I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother."
7. "I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and sorrows, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy."

Women's Club News

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Get ready to mark your calendar! As we head into fall, The Women's Club is preparing for our busiest time of the year as we have several events in the coming months.

We will be holding a yard sale October 7, 2023, in the FLC and we are now taking donations. If you have been cleaning out that attic or garage and have items you just don't know what to do with, we will happily take them for inclusion in our yard sale. Please contact Mary Heburn (215-266-5244), Shirley Maes (901-647-6111) or Velda Dedeaux (901-596-2929) for more information.

It is also time to start making plans for our annual Harvest Dinner and Silent Auction. We will post more information regarding this event in future editions of the William Tell and Parish Bulletin but would like to ask for your help now for donations of new or gently used and clean items for the auction. As in the past, your generosity will make this event exciting and fun. Donations may be brought to the FLC after all Masses, to the office during working hours, or you may contact Shirley Maes (901-647-6111) or Mary Heburn (215-266-5244).

Our annual gift exchange is scheduled for October 22' 2023. This gift exchange has participants bringing six identical unwrapped items and leaving with six items of your choosing. It is a terrific opportunity to get some of those items for your Christmas list. If you have never attended the gift exchange, please join us for finger foods, door prizes, gifts and fun. You will not be disappointed.

Our next meeting will be held September 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please join us.





Religious Education

PRE starts on Sunday, September 10th at 9:45 a.m. If you haven't registered your children yet it is NOT TOO LATE!!! We offer classes from K-8th grade and it is so imperative for you to have your children enrolled EVERY ONE OF THOSE YEARS. Your children are the future of our church and if class is important to you, it will be important to them. You can contact Debbie Breckenridge for information at 901-359-7063.

We have a great year planned for PRE! The confirmation class will be serving at St. Mary's Soup Kitchen and going to the Dorothy Day House in October. The soup kitchen no longer does its clothing ministry, but we would like to collect items to bring when we go to the DDH. Anything that you use on a daily basis, they need for every family they house. Toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and laundry detergent are the types of full-sized items that we will be taking to them. If you would like to donate any of these items, they can be dropped off during PRE or at the parish office. Thanks in advance for your continued generosity!

Bunco

We will be playing Bunco in the FLC on September 15th. Come join us even if you haven't ever played...it is a simple game requiring NO SKILL...I swear you can do it! Meet some of your fellow parishioners and have a great time. Bring a finger food to share in fellowship at 6:00 p.m. and we will play from 6:30-7:30. If you have been on the fence about coming make this your month! We can't wait to see you!

Looking for an easy way to get involved and help your parish? We are doing an "Adopt a Flower Bed" campaign to help take care of the church's flower beds. As of now, we have a few very dedicated volunteers who maintain all of the beautiful flower beds around our campus. Needless to say, it is way too much work for just a few to do. Many hands make light work so we are looking for individuals and families that will agree to adopt a small portion of our existing flower beds to keep up with throughout the year at your convenience. This is all of our church and so many things must be done behind the scenes to make it all work. I hope you will see that this is a great opportunity for you to service in giving of the most valuable resource out there...your time! Contact Debbie Breckenridge for more information or to sign up at 901-359-7063.

Thanks!

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REMINDER

**FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS ARE SET FOR
SEPTEMBER 16, 17, 23 AND 24.**

**DROP OFF TIMES AT THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER WILL BE:
SATURDAYS, 4:00-6:00 P.M.**

SUNDAYS, 8:00 A.M TO 1:00 P.M.

PLEASE NOTE:

**WE CANNOT TAKE ANY TPYE OF REFRIGERATED OR
FROZEN FOODS.**

