

# 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*

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9am-4:30pm

closed for lunch 12:30-1:30pm

## Religious Education/Youth Ministry

Pre-K-8, Sundays 9:45-10:45am

Grades 9-12, Sundays 2-4pm

September - May

## Instructions in the Catholic Faith - (R.C.I.A.)

Tuesdays, 7pm, August - 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 & by appointment

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Fridays 9-10am

& on First Friday 8:30-11:30am

## WEDDINGS

Six months notification required.

## BAPTISM

By appointment - Parent Class required and must be registered three months in the parish.



December 17, 2023 ~ Third Sunday of Advent



## **Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule**

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24th  
4:30pm, 6:30pm & 10pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25th  
10am

There will be NO PRE on December 24 or 31.

***Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is not a Holy Day of Obligation in 2024. Daily Mass will be at 10am on that day, January 1.***

**The Parish Office will be closed Friday, December 22– Tuesday December 26, and Friday, December 29—Monday, January 1.**

*Mark your Calendars!*

### **Lenten Parish Mission**

with Fr. Steve Bruno,  
Pastor of St. Rita's in Harahan, LA

March 4-6, 2024

### **2024 Boxed Set of Collection Envelopes**

Please pick up your 2024 boxed set of collection envelopes. They are on the table located in the Narthex and available for pick up during regular office hours or on the weekends before and after Mass. *Please make sure you pick up the box with your family name on top.* If you do not find envelopes for your family, but would like to receive a set, please call the parish office at 872-4099 and we will be happy to assign a box to you.



***If you would like to serve at any of the Christmas Masses, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.***

### **Parent's Night Out Gingerbread House Winner**



### **COPING WITH LOSS**

This is a six week course to assist those who have lost a loved one. It is based on the Bible and anyone can attend. If you can attend, we would like to know if you would you prefer morning (normally Thursday) or evening classes. Please contact Shirley Maes at 901-647-6111 if you would like to attend and with your preference of time. These classes will begin some time after the first week of January.



### **Altar Flowers**

Each week, the Church uses fresh flowers on the altar. The Flower Chart for 2024 is on the bulletin board in the Church's Narthex. There are many available dates. If you would like to provide flowers on a particular weekend, please sign the chart with your name and phone number. ***You will be responsible for placing your own order.***



### 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.



### **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.

“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.

### **Commemorative & Illustrated Books**

As part of the Diocesan Year of the National Eucharistic Revival, our beautiful “That All May Be One” Commemorative and Illustrated books are available for purchase. These faith-filled books cover the start of Catholicism in Memphis, past the establishment of our Diocese in West Tennessee and through our Diocese's 50th Anniversary.

*Cost of the books are:*

History Book of the Diocese of Memphis—\$35

Graphic Novel Softcover—\$15


These books may be purchased after Mass or during the week in the Parish Office.

***These books will make great Christmas gifts!***


**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.**


## ***Save the date!***

**ORDINATION  
TO THE  
PRIESTHOOD**



Dcn. Mateusz Wegrzyn






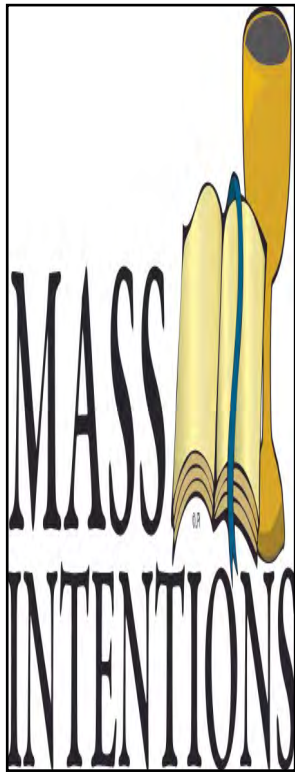
Dcn. Horst Lorenz

**THE CATHEDRAL  
OF THE  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Jan. 6, 2024



10:00 am



Monday	December 18	8:30am	<b>+John Johnson</b> by Mike & Andrea McLellan
Tuesday	December 19	11:30am	<b>+Mary &amp; Tommie Thomason</b> by Mike & Ellen Schmall
Wednesday	December 20	8:30am	<b>+Msgr. Peter Buchignani</b> by Rev. John Hourican
Thursday	December 21	11:30am	<b>+Barry Clements</b> by the Stevenson Family
Friday	December 22	8:30am	<b>+Dawn Nelson</b> by Mike & Andrea McLellan
Saturday	December 23	8:30am	<b>+Jack Schenkel</b> by Rev. John Hourican
		4:30pm	Spec Int of <b>Widows of Departed Knight</b> by Council #6321
Sunday	December 24	8:30am	<b>+John F. Hourican</b> by Rev. John Hourican
		11:00am	Spec Int of <b>the Parishioners of St. William</b>
		<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>+Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Memphis</b>
		<b>6:30pm</b>	Intention of Rev. Richard Coy
		<b>10:00pm</b>	Spec Int of <b>the Parishioners of St. William</b>

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:**

Offertory Actual \$7,092  
 Offertory Budget \$6,731

YTD Offertory-actual \$160,490  
 YTD Offertory-budget \$161,538

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND**

YTD Offertory-actual \$23,460  
 YTD Offertory-budget \$27,692

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND/OR RECUPERATING OF OUR PARISH:** Earl Baker, Jeanne Brannock, Dee Burke, Sarah Cole, Michael Dalao, Al Harris, Mary Harris, Terry Hunt, Angelo LoBianco, Mary Morrison, Howard & Ruthann Olson, Rick Ortiz, Chase Weston, and John Yetman.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** Clayton & Eva Allen, John Babich, Austin Brewer, Fr. Bill Burke, Diana Carroll, Brenda Cline, Donna Cordle, Essy & Dave Cragin, Sally & Andy Cuccia, Tim Dorsey, Glenn Hayes, Ronald Hitchcock, Alberta James, Charles LeBlanc & family, Heather Lewellen, Evelyn Lynn, Jamie Neal, Michele Neal, Kalynn Pierce, Claudia Sanders, Deacon Jim Schmall, Gunnar Tombs, Aaron Williams, Todd Williams, all caretakers, all the unborn babies, and for all abused children.

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** HM1 James Allen, Zachary Andrews, E3 Nate Beckmann, SP4 Patrick Beckmann, BM1 Shane Blevins, LCDR Evan Bower, CS2 (SW/AW) Michael Domingo, Msgt Jonathan A. Duncan USMC, CS2 (SS) Michael T. Duncan, PFC Dylan Kirkpatrick, Cody Michael Maglio, Sgt. John Messene, Arthur Metcalfe IV, MAJ Ian A. Netzel, LT Leah Ortiz, Joseph Stephens, Turner Weston OSSA, Sgt Amy Winter, and ISG Nathan Wright.



	December 23	December 24	December 24	December 24	December 24	December 24
	4:30pm	8:30am	11:00am	4:30pm	6:30pm	10:00pm
<b>Lectors</b>		Donn Rodocker		Rob Tomlinson	Alex Domingo	
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>		Mike McLellan*				Rusty Rodocker*
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Buddy Kuhstoss Chris Pond	Delia Rodocker		Cayleigh DiCello Megan DiCello Buddy Kuhstoss	Logan R.	Delia Rodocker