

# SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH STAFF

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**Mrs. Debbie Breckenridge,**

*Director of Religious Education*

(901) 359-7063

**Mr. Todd Ripley, Youth Director**

(901) 308-3595

## 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 12:30-2:30pm

September - May

## Instructions in the Catholic Faith - (O.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 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.



November 24, 2024 ~ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**CALLING ALL MEMBERS OF  
ST. WILLIAM!!**

Our Annual Thanksgiving Meal Project NEXT WEEK. As always, it can ONLY be accomplished with your help!

**Thanksgiving morning @ 6:30 am we will get started and need volunteers to:**



**Prepare Food  
Package Meals  
Deliver Meals  
Clean Up Kitchen**



For more information, feel free to reach out to Rob Tomlinson (901-335-3658), Debbie Breckenridge (901-359-7063) or Lisa at the church office 901-872-4099

Thank you for your continued support of this annual project!

The Parish Office will be closed this  
Wednesday—Friday

**HAPPY  
Thanksgiving**

*Please note that Mass will be at 10am on  
Thanksgiving morning.*

**There will be NO PRE next Sunday, December 1,  
due to Thanksgiving.**

**ST. WILLIAM  
GIFTS FOR GOD'S CHILDREN  
POT LUCK & LIVE AUCTION**

**DECEMBER 7, 2024**  
AFTER 4:30 MASS IN  
THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Please bring a new, auction-worthy, wrapped gift, with some enticing words attached describing the item. It will be up for grabs in true live-auction style; all for a worthy cause. This auction is taking the place of adopting a family, so PLEASE come, bring an item, bid generously, and support this worthwhile cause. All the proceeds will go to Catholic Charities to provide Christmas for families in need.

**BRING A DISH TO SHARE AT  
THE POTLUCK**

**WE WILL BE HAVING  
AN UGLY SWEATER  
CONTEST SO PLAN ON  
SHOWING OUT!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MARY HEBURN  
215-266-5244 OR JUDI HARPER 340-0425

**Additional Opportunity for Confession**

Next Sunday, December 1, from  
9:45-10:45am with Fr. Ed Fisher  
in the Family Life Center.

**The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** is usually celebrated on December 8th. This solemnity is also a holy day of obligation in the United States. Because the Sundays of Advent are very important days in the Church's yearly preparation for Christmas, they take precedence. Whenever the Immaculate Conception falls on a Sunday, it is transferred to the following Monday and was not thought to be a holy day of obligation. In a recent letter from the Holy See, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops was informed that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception should always be a holy day of obligation in the U.S.A. even if it is transferred to Monday, December 9th. In the likelihood of confusion and the short notice given by the Holy See, Bishop David is dispensing all Catholics living in the Diocese of Memphis on that day from the obligation of attending Mass on December 9, 2024. In future years, we will observe the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on whichever day it is observed.

**St. William will have Mass on Monday,  
December 9, at 8:30am & 5:30pm.**

The Youth Group will be **selling cookies** after the Masses on **December 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**. There will be Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter Rounds and Mint Chocolate Chip and they will be \$5 per bag (about 7 or so cookies per bag). The teens will be baking on December 7<sup>th</sup> so they will be good and fresh! You can pre-order by calling or texting Todd Ripley at 901-308-3595. The money raised will support their summer trip to Alive In You Knoxville. Alive In You is an All-Catholic Service Camp and Youth Conference. Half of their time will be spent helping a group or organization in need and the other half will consist of attending daily Mass, adoration, confession, listening to young dynamic speakers, music, games, and A LOT of fellowship with other teens from around the country. Last year, they went to Alive In You Mobile and had an awesome time! You really cannot fully understand just how powerful of an impact these camps have on our teens without seeing it for yourself. We have a lot of new teens this year and I personally cannot wait to see the power of God working through each one of our new and existing teens next summer. Thank you for your continued support and please reach out to Todd Ripley with any questions.



### 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.**

**The Young Adult meeting scheduled for this Sunday, November 24, has been canceled.**

Please note there is no OCIA this Tuesday, November 26.

St. William Women's Club

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH & GIFT EXCHANGE

BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE AND IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GIFT EXCHANGE, BRING A WRAPPED GIFT (VALUED @ \$15 OR MORE)

The St. William's Woman of the Year will be announced at this luncheon

Sunday, December 8th @ 1:00PM in the Family Life Center

## SANTA SHOP AND CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DECEMBER 15TH, 2024; DURING PRE CLASS 9:45-10:45**

Bring your student to their regular class and pick them up in the FLC

Send your student with a few dollars and they will be able to Christmas shop and wrap the presents for their family (living in house). The youth group will have a great breakfast available and lots of fun games and activities for the kids.

**KINDERGARTEN AND 1ST GRADE WILL SHOP ON DECEMBER 8TH SO THEY HAVE MORE TIME**

We are always accepting donations of small items for the Santa Shop, so drop off what you have during PRE or to Lisa in the office. Used items are perfect! Candy is great too!

All proceeds go to the youth group's summer trip

**This Advent**, join Fr. Mike Schmitz in a journey through the daily readings as he confronts our doubts and reveals God's love with app-exclusive **daily video reflections and scripture passages**.

Discover who God is, who we are, and how we are made worthy to stand in his presence. What if you knew that December 25th Christmas Day was the day that you were going to die?



The way we live Advent would have to change.

We'd have to live with intentionality.

We'd have to live it with purpose.

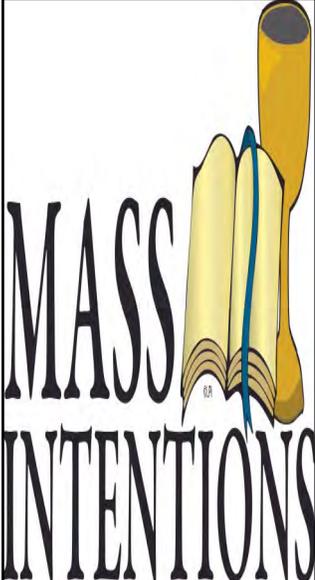
We'd have to live it with grace.

Too often, we live life by "default". We forget that we are on a journey to an eternal destination of joy that we were made for.

We are burdened by fears and questions: what if I am not worthy? What if I am not enough?

**Live Advent differently this year. Prepare to meet God, face to face.**

**Only available on the Ascension App**

	Monday	November 25	8:30am	<b>+Mike Austin</b> by Josie Austin
	Tuesday	November 26	11:30am	<b>+Richard Mekelburg</b> by the DiCello Family
	Wednesday	November 27	8:30am	Spec Int of <b>Bill Carrello</b> by Rev. John Hourican
	Thursday	November 28	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>+Marion McLellan</b> by Mike & Andrea McLellan
	Friday	November 29	8:30am	<b>+Fr. Paul Dalton</b> by Paul & Nancy Mazzoncini
	Saturday	November 30	8:30am	<b>+Deacon James P. &amp; Burma Schmall</b> by Mike & Ellen Schmall
			4:30pm	<b>+Robert Costa</b> by Joe & Dot Costa
	Sunday	December 1	8:30am	<b>+The Witcher Family</b> by Evelyn Cox
			11:00am	Intention of <b>the parishioners of St. William</b>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL AND/OR RECUPERATING OF OUR PARISH:** *Guy Avanzi, Earl Baker, Bill Beckmann, James Bishop, Jeanne Brannock, Dee Burke, Paul Carver, Alex Domingo, Ken Gregory & family, Terry Hunt, Angelo LoBianco, Evelyn Lynn, the Marcello Family, Mary Morrison, Marion Nadrchal, Linda Norman, Howard & Ruthann Olson, Rick Ortiz, and Chase Weston.*

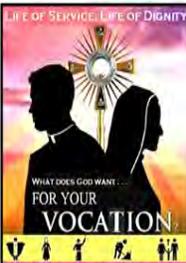
**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:** *Debbie Barkowski, Fr. Bill Burke, Lana McDowell, M.J. Netzel, Kayla Shea, Donald Stephens, Jane & Martin Wiseman, all caretakers, all the unborn babies, and for all abused children.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER OUR FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING IN THE MILITARY:** *HM1 James Allen, Zachary Andrews, PFC Anna Grace Beckmann, E5 Nate Beckmann, SP4 Patrick Beckmann, BMI 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, Cody Michael Maglio, Sgt. John Messene, Arthur Metcalfe IV, MAJ Ian A. Netzel, LCDR Leah Ortiz, Joseph Stephens, Turner Weston OSSA, Sgt Amy Winter, and ISG Nathan Wright.*

WEEKLY OFFERING	
<b>WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:</b>	
Offertory Actual	\$5,509
Offertory Budget	\$6,788
YTD Offertory-actual	\$157,507
YTD Offertory-budget	\$135,769
<b>BUILDING &amp; MAINTENANCE FUND</b>	
YTD Offertory-actual	\$22,531
YTD Offertory-budget	\$23,077



*The altar flowers this weekend are  
In Memory of  
Marion McLellan  
by the McLellan Family.*



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		<b>November 30</b>	<b>December 1</b>	<b>December 1</b>
		<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
	<b>Lectors</b>	Scott Ewen	Donn Rodocker	Stacey Asbill
	<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Scott Ewen*	Mike McLellan*	Bridget DiCello*
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	Scott Ewen	Joseph Marcello	Kathryn Ripley
		Buddy Kuhstoss	Alex Marlow	Kyle Ripley
		Janis Nichols	VOLUNTEER	Isaac Rosas