

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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(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.



December 1, 2024 ~ First Sunday of Advent

Additional Opportunity for Confession

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

OCIA is held on Tuesdays at 7pm in the old school building.

This week's topic is
"Mariology & the Rosary".

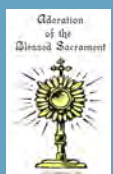
You do not have to be a participant in the class to attend.
All are welcome!

There will be a Rosary Thursday, December 5th, at 6:30pm in the church. All are invited to attend.



Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, December 5th, at 7:00pm in the school cafeteria.



First Friday

First Friday is **December 6th**. It begins after the 8:30am Mass and concludes with Benediction at 10am.

**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

There will be NO PRE or Youth Group this Sunday, December 1, due to Thanksgiving.

The **Youth Group** will be selling cookies after the Masses on **December 7th and 8th**. 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 7th 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.

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.



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.

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

Join Us for a
Parents Night Out


**Friday 12/13
 6-9 pm**
 in the game room of school building

We will watch Christmas Movies do crafts and play games.
 Pizza will be served at 6:30

RSVP to Debbie at 901-359-7063 so we can have enough food and supplies

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive Saturday, **December 14**, from 10am-1pm in the Family Life Center. Please come out and give the Precious Gift of Life. If you have any questions, contact Joe or Regina Kons at 837-6534.



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

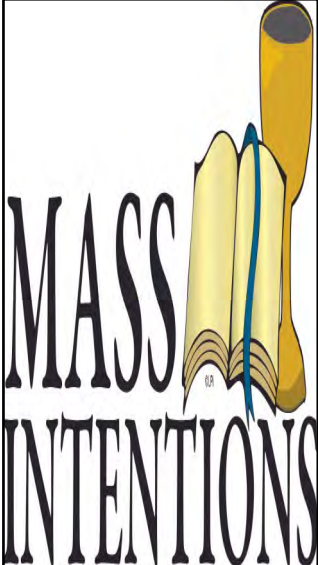
Christmas BUNCO & Sock Exchange

Bunco Prizes are welcomed

20 December Friday 6:00 pm in the Family Life Center Class

Bring a finger food to share and a wrapped pair of fun Christmas socks or slippers if you want to play dirty Santa

call Debbie Breckenridge for more information 901-359-7063

	Monday	December 2	8:30am	Spec Int of John Austin by Josie Austin
	Tuesday	December 3	11:30am	+Valerie Justice by Mike & Margaret Carlson
	Wednesday	December 4	8:30am	+Rev. Joseph Cazenavette by Rev. John Hourican
	Thursday	December 5	11:30am	+Mary & Raphael Medrano by Mike & Ellen Schmall
	Friday	December 6	8:30am	Deceased Family & Friends by Mary Morrison
	Saturday	December 7	8:30am	+Yelba Stevenson by Rev. John Hourican
			4:30pm	+Maggie Sauber by the Sauber Family
	Sunday	December 8	8:30am	Intention of the parishioners of St. William
			11:00am	+Louis DiCello by the DiCello Family

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 Nadrechal, 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, BM1 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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:

Offertory Actual \$6,810
 Offertory Budget \$6,788

YTD Offertory-actual \$164,317
 YTD Offertory-budget \$142,558

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

YTD Offertory-actual \$22,818
 YTD Offertory-budget \$24,231

Next weekend's second collection is for our
Building & Maintenance Fund.
 Please be generous.



“Be vigilant and pray that you have the strength to stand before the Son of Man” (Lk 21:36)


God calls us to be watchful and alert to His voice. Is He calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life? Be open and vigilant in prayer and talk to your priest or

Visit: www.memphisvocations.com

Or call the Office of Vocations at 373-1244

Ready to answer the call? Scan the QR code & fill in the form, we'll get in touch with you



		December 7	December 8	December 8
		4:30pm	8:30am	11:00am
	Lectors	Lisa Schmidt	Agatha Asemota	“Children’s Mass”
	Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Ewen*	Teresa Elliott*	Gary Harper*
	Altar Servers	Scott Ewen Chris Pond	Alex Marlow Janis Nichols	Caden Asbill Addison Strevel
		VOLUNTEER	Delia Rodocker	Cole Strevel