

SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 8, 2024 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

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.



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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

This week's topic is "The Paschal Mystery".

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

The Youth Group are selling cookies after the Masses this weekend, December 7th and 8th. They have Chocolate Chunk, Peanut Butter Rounds and Mint Chocolate Chip and they are \$5 per bag (about 7 or so cookies per bag). The teens baked them on December 7th so they are good and fresh! 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.



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.





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.

Don't forget "Share Sunday" next weekend, December 14/15. The items donated are given to the poor. The following items are needed and used each month: paper towels, toilet tissue, napkins, feminine products, coffee, tea bags, creamer, sugar, cooking oil, laundry detergent, dish detergent, cleaning supplies, and soap (they receive plenty of food).

Please bring your items to the Family Life Center and place in the wooden boxes in the gym.

Thank you for your generosity.

**Christmas
BUNCO
& Sock
Exchange**

Bunco Prizes are welcomed

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

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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

REACHING HIGHER
OUR JOURNEY IN FAITH

A WEEKEND OF FOCUS & GROWTH
MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE
JANUARY 10 & 11, 2025

REGISTER TODAY:
REACHING-HIGHER.ORG



Monday	December 9	8:30am	+ Leo & Bea Schaller by Mike & Ellen Schmall
		5:30pm	Intention of the parishioners of St. William
Tuesday	December 10	11:30am	+ Lee Drouin by Kathy Drouin
Wednesday	December 11	8:30am	+ Kathryn Ann Hardy by Rev. John Hourican
Thursday	December 12	11:30am	Spec Int of Iris Ofelia Dominguez by Mike & Ellen Schmall
Friday	December 13	8:30am	+ Lee Drouin by Mike & Ellen Schmall
Saturday	December 14	8:30am	Spec Int of Claire Hutton by Rev. John Hourican
		4:30pm	Spec Int of Kendall Austin by Josie Austin
Sunday	December 15	8:30am	+ Jody Bach by Yvonne Bach
		11:00am	Intention of the parishioners of St. William

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, 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 Meicaffe 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 \$7,568
Offertory Budget \$6,788

YTD Offertory-actual \$180,885
YTD Offertory-budget \$149,346


BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND

YTD Offertory-actual \$23,191
YTD Offertory-budget \$25,385

Next weekend's second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

The Knights of Columbus has selected as our **Family of the Month**, our entire Parish Family. Under the direction and leadership of Rob and Josephine Tomlinson, we once again all came together and donated, prepared, served, and delivered over 430 Thanksgiving meals to the less fortunate and those unable to prepare their own meal in our community.

Great job St. William Parish!



	December 14	December 15	December 15
	4:30pm	8:30am	11:00am
Lectors	Scott Ewen	Theresa Cook	Marie Stevenson
Ministers of Holy Communion	Scott Ewen*	Debbie Breckenridge*	Rob Tomlinson*
Altar Servers	Scott Ewen	Joseph Marcello	Aedan DiCello
	Buddy Kuhstoss	Alex Marlow	Cayleigh DiCello
	VOLUNTEER	Janis Nichols	Sophia Rosas