

# SAINT WILLIAM CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## PARISH STAFF

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**Mrs. Debbie Breckenridge,**

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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 22, 2024 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent



## **Christmas Holiday Mass Schedule**

### VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

Tuesday, December 24

4:30pm, 6:30pm & 9pm

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25

10am

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL

Tuesday, December 31

6pm

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Wednesday, January 1

8:30am & 11:30am

*There will be NO PRE or Youth Group on  
December 22 or 29.*

**The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday,  
December 24– Thursday December 26, and  
Tuesday, December 31—Wednesday,  
January 1.**

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## PARENT CATECHESIS CLASS

*You can't give  
what you don't  
have*

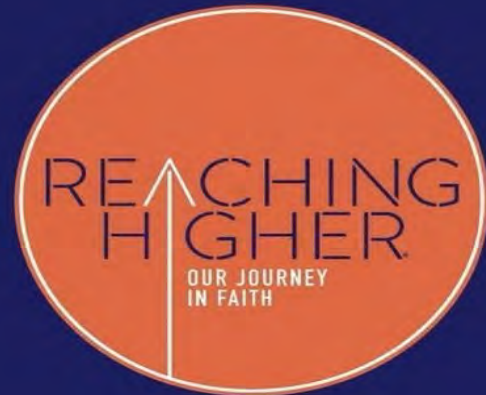
REFAMILIARIZE YOURSELF  
WITH THE BASICS OF OUR  
CATHOLIC FAITH

*January 5, 2025*

10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

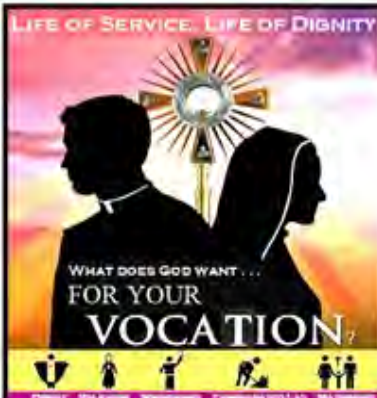
IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MANDATORY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS  
RECEIVING SACRAMENTS



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

REGISTER TODAY:  
[REACHING-HIGHER.ORG](http://REACHING-HIGHER.ORG)



**“Blessed are you who believed that what was  
spoken to you would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:45)**

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God's plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve Him, believe in His promise and follow with courage

Visit: [www.memphisvocations.com](http://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





## 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.**

### 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.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please have someone contact the Parish Office if you are hospitalized or are seriously ill. Due to privacy laws, hospitals do not notify churches when patients are admitted. Also, Catholics are encouraged to seek the sacrament in advance of scheduled surgery.

### *When should I call for a priest?*

If you or a family member are suffering from a serious illness, in the hospital, or near death — then the parish should be contacted (regardless of the day or time). The parish should be contacted as soon as serious illness befalls a sick person or when serious surgery is scheduled (assuming that this is consistent with the wishes of the individual). This is so that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered, along with the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if possible. Pastoral care for the sick person should be asked for as soon as a person experiences the danger of illness or is chronically ill, particularly if the person is elderly. To receive the Anointing of the Sick, the illness may be physical or mental. The ritual indicates that a person who is ill should be anointed early in the illness, or before one faces serious surgery. The anointing can be repeated if the medical situation worsens or if the sick person experiences a different illness or injury. During the course of the illness, Holy Communion should be offered to the sick person as well.

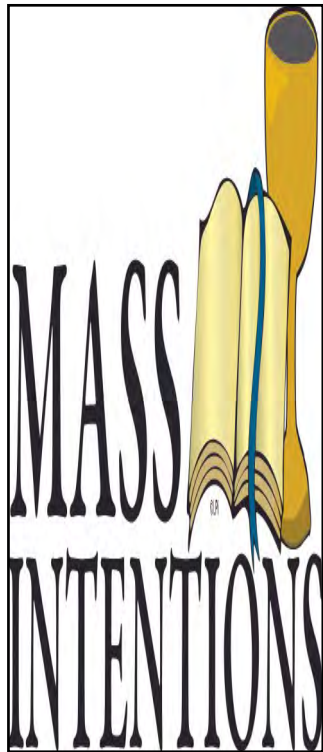
### **What if the sick person is unconscious?**

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be administered to a person who is not conscious. In this case, the Church relies on the desire of the family who requests this and on the presumption that the ill person would have asked for the anointing if he or she were able to do so.

### **Should someone receive the Anointing of the Sick after death?**

Since all the Sacraments of the Church are an encounter between a living person and God, within the Church community, anointing a person who is certainly dead is not possible. The ritual, however, provides official prayers for the dead and the consolation of the living as part of the Church's pastoral care.





Monday	December 23	8:30am	+ <b>Barry Clements</b> by the Stevenson Family
Tuesday	December 24	<b>8:30am</b>	+ <b>Rev. Robert Ponticello</b> by Rev. John Hourican
		<b>4:30pm</b>	<i>Intention of Fr. Edward Fisher</i>
		<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Special Intention</b> by Rev. John Hourican
		<b>9:00pm</b>	Intention of <b>the parishioners of St. William</b>
Wednesday	December 25	<b>10:00am</b>	Intention of <b>the parishioners of St. William</b>
Thursday	December 26	11:30am	+ <b>Manuel Guevarra</b> by Mike & Andrea McLellan
Friday	December 27	8:30am	+ <b>Estella Alcanzo</b> by Mike & Andrea McLellan
Saturday	December 28	8:30am	Spec Int of <b>the Dubois Family</b> by Rev. John Hourican
		4:30pm	+ <b>Vernon Luze</b> by Anna Stringfellow
Sunday	December 29	8:30am	+ <b>Ron &amp; Ofelia Harbach</b> by Mike & Ellen Schmall
		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 Bishof, 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, Dianne Langley, Babette Lopez, Lana McDowell, M.J. Netzel, Kayla Shea, Donald Stephens, Cathy Whaley, 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 1SG Nathan Wright.*

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY—Last Weekend:**

Offertory Actual \$6,083  
Offertory Budget \$6,788

YTD Offertory-actual \$193,275  
YTD Offertory-budget \$162,923

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND**

YTD Offertory-actual \$27,642  
YTD Offertory-budget \$27,692

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*"He who is generous will be blessed." Proverbs 22:9*



	December 28	December 29	December 29
	4:30pm	8:30am	11:00am
<b>Lectors</b>	Scott Ewen	Mark Miller	Rob Tomlinson
<b>Ministers of Holy Communion</b>	Scott Ewen*	Margaret Carlson*	Josie Tomlinson*
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Scott Ewen	Alex Marlow	Emily Hunter
	Buddy Kuhstoss	Janis Nichols	Joshua Hunter
	Chris Pond	Delia Rodocker	Luz Maria Rosas