

*April*  
**2026**



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### **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.



## from the desk of Deacon Scott



Dear Parish Family,

As our Lenten journey draws to a close, we stand together at the threshold of Easter—having walked through days of prayer, sacrifice, and self examination, and now ready to rejoice in the promise of new life.

Lent invited us to slow down and listen to God’s Word, to the needs of others, and to the quiet places of our own hearts. Whether our efforts felt strong or imperfect, every sincere step was an offering. God receives them all with mercy.

Now Easter dawns, proclaiming what lies at the heart of our faith: **Christ is risen.** Light has overcome darkness. Hope has overcome fear. Love has proven stronger than sin and death.

The joy of Easter is not meant to be held only for one day. It calls us to live differently—to carry the compassion we practiced during Lent into our daily lives, to speak words that heal, to forgive more readily, and to trust more deeply in God’s presence among us. The empty tomb reminds us that no situation is beyond God’s power to renew.

As we celebrate this holy season, may our parish be a place where resurrection is visible: in kindness offered freely, in welcome given generously, and in faith shared joyfully. May the Risen Christ walk with each of you—in your homes, your work, your struggles, and your hopes.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter season.

With prayer and gratitude,

Deacon Scott



# St. William Council 6321

## April 2026 News



Blessed Father Michael McGivney



Our Knight of the Month is Bryan Roberts. In addition to coaching girls' softball and basketball teams, Bryan has become our 5<sup>th</sup> grade PRE teacher. His excitement and enthusiasm motivates everyone he's around. Most recently he helped our KofC Council grow by bringing in a lifelong friend, and when we started this year's fish fries he jumped right into the serving line where he greets and laughs with everyone he serves.



Our Family of the Month is Jane and Neil Higgins. When they're not playing pickleball, tossing the beanbag at the corn hole tournament, or jumping out of perfectly good airplanes, you can bet they're doing something for someone around our church. Cooking and serving at repasts after a funeral Mass, organizing parish yard sales, assisting with household moves and parish picnics. They were instrumental in the preparation and delivery of this year's Thanksgiving meals, and they are regular donors at our blood drives.



Our fish fries have provided everyone with an opportunity to come together to fellowship and enjoy a great meal with lots of fun. We averaged over 150 meals each Friday and were able to spend time with friends around the parish and community that we don't get to regularly see. Any money we brought in supports our annual Coats for Kids and other worthy programs and projects.



Ralph Gromley coordinated another outstanding Blood Drive last month. His efforts yielded 20 units of blood and the opportunity to speak with several prospective Knights. Thank you to everyone who participated and donated. Our next drive is currently scheduled for July 11. Please mark your calendar and come give the Gift of Life!



To become a Knight visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org). Applications are also on our Knights bulletin board in the Family Life Center and in the Narthex in the back of the church. Come join us!



## **The Easter Season and Mystagogy**

Mystagogy is the period immediately following the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday that those who received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) reflect on their experience of receiving the Sacraments and are integrated into the parish community and the life of the Church living out its mission.

As life-long Catholics or those who are newer to the Faith, we should also use this time to renew our commitment to our baptism and how we live our faith in union with the Church. This time can help us to remember how we felt when we first received the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We were anxious to receive Jesus in the bread and wine. We looked forward to that special union with Christ through this ultimate gift of his love.

During these days following the joy of Easter Sunday, reflect on your life with Christ. How can I continue to grow in my relationship with Jesus? Do I continue to look forward to receiving the Sacraments and participating in the Liturgy?

Here are some ways you can have experience your own mystagogy and continue your own conversion process:

- Participation in the Liturgy and reception of the Sacraments. We must always come to Christ where he is truly and fully present – in the Mass. Here we continue to hear him speak to us through his Word and receive him in the Eucharist.

- Daily prayerful reading of scripture – Let Jesus speak to you in the Scriptures when not at Mass. Start and end your day with Jesus through prayer – Always keep Jesus with you each day and be your guide and partner in your faith journey

- Participate in the life of the Church – get involved and live your faith. This can be done by joining a ministry within your parish or in the diocesan church.

- Continue to learn your faith through participation in small study groups, Catholic on-line resources and reading.

- Reflect on why it is important for you to be a Catholic Christian and give thanks to God for his gift of Faith and love.

- Find ways to help the needy within your community.

- Be Christ to others – live the Gospel so as to bring Christ to those who do not know him.

- Always remember that conversion is a life-long process and that in the end we will have a new life with God and Jesus in Heaven.

We have a lot to be happy and excited about with our faith and the Easter Season is the perfect time to remember and continue to live this life that God has given us through the passion, death and resurrection of His son Jesus.

May you have a most blessed Easter Season!

***Please welcome the following who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the 2026 Easter Vigil***

**Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist**

- Ashley Marks
- Bradley Marks
- Evan Marks



**Reception into the Catholic Church**

- Marley George



**Sacrament of Confirmation and Eucharist**

- Danielle Marking
- Marley George
- Morgan Cope
- Seth Beloate



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# Women's Club News

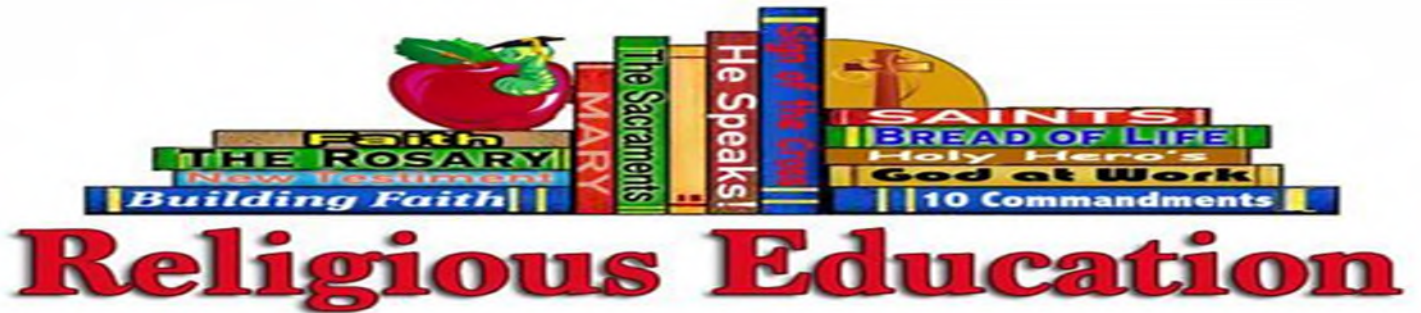
## April 2026

Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

The Women's Club and Knights of Columbus is co-sponsoring the annual "And The Winner Is" auction and spaghetti dinner on April 18 after 4:30 p.m. Mass. This year's event will include a silent auction with bidding beginning at 4:00 p.m. and ending at 6:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The Women's Club is accepting donations of new auction items valued at a minimum of \$15. All proceeds will be donated to the Youth Group in support of their summer trip. For more information, please contact Angie Moore (901)848-3747 or Mary Heburn (215)266-5244.

Be on the lookout for information on our yard sale which takes place in July. We will post when we are accepting donations and where you can drop them off.

Our next meeting is April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We'd love to see you there.



Happy EASTER!!!

The 1<sup>st</sup> Grade class did a wonderful job serving at Mass in March! We are looking forward to our sacramental prep class serving on April 26 at 11:00 when they will also receive their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers as they finish preparing for this wonderful milestone in their life.

Don't forget about the prayer challenge that we have been working on all year! Hopefully your student knows all their basic prayers and says them every day. We will be having a water fun day for those that have been working hard and are mastering them. Stay tuned for details.

The Bishop will be at St. William on Mother's Day, (May 10) at 11:00 to confirm 9 of our parishes young people. Mother's day is always a special day but this Mother's day will be extra special. Please keep our confirmandi in your prayers.

May 3 will wind up our school year with our end of the year celebration, all classes Mass, the crowning of Mary and a living rosary. Details will go home with your student later this month but mark your calendars now.

# Youth Group News

## Youth Group Car Wash

April 26<sup>th</sup> will be Youth Group's spring fundraiser, a car wash put on by the teens of St. Williams!

Please stop by and pull your car around for a good cleaning between 12:00 and 3:00pm. All the proceeds will go to supporting the Youth Group on their way to Steubenville this summer.



Come for the Fun, Stay for the Faith...  
**NO THEOLOGY DEGREE REQUIRED**

FAITH & FACTS

# CATHOLIC TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY  
**APRIL 10, 2026**

**5:30pm** | Doors Open  
**6:30pm** | Buy A Priest  
**7:00pm** | Trivia Begins

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP | ST. THERESE HALL**  
**8151 POPLAR AVE. | GERMANTOWN**

**\$160** TABLE OF 8\* | BRING YOUR OWN  
SNACK, DINNER & DRINKS

**REGISTER & INFO**

\*INCLUDES 3 MULLIGANS

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The  
**CHOSEN**  
An Interactive  
Bible Study  
Season 1

Join us to take a deeper look into scripture using the Bible Study based on the groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus, *The Chosen*!

Each meeting will begin with **discussion** and snack at **6:30pm**  
then  
the **Episode Watch Party at 7pm.**

This **9-session** study will begin on **Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** in the Family Life Center.

- **April 21<sup>st</sup>** Introduction Lesson: What Does It Mean to be Chosen?
- **April 28<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 1: You are Called
- **May 12<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 2: You Rest
- **May 19<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 3: You Are Cherished
- **May 26<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 4: You Change Course
- **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Lesson 5: You Are a Witness
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 6: You Are Made New
- **June 16<sup>th</sup>** Lesson 7: You Are Established
- **June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Lesson 8: You are Carried

If you are interested, please **contact Shellie Teems at 901-230-0074** to learn more  
& receive a book



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