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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



This month, we join Pope Leo XIV in praying for renewed reverence for every human life. He reminds the Church that human dignity comes not from society, usefulness, or strength, but from God. Because each person bears God's image, every life has inviolable worth. In a world that often values people by productivity or status, we are called to recognize every person—unborn or elderly, vulnerable or strong, neighbor or stranger—as a reflection of the Creator.

As we move through this month, let us take time to notice those around us: the pregnant mother who may need help, the elderly or homebound person who may need a kind word, or the cashier or clerk who may simply need a smile.

May our parish be a place where every person is welcomed, protected, and cherished, and where our words and actions bear witness to the sacredness of life from conception to natural death.



St. William Council 6321

July 2026 News



Blessed Father Michael McGivney

Hello everyone, this is Jim Elliott. I'm proud to introduce myself as the new Grand Knight of Council 6321 at St. William. I'm honored that the Council is giving me the chance to lead them for the next two fraternal years.

I'm inviting all of our inactive Knights to come back to the meetings. We miss you and would love to have your experience and sage input on items & activities we participate in.

As for you guys who are not Knights, I invite you to come join. Becoming a Knight is a great way to put your Catholic Faith in action. You'll start building bonds with other men doing the same thing. It's a great way to feel more involved with the Church and Community.

This Council is very active and supports quite a few organizations with financial support and good works. We give financial support to Missionaries of Charity, Millington Crisis Center, Saint Lawrence Benevolence (to help people in need), and Pregnancy Center (to help those struggling with teen pregnancy). Every winter we purchase boxes of warm coats to be distributed to schools in Shelby & Tipton County. We also send those with special needs to Summer Camp.

We volunteer our time to different organizations like St. Patrick Church in downtown Memphis to feed the homeless (we prepare approximately 100 meals per visit). We also go to the Millington Food Pantry to help distribute groceries to families in need. We organize a blood drive three times a year. We organize the Youth Soccer Challenge and Youth Free-throw Challenge. We help with every aspect of the Thanksgiving meal (cooking turkeys, prepping side items and delivering meals). We help with things that need to be done around the church. Most recently, we removed the playground behind the school building.

All these things are funded by activities we do every year like fish fries during Lent, BBQ roasts on Memorial Day & Labor Day and breakfast between the Sunday Masses.

No one needs to work every event, but everyone can pick the activities that interest them. So come on in, the water is warm!

Our Knight of the Month is Mark Miller

Our Family of the Month is David and Angie Moore





How to Get the Most out of the Eucharist

A few years back, I read a book by this title, written by Michael Dubruiel. He explains how over the years, the attitudes of most Catholics have changed. Forty years or more ago those who attended Mass believed much more so in the sacrificial aspects of the Mass and in their faith in general. The faithful then looked at the sufferings and pains in their lives as an opportunity to “offer it up” to God, as Jesus offered himself up for us. In recent times, however, this attitude of sacrificial offering of the Mass has become an attitude of a “Eucharistic Banquet” – the meal aspect of the Mass, where fellowship is seen as more important than worshipping God.

I highly recommend this book to all. Mr. Dubruiel uses the word letters in the word **SACRIFICE** to give us a mnemonic device to see the connection between our lives and what we do at Mass. Below is an extremely brief look at these nine letters and the connections we can make to gain greater meaning in our lives and the importance of the Mass and the Eucharist.

S... Serve – Foster an attitude of service toward God in the Eucharist. God is always right! Believing this can lead us to wanting to serve God with our lives every minute of every day. We should ask God every day what He wants us to do to serve him. By doing this, we then begin to develop a Eucharistic Spirituality.

A... Adore – We were given the commandment to Worship God alone. We are not to worship false gods. What are some of the false gods that can present themselves at the Eucharist? These false gods can be the sin of pride. Do we only accept what the Church teaches if it suits our needs? Do we reject other teachings because we don’t want to accept that what we may be doing or how we are living goes against the Gospels and the teachings of the Church? Do we make God in our image to suit us instead of Adoring God as God and changing ourselves to live as he teaches? When we truly adore God, then we fully trust in God.

C... Confess your belief in God – The loss of the sense of personal sin reduces our capacity to feel the necessity of our need to be saved by Jesus. We must admit our need for God in our lives and ask God for his mercy. We must pray.

R... Respond by participating. Make an offering of your voice and body to God. Participate fully in the Mass by when the hymns are sung; sit, stand and kneel during the appropriate times during Mass. Participate in the prayers offered during the Mass.

I ... Incline your ear to the Lord. This is a way to offer the sacrifice of our thoughts in order to first listen to what God is saying. When we open ourselves up to the reality that God wishes to speak to us through his Holy Word, we will find our hearts will be filled with joy. Hearing the Word of God can change our lives by leading us closer to God and His will for us.

F...Fast in anticipation. We are called to fast 1 hour prior to receiving the Eucharist. Do we use this time of fasting anticipating who we will receive in this greatest gift? We can offer our time of fasting up for the needs of others, or to help us overcome our own faults and desires. Our fasting can be a prayer. We can also fast at other times and offer that up as a sacrifice for a particular need.

I... Invite the Lord to come. Welcome God into your life and your heart. Invite the Lord to be with you in your daily life – at work or home; in your joy and in your suffering. Be welcoming to others, as you would to God.

C... Commune; Receive the Eucharist. The Eucharist is a “Who”, not a “what”. St. Ignatius of Antioch called the Eucharist the “medicine of immortality”. Jesus who is totally present body, blood, soul and divinity in the Eucharist gives us eternal life. When we come to communion and believe in the power of Jesus to ward off all our death-induced behaviors and to help us live as members of the kingdom of heaven, we truly will get the most out of the Eucharist. He will live in us and we in communion with him.

E...Evangelize: Share the Good News. We should be living out the Gospel in our daily lives. We should trust that the Holy Spirit will give us the words to speak when we witness the power of Christ to others. We should not be afraid to speak about God and be proud witnesses to our faith. When we are dismissed from Mass, we are being sent to share the Good News of God to others, strengthened by the Eucharist.



Women's Club News

July 2026

As we move towards closing out the year, we hope you are ready for a busy and fun filled second half. Keep your eye on the bulletin for all of our upcoming events.

Our Father's Day breakfast was a success! We enjoyed planning and making it happen and are thankful to everyone who attended, especially our dads! We hope you are looking forward to celebrating with us again next year.

Our annual yard sale is July 17-18 with something for everyone. Please plan to shop with us in the Family Life Center (FLC) on one or both days. For times open, please see the flyer in this publication. We still want your stuff and are accepting donations through July 15.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, July 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC.



Religious Education

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting some much needed rest!

Registration for next year's PRE classes will be available online and will open in July. If you were previously registered, you will receive an email with a link to register through Flocknote. If you would rather register in person, watch the bulletin for dates in August. You will be able to register in between the Masses a few Sundays in late August.

If you have interest in helping with our religious education ministry, we would love to have you. The more help we have the more we can do to help our youth grow closer to God! If you are interested or have any questions about religious education, please call Debbie Breckenridge 901-359-7063. If your child is behind on their sacraments, we will work with you to get them caught up.





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Parish Religious Education

**ONLINE
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COMING SOON!
WATCH THE
BULLETIN FOR
QR CODE**



QUESTIONS??

call Debbie at
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PRE K-8TH GRADE

\$50 per student - \$100 max per family
Classes start September 13th




IT'S TIME FOR BUNCO


**Wednesday Night-6:00pm
July 1st
Family Life Center**



**BRING A FINGER FOOD
TO SHARE AND FEEL
FREE TO BRING A PRIZE
TO DONATE**



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SKILL NEEDED! CALL DEBBIE BRECKENRIDGE WITH
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PARISH FAMILY
THE WOMEN'S CLUB
SUMMER YARD SALE IS
COMING IN JULY

WE NEED YOUR STUFF!

**WE WILL BE ACCEPTING DONATIONS
STARTING MAY 1ST, SO START GATHERING
ITEMS YOU DON'T NEED ANYMORE**

**DROP ITEMS BY THE OFFICE DURING THE
WEEK, OR BRING THEM TO MASS WITH YOU
AND LEAVE THEM UNDER THE CARPORT NEXT
TO THE DUMPSTERS NEAR THE SCHOOL
ENTRANCE**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL KATHY MASTERS 901-
634-7475 OR JANE HIGGINS 615-580-6297**

St. William Catholic Church

HUGE
Church Yard
Sale

July 17-18th



Friday 10-2



Saturday 7-1

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IN OUR FAMILY LIFE CENTER





Jesus and the Children Maze

Help connect Jesus and the children.

