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Celebration of the Eucharist
St. William
Daily Mass 8:30 am (Tuesday–Friday)
Mass is not celebrated on Monday
Saturday Afternoon Mass .......................... 4:30 pm
Sunday Morning Mass ......................... 10:30 am
Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is offered each Thursday
5-7 pm with Confessions, & Friday mornings from
9 - 10:00 am following the 8:30 am Mass.
St. John Mission ........ Sunday Mass 8:00am
Rosary is prayed each Thursday at 6:00 pm.

~Mass Intentions~
Saturday, December 9th
4:30 pm † Joe Duddey
Sunday, December 10th
8:00 am Ellie Hammons
10:30 am Members of our Parishes
Monday, December 11th
No Morning Mass
Tuesday, December 12th
8:30 am † Marie Delores Spille
Wednesday, December 13th
8:30 am † Sister Mary Philip Trauth
Thursday, December 14th
8:30 am † Fr. Robert Mullins
Friday, December 15th
8:30 am Ethel Clemens
Saturday, December 16th
4:30 pm † Michael Sullivan
Sunday, December 17th
8:00 am Members of our Parishes
10:30 am † John LoPresti

Prepare the Way of the Lord!

Gospel: Mark 1 - John the Baptist appeared in the
desert, to fulfil the prophesy made by Isaiah. He
baptized, and preached about the more powerful
one who was to follow him.
Penance  Adoration of the Holy Eucharist is offered each
  Thursday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm with Confessions, and each
  Friday morning from 9:00 - 10:00 am following the 8:30
  am Mass
Confession is also available before the Saturday
  Vigil Mass 4:00 to 4:20 pm. Confession also available
  anytime upon request.
Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders & Sacrament of Healing  Please contact the Rectory.
Marriage  Please contact the Rectory at least six months ahead.

St. Vincent de Paul Corner
Christmas time is busy for everyone and
this is the case for our St. Vincent de Paul
Vincentians. This past week we served 10
families with food, utilities, clothing &
furniture.
The gifts that you have given for the Jonesville Rest Home
will be delivered today. Come along and do some Christ-
mas caroling with us. We will leave after Breakfast with
Santa. Once again, several families have called in for help
and we were able to help thanks to the
generosity of others. We have so much
to be thankful for. If you would like to
give some ‘hands on’ help, give Kathy a
call at 859-866-0430. We would love to
have more help with the pantry & home
visits. Have a blessed week!
    Kathy McDonough

Virtus News! The December VIRTUS bulletin is posted online
and is due January 2nd. Go to www.virtus.org to read yours!
December is a free month. Are you a new volunteer? If you
have in the parish religious education program, or would like
to volunteer in the Diocese, now is the time to sign up to take
a ‘virtus class’ and begin the background check process.
Contact Suzie Noel @ 859-760-1376.

Help Care for Elders
Together we can “Share in the Care.”
Elderly Catholic sisters, Brothers, and religious order priest
need your help. Many serve for years in Catholic schools, hos-
pitals and parishes - often for little to no pay. Now there is a
shortage in retirement savings. Your gift to Religious Retire-
ment Fund for Religious provides funds for medications, nurs-
ing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a life-
time.
“Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we
are now in a much better position to care for our elders,” writes
a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community
and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for
long-term needs. Please give to next Week’s Retirement Fund
for Religious collection.

God does not love me because I am good.
He loves me because He is good.

St. Thomas Aquinas

MY! OH MY!  
I do miss the children
at St. William. Come
help make my day a
little brighter. Please
have breakfast with me on December 10th
after Mass. Enjoy the fun, eat some pancakes,
sausage and visit with your
friends. But most of all don’t
miss your chance to visit and
get your picture with me. Just
shake your bells to call me to
the hall. Then we will go caroling.

Andrea Kirk
Joanna Surgerner
Wilma Stetter
John Northcutt
Jack Tomlinson
Ethel Clemons
Lee Merrill
Frankie Miles
Norb & Sally DeJaco
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My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The second Sunday of Advent always brings us to the person of St. John the Baptist. I have often wondered what I would have thought upon seeing this prophet for the first time - a gaunt figure clothed in camel's hair and unshaven, and preaching boldly the message of repentance. Would I have been frightened or attracted? It is a good question to ask.

After all, God is always calling us. The very first question in the Bible comes from the Creator. He asks, "Adam, where art thou?" - in other words, God is seeking the man He has created.

So we have to be open to the calling of God. And in our lives, how do we respond to the invitation of the Savior, namely, to change our lives and get rid of things that are not pleasing to God?

Advent is a time of soul searching, when we look deep within and ask if we could be more pleasing to God. The best present which we give to the baby Jesus on Christmas Day is an undivided soul. This is called the virtue of Purity. When someone is truly pure, there is no division among the sentiments of their heart.

In anticipation of the great Feast then,

Father Hils

Charitable Income Tax Donations In order to obtain an income tax charitable deduction for 2017, gifts to St. William’s Church must be made on or before December 31st, 2017. Contributions collected during Masses on December 31st, 2017 may be deducted on 2017 income tax returns. If you have any questions, please call Carol Rector 859-824-5381 or see Father Hils.

Mass Intentions Each Mass that is said has a particular intention which is prayed specifically by the priest during the Mass. The intention(s) may be for a living or deceased loved one for birthdays, anonymous or other reasons. The suggested offering is $10. Please use the envelopes which can be found on the wall in the gathering area. Complete the envelope and drop in the Offertory basket.

Prayer for Vocations

God, our Father
You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire those in our Diocese whom You are calling to the priesthood to courageously follow Your will. Send laborers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray e r fo r  Vo c ati o n s

Bishop Foy has declared a ‘Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations’. The Lord has blessed our Diocese over the last years with an increase in the number of seminarians. It is through the prayers of the people of our Diocese and the leadership of our Bishop that we have realized this increase of labors for the harvest. To include an extra prayer in our daily prayers for vocations is something that will be easy to do. We can simply pray a Hail Mary every morning for vocations. We can encourage young men to think about possibly becoming a priest. Encourage them to think about going to the seminary. Maybe you will be the one to plant the seed in to their heart that will grow into a vocation for the church.