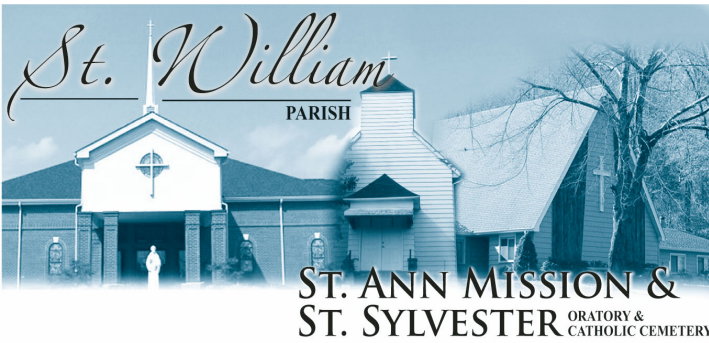


December 20th 2020



We are on the web: saintwilliamcatholicchurch.org

Fourth Sunday of Advent



MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Mass at St. William, London
Sunday 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ann Mission, Manchester
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Mass at St. William, London
Sunday 6:00 p.m. Misa en Español at St. William, London
Monday 12:10 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Chapel, London
Tuesday 9 a.m. Mass at St. William, London
Wednesday 6 p.m. Mass at St. William, London
Thursday 9 a.m. Mass at St. William, London
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 p.m., St. William, London

ST. WILLIAM PARISH OFFICE & STAFF

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Website for St. William Church, London:
<http://www.saintwilliamcatholicchurch.org>
Facebook: Stwilliam London
Youth Facebook: St. William's Youth Group (London, KY)
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Music Director:
Custodian: Gina Moore

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION:

New parishioners are most welcome. Please register by calling the Parish Office. You may also register online at cdlex.org/London or St. Ann Mission at (606) 598-2718.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

For information, call Sr. Marge Manning DRE, St. William's Religious Education office 401-0050, or home 330-0268

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION:

St. William— Grades pre-K through 12 classes are held Sunday at 9:20–10:30 am.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual abuse or sexual misconduct by church personnel, contact the **Diocese of Lexington's Victim Advocate, Laura Napora (859)253-1993** or Lnapora@cdlex.org.

PASTORAL CARE

The celebration of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage are very important events in the lives of families. Please contact the church office to arrange for preparation for these sacraments. **Please remember, Marriage preparation requires at least six months.**

Anointing of the Sick and Communion for the Homebound: The parish wants to be of service in these times of need. If you or someone you know is sick or homebound, please call the church office.

PRAYER CHAIN:

Offering prayers for those in need contact Carol Jackson at 606-344-0034 or cajackson01@windstream.net

ST. WILLIAM MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. William Roman Catholic Church, are a distinctive community located in southeastern Kentucky. Our purpose is to advance the spiritual growth of our members; to respond to needs inside and outside our community; to create opportunities for evangelization, ecumenism and the promulgation of our faith; and to respond to the many opportunities for growth before us.

ST. ANN MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of St. Ann Catholic Church residing in the Appalachian Region of Southeastern Kentucky, are members of an active, welcoming faith community. Energized by our Sacramental life, we are called to support and love one another and to enhance our spiritual growth and development. We will strive to give witness to our Catholic faith and be the presence of Jesus on earth by promoting justice, peace, and evangelization.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Christmas is near and we have been waiting for it. What a time to celebrate Christmas 2020. Many of us never imagined last year, that this year 2020 was going to be different and I mean different: shelter in place, quarantine, face masks, vaccines and so on. Last year we were in another attitude and we took many times from granted and now we realize that those many things were blessings, privileges we had and now we are struggling to keep on. You will agree if someone tells you that last year was wonderful but we missed that wonderment because we were too busy in other things. But never it's late to recognize that wonderment that God gives us even on stressful times like now.

Like in the past God continues in charge and the Church gives us that comfort on the readings for this 4th Sunday of Advent in which shows us four characters:

David and *Nathan*, *Mary* and *Gabriel*, each of one had a mission and also some of them a struggle. *David* wanted to build a house for the God's tent but He had been told he is not going to do it because God is the one who is going to build a house for David, a house that will stand forever (God's Kingdom in Christ) God showed him He is in charge. So remember that **God is in Charge**. On the Gospel the angel announced *Mary* she will be the mother of the Son of God the most high. She was troubled and confused about that news but she knew God was in control of the situation and she praised God and accepted it. She did not understand it at first but eventually she was able to rejoice and be able to share with the whole world that news.

We have to keep in mind God allows evil and struggles to knock in our doors not because He wants us to suffer but to become stronger to overcome evil later. No matter how 2021 looks like, He is in charge and he will take us through this year and the new year but we need to be faithful as *Mary* and obedient like *David* and accept his will no matter what looks like. **HE IS IN CHARGE AND HE KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING!**

Dcn. John

WEEKLY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

December 20 –27 , 2020

SUNDAY - 20th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Rom 16: 25-27; Lk 1:26-38 (11)

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Ann)

Mass Intention: Deceased Hyland & Peters Family Members

10:45 a.m. Mass (St. William)

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (St. William)

MONDAY - 21th - Sg 2:8-14 or Zeo 3:14-118a/ Lk 1:39-45 (197)

12:10 p.m. Mass at Saint Joseph Hospital Chapel

Mass Intention: *Bernard Champine* †

TUESDAY - 22th - 1 Sm 1:24-28

9:00 a.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: *Catholic Extension Donors*

WEDNESDAY - 23th - Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Lk 1:57-66

5:00 p.m. Adoration & Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: *Barb Mcknight* †

THURSDAY - 24th -

9:00 a.m. Mass (St. William)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16 / Lk 1-67-79 (200)

Mass Intention: *Mary Jo Wolfe* †

5:00 p.m. Mass Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/ Lk 2:1-14 (14)

12:00 a.m. midnight Mass: Is 62:1/Acts 13:16-17,22-25

FRIDAY – 25th - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Ann) Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn

1:1-18 or 1: 1-5,9-14 (16)

Mass Intention: St. Ann Parishioners Living & Deceased

SATURDAY - 26th -

5:00 p.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: *Richard Sapp* †

SUNDAY - 27th - The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Ann) -

Mass Intention: *John Burkart* †

10:45 a.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: All Families of Saint William and Saint Ann Mission Church

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (St. William)

December 20, 2020

St. William's Catholic Parish

Collection for December, 12-13, 2020: \$ 2,472.00
Youth Collection :\$ 47.00
Christmas Flowers:\$ 100.00
Retirement religious fund:\$ 475.00



Fresco by Fra Angelico
Picture taken from <https://stpaulcenter.com/understanding->

“Let us rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.”

Entrance antiphon of Christmas Mass

Father Vitner Martinez and all the Saint William's and Saint Ann' staff Church wish you

Merry Christmas 2020

Our Giving Tree Program

We want to give a huge THANK YOU to all of you who participated in the Giving tree program, without your financial support, time, prayers we would not make it. We are very happy and grateful for your commitment to help those in need and for showing your love and kindness for those who are struggling during this time of the pandemic. You showed your love and faithfulness to Christ through these hard times. Our giving tree program was a successful achievement for everybody and there are not words to express our gratitude but THANK YOU may God bless you always.

www.saintwilliamcatholicchurch.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**The new religious education
PHONE NUMBER is
606-401-0050.**

Please note, if you are having someone baptized, you must present a birth certificate at the time of the Baptism instruction.

If you have not picked up the packets of materials for children in Sunday School, you can pick them up this week. In person classes will resume January 10. Questions, call Sr. Marge 401-0050.

I Heard God Laugh is our Advent/Christmas book this year. Be sure to pick up your copy from the table in Gathering Space.

RCIA classes will resume in January 11.

The Gift Shop has some lovely items for Christmas gifts. We have items for children, statues & crucifixes, rosaries, and special Christmas items. Stop in and see.

A Blessed Christmas and Joyous New Year.

The office will be closed after Christmas and we will resume on January 04, 2021.

We will have not Holy Mass on December 28, 29, 30, 31.

SHIELDS OF FAITH

Shields' Mission Statement:

We believe God has called us to:

INVEST our time strengthening our relationship with God, our parish, our community and the world.

INSPIRE others by our example and challenge ourselves to take faith filled risks.

IGNITE a passion for Christ and carry that passion into the world through our life choices, relationships, service and leadership.

Shields' Vision

Our vision is be:

POSITIVE that God loves us and that he has an amazing plan and purpose for our lives.

PERSUADED that God's way is really the best way.

PASSIONATE for Jesus Christ, His church, the needy, and for those that are lost.

PREPARED for life, relationships, service and leadership.

Our Youth's December Birthdays



Jacob Parman, Trey Parman, Nina Pauig, Maya Searcey, Fin McArdle

Meet the Shields



My name is Kaley Martin. I attend North Laurel Middle School where I'm on the dance team

The Shields would like to Tony and Mayra Riche for their generous donation to "suitcases for foster kids" Christmas project! We'll be accepting suitcases or monetary donations through January 2021

Shield's Christmas project will be collecting new, or very gently used, suitcases (with wheels) for children being removed from their homes and placed into foster care or with other relatives. Most child's belongings are packed in trash bags that the social workers carry with them.

We also need (toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, hairbrushes, and something of comfort like a personal hand written note, small toy or stuffed animal, a coloring book with crayons or colored pencils.

We are hoping to collect 15 to 20 suitcases that will be delivered to the social workers' offices in the tri-county area.

