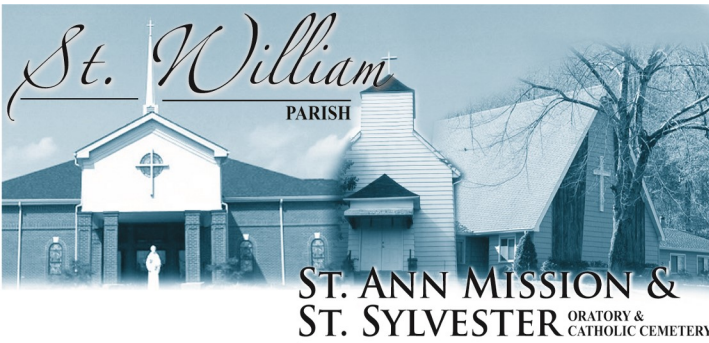


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MASSES

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 6:15 p.m. Misa en Español at St. William, London
Monday 12:00 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 pm., St. William, London

ST. WILLIAM PARISH OFFICE & STAFF

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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 Cathy Campbell at 606-524-0142 or ccampbell_48@hotmail.com

Office Hours: Monday thru Wednesday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Thursday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Office is closed on Fridays.

ST. WILLIAM MISSION STATEMENT

We are the people of St. William Roman Catholic Church, a diverse and welcoming community in Southeast Kentucky. Our purpose: **nourishing** the spiritual growth through worshipping and walking with Christ, gratefully **caring** for God's creation and **responding** to our community needs, sharing in **proclaiming and affirming** the healing **love of Christ**, and moving us toward a deeper communion with God.

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.

Friends, the Message of the Gospel for this Sunday is, "God is not limited". The solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord recounts the story of the Magi, three mysterious but motivational characters in Jesus' birth narrative. Most often they are identified as "Magi" but there is another source from Christian writer Tertullian (AD-155-220) that suggested they were kings. The magi were not Jews, they were pagans from the mysterious and far away east. The Gospel story says that they were able to "read the signs of the star" which led them where Jesus was and finding Him they worshiped them. Sometimes Jesus does the same for us He speaks to us through whatever signs, symbols, events, persons, or experiences. Therefore, one of the gifts besides that the Magi always bring us as Catholics and people of faith is to remind us of the "universality" of the Church. Remember the word Catholic means Universal. For the Church this means we are not just Church of one particular culture or civilization, as Christ is just not a Christ for a particular culture or civilization.

The identity of our Church is not limited with a strict and rigid particular form it takes in any particular society. Our local Church is united to that diverse and wide of traditions and rites of the Catholic Church. Our Catholic Church recognizes at least eighteen different groups within the Church who have their own laws, forms of celebration, and spiritual traditions. (Living God's Word, reflection year C, David Knight)

These groups are called "rites" and everyone is baptized both into the particular rite of the Church and into the Catholic Church. Our Church belongs to the Roman-Latin rite because our prayers and liturgy came from that tradition. Now, because we belong to the Roman Latin rite, it does not mean we are the most important rite because it is used by the majority of the Christians within the Catholic Church. The Latin rite is no more important than the Coptic, the Ethiopian rite, the Greek, Melchite, Russian, Syro-Malabar, Armenian or any other rite of the Catholic Church. All of these rites are equal. The particular rules that we Latin or Roman Catholics are familiar with are not in any sense "normative" for other Catholic rites. For example, in many of these rites the rule of celibacy for priests is not present, priests can be married, except the Bishops.

To be Catholic it is essential not to be narrow, and not think there is only one way to present the faith, to celebrate it, or practice it. To be catholic means to be Universal without lose our own local identity and traditions looking to give Him Honor and Glory, just as the Magi and all of those people of good will.

In 1894, Pope Leo XIII wrote about the importance of the Eastern Churches within our Catholic heritage:

The Churches of the East are worthy of the glory and reverence that they hold throughout the whole of Christendom in virtue of those extremely ancient, singular memorials that they have bequeathed to us. For it was in that part of the world that the first actions for the redemption of the human race began, in accord with the all-kind plan of God. They swiftly gave forth their yield: there flowered in first blush the glories of preaching the True Faith to the nations, of martyrdom, and of holiness. They gave us the first joys of the fruits of salvation ...

This coming Sunday the opening prayer say:

"O God, who on this day revealed your only Begotten Son to the nations by the guidance of a star, grant in your mercy, that we, who know already by faith, may be brought to behold the beauty of your sublime glory." (prayer of the Epiphany during the day).

Happy Feast of the Epiphany!

Father Carlos

WEEKLY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS
From December 31, 2021 to January 09, 2022

Friday: December 31st - Vigil Mass for Mary Mother of God

Readings: [1 Jn 2:18-21](#) / Ps [96:1-2, 11-12, 13](#) / [Jn 1:1-18](#)

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

NO Mass @ St. William

Mass Intention: *Expectant Mothers*

SATURDAY: January 1st – The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Readings: [Nm 6:22-27](#) / Ps [67:2-3, 5, 6, 8](#) / [Lk 2:16-21](#)

5:00 p.m. Mass (St. William) & Confessions at 4:15 pm

Mass Intention: *Parishioners of St. William*

SUNDAY: January 2nd – The Epiphany of the Lord

Readings: [Is 60:1-6](#) / Ps [72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13](#). / [Mt 2:1-12](#)

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

Mass Intention: *James Allen*

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

Mass Intention: *Parishioners of St. William*

6:15 p.m. Santa Misa Mass (St. William)

Monday: January 3rd

Readings: [1 Jn 3:22-4:6](#) / Ps [2:7bc-8, 10-12a](#) / [Mt 4:12-17, 23-25](#)

12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph Hospital

Mass Intention: *St. Joseph Hospital Staff & Patients*

Tuesday: January 4th

Readings: [1 Jn 4:7-10](#) / Ps [72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8](#) / [Mk 6:34-44](#)

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

Mass Intention: *Religions of Our Diocese*

Wednesday: January 5th

Readings: [1 Jn 4:11-18](#) / Ps [72:1-2, 10, 12-13](#) / [Mk 6:45-52](#)

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

Mass Intention: *Youth of Our Parish*

Thursday: January 6th

Readings: [1 Jn 4:19-5:4](#) / Ps [72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17](#) / [Lk 4:14-22](#)

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

Mass Intention: *Janette Haas+*

Friday: January 7th

Readings: [1 Jn 5:5-13](#) / Ps [147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20](#) / [Lk 5:12-16](#)

SATURDAY: January 8th

Readings: [1 Jn 5:14-21](#) / Ps [149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b](#) / [Jn 3:22-30](#)

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

Mass Intention: *Kim Fields+*

SUNDAY: January 9th – The Baptism of the Lord

Readings: [Is 42:1-4, 6-7](#) / Ps [29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](#) / [Lk 3:15-16, 21-22](#)

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

Mass Intention: *Clem Chalupa*

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

Mass Intention: *Blas Mannel Yanes+*

6:15 p.m. Santa Misa Mass (St. William)



First Reconciliation will be celebrated in our Parish on Wednesday, January 12th @ 6:30 pm. Enrollment in our Confirmation program will take place on January 9th during the 10:45 Mass. Please keep these students and their families in your prayers.

Religious Education Sunday morning classes will resume on January 9th.

We thank Sarah Prewitt for her dedication in teaching the 5, 6, & 7 grade. Janette Corum will be taking over for this semester.

Don't forget to bless your home on this feast of the Epiphany. We will bless our classrooms next Sunday.

RCIA will resume on January 10th – 6:30 pm online or in person. Topic – Baptism Presenter – Fr. Carlos.

January is Sanctity of Life Month. We support the work of the Laurel Life Center. Please note the items they are collecting during January. Sign up on Kiosk.



January is "Sanctity of Human Life" Month
Pregnancy care centers - Supporting Life in our Community

St. William's and St Ann Catholic Church Collections

December 26, 2021

Offering:	\$1,724.00
Youth Ministry.....	\$185.00
St. Ann.....	\$660.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$2,225.00

Un Dios para todas las naciones

Amigos, el mensaje del evangelio para este domingo es, "Dios no tiene límites". La solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor narra la historia de los Magos, tres personajes misteriosos pero motivadores en la narrativa del nacimiento de Jesús. La mayoría de las veces se los identifica como "magos", pero hay otra fuente del escritor cristiano Tertulian (AD-155-220) que sugirió que eran reyes.

Los magos no eran judíos, eran paganos del misterioso y lejano oriente. La historia del evangelio dice que pudieron "leer las señales de la estrella" que los llevó a donde estaba Jesús, y al encontrarlo, lo adoraron. A veces Jesús hace lo mismo por nosotros. Nos habla a través de cualquier signo, símbolo, evento, persona o experiencia. Por tanto, uno de los dones además de que los magos siempre nos traen como católicos y personas de fe es recordarnos la "universalidad" de la Iglesia. Recuerde que la palabra católico significa Universal. Para la Iglesia, esto significa que no somos solo la Iglesia de una cultura o civilización en particular, ya que Cristo simplemente no es un Cristo para una cultura o civilización en particular.

La identidad de nuestra Iglesia no se limita a una forma particular estricta y rígida que toma en una sociedad en particular. Nuestra Iglesia local está unida a esa diversidad y amplitud de tradiciones y ritos de la Iglesia Católica. Nuestra Iglesia Católica reconoce al menos dieciocho grupos diferentes dentro de la Iglesia que tienen sus propias leyes, formas de celebración y tradiciones espirituales. (Viviendo la Palabra de Dios, año de reflexión C, David Knight)

Estos grupos se denominan "ritos" y todos son bautizados tanto en el rito particular de la Iglesia como en la Iglesia Católica. Nuestra Iglesia pertenece al rito romano-latino, porque nuestras oraciones y liturgia provienen de esa tradición. Ahora bien, porque pertenecemos al rito latino romano, no significa que seamos el rito más importante porque es usado por la mayoría de los cristianos dentro de la Iglesia Católica. El rito latino no es más importante que el copto, el rito etíope, el griego, melquita, ruso, siro-malabar, armenio o cualquier otro rito de la Iglesia católica. Todos estos ritos son iguales. Las reglas particulares con las que estamos familiarizados los católicos latinos o romanos no son en ningún sentido "normativas" para otros ritos católicos. Por ejemplo, en muchos de estos ritos la regla del celibato para los sacerdotes no está presente, los sacerdotes pueden casarse, excepto los obispos.

Para ser católico es fundamental no ser rígido, y no pensar que hay una única forma de presentar la fe, celebrarla o practicarla. Ser católico significa ser universal sin perder nuestra propia identidad local y tradiciones buscando darle Honor y Gloria, al igual que los magos y todas esas personas de buena voluntad.

En 1894, el Papa León XIII escribió sobre la importancia de las Iglesias orientales dentro de nuestra herencia católica:

"Las Iglesias de Oriente son dignas de la gloria y la reverencia que tienen en toda la cristiandad en virtud de esos monumentos extraordinariamente antiguos y singulares que nos han legado. Porque fue en esa parte del mundo donde comenzaron las primeras acciones para la redención del género humano, de acuerdo con el plan universal de Dios. Rápidamente dieron su fruto: florecieron en primer lugar las glorias de la predicación de la Verdadera Fe a las naciones, del martirio y de la santidad. Nos dieron los primeros gozos de los frutos de la salvación ..."

El próximo domingo, la oración de apertura dice:
"Oh Dios, que en este día revelaste a tu Hijo unigénito a las naciones con la guía de una estrella, concédenos en tu misericordia, que nosotros, que ya conocemos por la fe, podamos ser llevados a contemplar la belleza de tu sublime gloria ". (oración de la Epifanía durante el día).

¡Feliz Fiesta de la Epifanía!

**A Huge Thank You to ALL that helped
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Luncheons @ Noon

Men's:

January 4th: Dino's Italian Restaurant
January 11th: Smokey Bear's BBQ & Grill
January 18th: El Dorado Mexican Restaurant
January 25th: Frisch's Big Boy Restaurant

Women's:

January 4th: Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen
January 11th: The Kitchen by Brandon
January 18th: Masa Japanese Steakhouse
January 25th: Dino's Italian Restaurant

The Blessing of Homes is a Tradition that Catholics have held onto. It happens on the Feast of the Epiphany with the coming of the Magi to worship the King of kings and to proclaim that all of creation heralds his coming. Typically, a Priest or Deacon would visit the home and bless it with prayers and Holy Water and write the blessing on the doors of the home. **This year on Epiphany Sunday, January 2nd**, there will be the **Blessing of chalk at Mass** and small packets containing this chalk and the instructions and prayers will be available to be sent home for those who wish to bless their homes.

(Epiphany is Jan 6, however it is celebrated on a Sunday in the range of the 2nd-8th)



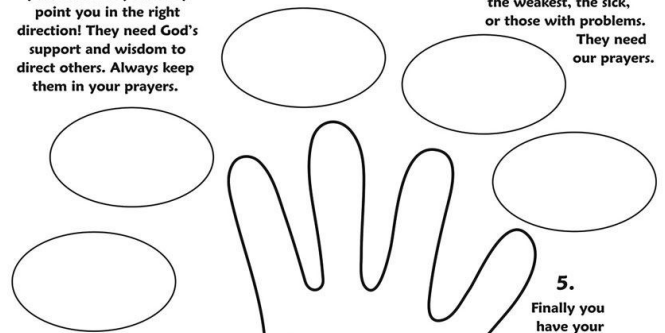
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PRAYING WITH YOUR FIVE FINGERS

My name is _____

**Pope Francis has given us a simple way to pray using our 5 fingers!
In the ovals, draw and color whom you will pray for with each finger.**

- 2.** The next finger is your index, or pointing finger. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you, and heal you. They point you in the right direction! They need God's support and wisdom to direct others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.** The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders and those who have authority in our lives. They need God's guidance.
- 4.** The fourth finger, your ring finger, is your weakest finger! This finger reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick, or those with problems. They need our prayers.



- 1.** Your thumb is the closest finger to you. Start by praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a 'sweet duty.'

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." -John 20:27

- 5.** Finally you have your little finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie reminds you to pray for yourself! When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs more clearly. You will be able to pray for yourself in a better way. God bless you!

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