



# St. William Catholic Community

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## Rev. Monsignor Christopher J. Schreck, *Pastor*

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*"We, the community of St. William's Parish, St. Simons Island, led by the power of the Holy Spirit, are committed to serving God and our brothers and sisters in Christ by living the message of the Gospel. We believe we are called to share our time, talents and our material gifts as an outward sign of the Treasure we hold in Jesus."*

### MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays: Monday - Saturday at 8:15 a.m., Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

#### **Adoration of Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday from 9 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. in chapel.

#### **Rosary**

Monday - Saturday at 7:50 a.m. & after Mass.  
Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

**Creed Classes** (PreK-8th Grades) - Sundays 9:00 - 10:15am.

**Children's Liturgy** (thru 2nd Grade) - Sundays during 10:30am Mass

**CIA Youth Group** (9th-12th Grades) - Sundays at 11:30a.m.

**RCIA** - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru Easter

#### **The Grotto Religious Goods Shop**

Open after weekend Masses. Call the office during the week.

#### **Baptism**

Parents are to be registered and attend preparation class.  
(By appointment - Call DRE at 638-2651)

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturdays from 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. or by appointment.

#### **Marriage**

Arrangements should be made six months in advance.

#### **Funerals**

Family or funeral homes should contact the Church office to set up dates and times for funerals. The Church Office will work with the family and the funeral home.

#### **Parish Administrator**

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#### **Director of Religious Education**

Nancy Power - 638-2651  
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#### **Director of Music**

Kate Hamer - 912-634-5040

#### **Parish Engineer**

Jim Spaeder - 912-399-7145

#### **Parish Council**

Burt Davitte - 912-269-0756

#### **Finance Committee**

Jack Welch - 912-571-0489

#### **Grotto Religious Goods**

Laura Nies - 912-638-1991

#### **Adoration**

Maureen Bowen - 915-222-6775

#### **Adult Ed Bible Study**

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

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Mike Cherne - 912-223-9048

#### **Bloomers**

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

#### **Coffee and Doughnuts**

RaeAnn Allen - 404-791-1043

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509  
Stephanie D'Amico - 912-399-9396

#### **Divine Mercy**

#### **First Saturday Devotion**

Norma McIntyre - 912-279-0526

#### **Twin Parish & Helping Hugs, Inc.**

Evy Marshall - 912-266-3417

#### **Manna House**

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Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

#### **Primetimers**

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

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Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

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Bill Horn - 912-638-4538

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Store - 912-262-6027  
Sheila Ryan - 912-996-7755

#### **Secular Franciscan Order**

Lois Cutia - 912-580-8158

#### **Tuesday Women's Discussion**

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

#### **Ushers**

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Liturgy of the Hours Week III

SAT., FEB. 4	8:15AM	+BILL HOLMES
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., FEB. 5	8:00AM	+ROY LEVY
	10:30AM	+REIMER CORNELIUS ECK
MON., FEB. 6	8:15AM	+BILL HOLMES
TUES., FEB. 7	8:15AM	+CAROL PELC
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., FEB. 8	8:15AM	(L)PAM STEIGERWALD
THURS., FEB. 9	8:15AM	+BILL HOLMES
FRI., FEB. 10	8:15AM	(L) FR. JIM HOLLOWAY
SAT., FEB. 11	8:15AM	+AL CLOUTIER
	5:30PM	+KAREN HOLMES
SUN., FEB. 12	8:00AM	+MARY LANG MORRIS
	10:30AM	PARISHIONERS



### REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

George Almasi, Anna Arbo, Mary Katherine Arens, Georgia Bulger, Louise Barbera Crosby, David Clarke, Lois Cutia, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Rebecca Gaylor, John Grimsley, Charlotte Guido, Mark Hanly, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Veronica Joseph, Nadine Keane, Mark Kelso, Caroline K., Patricia Knoepfler, Timothy Kite, Joni Klein, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Jim Loisel, Denise Margavich, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughy, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Moore, Jay Morrison, David Morton, Nina & Ralph Murphy, George Nies, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, Carol Roberts, Richard Sedlacek, Sheila Smith, **Kathy Stratton**, Louise Viaggio, Kay Welch, Richard Wine- man, Gerry Youmans, the priests serving St. William, and our service men and women.

### BULLETIN PRAYER LIST

Help us keep our above prayer list current. You may add a name to the list by calling the church office at 638-2647 or e-mailing us at [stwilliamschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliamschurch@comcast.net). \*Names listed in bold are new to the prayer list. These names stay on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise requested.

### TELEPHONE & EMAIL PRAYER LINE

St. William Prayer Line is a group of people who pray daily for the intentions received from voice mails left at 912-638-4287 or by email at [stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com](mailto:stwilliamsprayerline@gmail.com).



Women's Discussion group will view Bishop Barron's video of **ST CATHERINE OF SIENA** on Tuesday, February 7, at 10:30 am. All women are invited to attend.

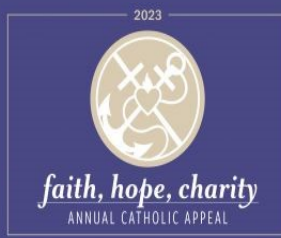
**ccw** - Please join us for the next CCW meeting on Wednesday, February 8, at 6 pm. All women of the parish are invited to attend. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, patron saint of human trafficking. A rosary will be said before the meeting at 5:15 to pray for those affected by human trafficking. Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

*"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."*  
- Charles Dickens

## STEWARDSHIP

JANUARY 29, 2023 - \$24,802.35 (JANUARY 30, 2022 - \$9,176.00)  
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 194

*The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.*



You should have received a letter and pledge card from Bishop Parkes last month.

Please prayerfully consider your gift this year to the **ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**.

We want to show our support of the diocesan family or by continuing to exceed our goal as we have in past years. St. William's goal for the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$74,667.

**WHO** The St. William 'widowed helping others' group will meet on Thursday, February 9, at 6:00pm. We will meet at Lee Norvell's home. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. Please call Barbara Lyon for more information, 404-247-4902. Thanks Lee for your hospitality.



**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** - St. William is hosting a NET Ministries team who are facilitating a retreat for our Creed (5th-8th Grade) and Youth Group (9th-12th Grade) students. The retreat is on Wednesday, February 15, 4pm to 8pm. There are 9 members of the team (18-28 years old) that we will need overnight accommodations for on Tuesday, February 14. Please contact Nancy Power, Director of Religious Education, if you are able to host 1, 2 or even 3 members of the NET Ministry team, 912-638-2651 or [powernancy@comcast.net](mailto:powernancy@comcast.net).

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22.

Masses will be held at 8:15am and 6pm.

### LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. William Youth Group (CIA-Catholics in Action) will begin Lent with a presentation of **"LIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS"** on Friday, February 24, at 7pm in the church. A **LENTEEN SUPPER** will be hosted prior to stations by the church office in the parish hall at 6pm.



### FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT NOON

This is the most popular of Catholic devotions. As we pass from Station to Station, we are moved to renounce sin and accept Jesus as our Savior. Join us in the Church for Stations every Friday during Lent at 12pm.



### LENTEEN SUPPERS HAVE TURNED INTO LENTEEN LUNCHESES

We would like to have Lenten Lunches in the parish hall after the noon Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent. If your group or ministries would like to host one of the lunches, please call the office. Available dates are March 3, March 17, March 24, and March 31.



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Please prayerfully consider adding a few items to your regular grocery list and dropping them in the St. Vincent de Paul bins in the church narthex, or delivering them directly to St. Vincent de Paul. Food pantry items greatly needed are:



Jelly in plastic jars; Chunky soups (any variety); Cereal (any variety); Canned pasta sauce (i.e. Hunts); Spam; Macaroni and cheese (i.e. Kraft) Canned Fruit; Tuna; Canned Potatoes; and, Chicken Broth

Items may be dropped off at St. Vincent de Paul, 10am to 1pm, Monday-Wednesday and Fridays. Please do not drop off or leave outside of the thrift store.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAYS: MONDAY - SATURDAY AT 8:15 AM,  
TUESDAY AT 6 PM

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM

- SUN., FEB. 5** CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK ENDS  
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses  
9am - Adult Bible Study  
9am - RCIA  
9am - CReEd  
11:30am - Youth Group CIA
- MON., FEB. 6**  
9am - Monday Morning Marthas  
6pm - Kenpo
- TUES., FEB. 7**  
9am - Adoration  
10:30am - Tues. Morning Women Disc.  
11am - Yoga  
1pm - Rosary for Peace
- WED., FEB. 8**  
6pm - CCW General Meeting  
6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal
- THURS., FEB. 9**  
9am - SFO  
1pm - Bell Choir Rehearsal  
6pm - Kenpo  
6pm - WHO (Widowed Helping Others)  
3pm - Hour of Great Mercy  
8am - Confirmation Retreat at St. Francis  
9am - Baptisms  
11am - Kenpo  
4:30pm - Reconciliation
- FRI., FEB. 10**  
**SAT., FEB. 11**  
Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses  
9am - Adult Bible Study  
9am - RCIA  
9am - CReEd  
9am - 1st Reconciliation  
11:30am - Youth Group CIA  
6pm - Sea Scouts

### LIVE STREAMING MASS!

Live streaming of weekend Masses is available either by clicking the **red** YouTube icon to the right, or [STWILLIAMONSSI](http://STWILLIAMONSSI), or by going to our parish website, [stwill.net](http://stwill.net).



We thank you for your continued support of our parish church through use of donation boxes, the [ONLINE GIVING](#) icon, on our website and via mail.

### YOUTH RETREATS

Retreats are an integral component of Youth Ministry and faith formation. They encourage community building not only with our parish, but the Catholic community at large. They give our youth time to reflect on their lives and their personal relationship with God, and the hope and trust only faith provides. Part of the process of preparing for Confirmation within the Diocese of Savannah is the requirement to attend a retreat. Listed below are several opportunities for our youth to attend a retreat. More information is on our website, [stwill.net](http://stwill.net), and on links provided.



Saturday, February 11, 8:30am-5pm  
**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER YOUTH DAY RETREAT**  
8th - 12th Grade

Wednesday, February 15, 4pm - 8pm  
**"FREE INDEED" - NET MINISTRIES RETREAT**  
**AT ST. WILLIAM**  
5th - 12th Grade

April 21, 7:30pm - April 23, 11:30am  
**"BURN" - DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE**  
Sacred Heart Parish, Warner Robins, GA  
9th - 12th Grade

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 5, 2023



Today's readings are part pep talk and part marching orders for us Christian stewards. They offer wonderfully clear guidance on what matters most to God in the way we prioritize our lives and the way He intends for us to use the gifts He has given us.

The first reading, from the prophet Isaiah, gives us very straightforward instructions: "Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." The Lord gives no wiggle room here — care for our brothers and sisters in need is a "must do" for the Christian steward.

But note how generous our God is to us when we do these things. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn and your wound shall quickly be healed." The more we give ourselves away the more we will find ourselves, and "light shall rise" for us in the form of more of God's grace in our lives and more joy and peace in our hearts.

Our Gospel passage, from Matthew sends us out on our stewardship way with a bang as Jesus declares to us, His disciples, that we are the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But, He adds, salt no longer gives flavor if allowed to go stale — light cannot bring its blessed brightness if left hidden. Therefore, we must act! We must live our lives so that others will see the things that we do — the ways that we serve others, care for the vulnerable, prioritize our family relationships and above all, our love for God — and then give Him glory.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)

### CALLING ALL SINGERS!



The Music Ministry wants **you** to come sing! Traditionally, the choir Mass is at 10:30am, however it would be lovely to have small groups join the cantor at the 8:00am or 5:30pm Masses - so if you would like to serve our Music Ministry at those Mass times join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm in the Music Suite for rehearsal.

We looked like the perfect couple . . .

*but the reality of our marriage was very different.*

A Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat is an intensive marriage-changing weekend that offers help and hope for couples that want to transform their marriage in the face of challenging circumstances. If you have grown apart, are struggling to connect, or are facing a marital crisis, Retrouvaille can help you learn to rediscover each other. Reconnect with Your Spouse – Renew Your Intimacy – Rediscover Your Love! The Retrouvaille program has helped thousands of couples worldwide to get their marriages back on track. Jacksonville Retrouvaille Marriage Retreat Marywood Retreat Center - February 17-19

Register at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)  
For More Info Call 1-800-470-2230  
Registration Open for Upcoming Weekends  
Space is Limited. Early Registration Suggested.

**2022 STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN MAILED!** - If you do not receive your statement by February 22, Ash Wednesday, please let the office know. If you have moved in the last two years and did not let the office know, the statement may have gone to the wrong address.



Flowers are placed at the altar in honor of the marriage of **Anna Kate Shepherd & Derek Draplin.**

# ST. PATRICK'S IRISH PUB NIGHT March 4, 2023

Doors open at 6:30pm  
Dinner at 7:00pm

Featuring Irish Folksinger  
**Harry O'Donoghue**



Where: St. William Parish Hall  
Dinner by the St. William's Leprechauns

Tickets will be available in the Parish Hall after Sunday Masses, beginning Sunday, February 12. The church office will not be selling tickets during the week.

For those who would like to sit together, tickets must be purchased together. Names and phone numbers of ticket holders must also be provided.

# CHILDREN'S OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Everyday children in our society are bombarded with hundreds of advertising messages. Current estimates are that the average child receives thousands of advertising messages a day. For the most part these messages tell our children that they are not good enough unless they wear the right clothes, drink the right soda, or even carry the right cell phone. It is important that in Church our children hear a different message!

Our CREED/CIA children need to hear the stewardship message—that God has given them many unique and special gifts. They need to hear that Jesus loves them just as they are. Moreover, they need to realize that they have something to share with the rest of the world. For this reason, we now offer the **Children's Offertory Envelope Program**, which will allow our children to place their own gifts to God in the Offertory basket each week.

A child's filled-out offertory envelope form with a yellow border. The form has three lines of text: "Name Josie", "My good deed was helping my friend Caroline when she was sad", and "This week, I'm giving to God \$ my special drawing". A small number "333" is visible in the bottom right corner of the form.

Every student will have the opportunity to participate by personally filling out their weekly envelope and placing it in the offertory basket during Mass. We have selected envelopes that invite each child to share how they lived their faith each week. We hope that you will find them to be good conversation starters for your family. The envelopes also allow the children to write down a gift of time to prayer, or the talent that they have shared that week in service to others. We will be reporting the results of the Children's Offertory Program periodically on the website and in the bulletin.

This program **IS NOT** to raise more money for our parish. The purpose is to teach the children the joy of giving and the fact that they need to be **good stewards and give back to God out of gratitude for all that God has given to them.**

One of the primary purposes of this effort is to teach children that it does indeed feel good to give. It is good for children's self-esteem to know that they have something to offer back to the Church. For that reason, it is more important that a child puts in a nickel, dime, quarter or even a dollar from his or her own allowance and feels proud of that contribution than putting in money from Mom's or Dad's wallet, which is meaningless to the child.

Envelopes are available from teachers and Nancy Power, our DRE during Creed and CIA on Sundays, and on the credenza in the church narthex.

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