



# St. William Catholic Church

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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 May

### ***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**

Stacey Bristol - 638-2647

### **Director of Religious Education**

Nancy Power - 638-2651  
powernancy@comcast.net

### **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 - 912-222-6775

### **Adult Ed Bible Study**

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

### **Altar Servers**

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 - 404-895-8831

### **Manna House**

Kevin & Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

### **Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo**

Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

### **Primetimers**

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

### **Spiritual Direction**

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

### **Outreach Ministries**

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 IV

SAT., SEPT. 23	8:15AM	+JEANNIE WADE
	5:30PM	+DONALD ARBO
SUN., SEPT. 24	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+GEORGE NIES
MON., SEPT. 25	8:15AM	+ANNA MARIE ARBO
TUES., SEPT. 26	8:15AM	+DONALD ARBO
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., SEPT. 27	8:15AM	(L) VERONICA JOSEPH
THURS., SEPT. 28	8:15AM	+MICHAEL JOHN SKALIJ
FRI., SEPT. 29	8:15AM	+ANNA MARIE ARBO
SAT., SEPT. 30	8:15AM	+GERRARD IMAR HANLY
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., OCT. 1	8:00AM	+RORY O'NEIL
	10:30AM	+SUSAN ADAMS



Mary Katherine Arens, Donna Bernard, Wiltz Bernard, Vern Bowen, Steve Colquitt, Mary Bess Crumley, Mark Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Mary Eckerd, Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Shirley Hughes, Kaye Hartridge, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Doc Jones, Veronica Joseph, Mark Kelso, John Kent, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Jim Loisel, Don Long, William Luther, Denise Margavich, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughey, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Moore, Michael Muldowney, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Paul Myrick, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, **Turner Ellis Richmond**, Carol Roberts, Richard Sedlacek, Elizabeth Van Tilborg, Kay Welch, Richard Wine-man, **Doris Wood**, the priests serving St. William and the priests serving St. Joseph in Haiti, 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).

**ONLINE GIVING -** We thank you for your continued support of our parish through our envelope program, mail, and online giving. Online giving is available through this [link](#) and on our website, [stwill.net](http://stwill.net), via the Online Giving tab.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The St. William Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women will sponsor its **Fall Bazaar & Craft Show** on Saturday, November 11. We are taking reservations for booths from previous crafters now and will advise regarding any available spaces soon. We will also be looking for volunteers to head up bake sale, food prep/ticket sale, old jewelry sale, etc. For more information, email or call Sue Amiano, [sueamiano@att.net](mailto:sueamiano@att.net) or 912-996-6270.



*You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.*

## STEWARDSHIP

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 - \$15,110.60  
(SEPTEMBER 18, 2022 - \$13,625.98)  
PARISHIONER ENVELOPES/CHECKS - 151

### Fête for Haiti 2023



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**  
**OCTOBER 21, 6PM, ST. WILLIAM PARISH HALL FOR HELPING HUGS, INC.'S ANNUAL FÊTE FOR HAITI**  
Tickets are available online now at: [www.helpinghugsinc.org](http://www.helpinghugsinc.org)  
and will be on sale after weekend Masses beginning next weekend.

Fundraising Goal - \$63K



**DIOCESAN SCOUTING CAMPOREE** - The Diocesan Scouting Camporee will be held November 17-19, at Camp Osborn in Syl-vestre, Georgia. All Scouting Families and Troops (American Herit-age Girls, Camp Fire Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Ventures) are invited to this event regardless of their faith or the sponsor of their troop. Activities include Vocation hikes for all ages, archery, climbing wall, BB range, Saint patches, rosary activities, religious activities and more! Annual Scout Mass and awards will be celebrated by Bishop Parkes on Sunday Nov 19. If you have questions, would like to help plan, or volunteer to help with activities please email: [dhoustonandaniel@gmail.com](mailto:dhoustonandaniel@gmail.com) or [chadsween@gmail.com](mailto:chadsween@gmail.com). \$30.00/person includes dinner Saturday and breakfast Sunday. Registration and more information is available at <https://diosav.org/youth-ministry/scouting/camporee>. Registration deadline is November 10.

### Outside the Ordinary.



Wednesday, October 4, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In the tradition of St. Francis of Assisi and his love for animals, St. William holds the **BLESSING OF THE PETS** on the closest Sun-day to St. Francis's feast day. Therefore, on **SUNDAY, OCTO-BER 1**, we will be having the **10:30AM MASS OUTSIDE** for pa-rishioners and their families and their fur families! Mass will be celebrated just outside the main entrance to the church, with the altar centered on the concrete pad. All are encouraged to **bring a chair** and their pets for the Blessing of the Pets immediately following Mass. You may park in the parking lot, as usual, and either remain by your car, or come up closer to the altar area. Remember that this is a Mass, so please be reverent and conduct yourselves accordingly. Pets should be under your control at all times during Mass and after, either by leash on in a carrier. Please pray for glorious weather.

**FASTING BROTHERS** are men who commit to fasting one day a week (except Sunday) for our priests in conjunction with the prayers from our parish's Seven Sisters Apostolate prayer team(s). Currently, Monsignor Chris and Fr. Jim each have a team of 7 Sisters Apostolate praying for them. We have a commitment from three parishioners to the Fasting Brothers, who are willing to fast for our priests, and would welcome 3 more men willing to fast for them.



Jesus tells us how to fight off the most powerful demons: "is by prayer and fasting" Matthew 17:21. If fasting from food seems too severe for one day per week, other possibilities are: fast from a vice you have, or from some form of so-cial media or TV or computer games, or snacks, or alcohol, or get up earlier and pray the rosary or Divine Mercy Chaplet, or whatever you discern from the Holy Spirit. Your choice of fast should be sacrificial. If you are interested, please con-tact Lee Norvell at 912-996-0628.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

### MASS SCHEDULE

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

9AM-6PM - ADORATION (Use Chapel Entrance)

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

- SUN., SEPT. 24** **MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL**  
**St. Francis Xavier DLF Car Raffle**  
**tickets on sale after Masses**  
9am - Creed  
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study  
9am - RCIA  
9am - CIA (Catholics in Action Youth Group)
- MON., SEPT. 25** 9am - Monday Morning Marthas  
6pm - Kenpo
- TUES., SEPT. 26** 10am - Bill's Bloomer meeting  
10:30am - Tuesday Morning Womens Disc.  
11am - Yoga  
1pm - Rosary for Peace  
1pm - Fete for Haiti Meeting  
6:30pm - Choir Practice
- WED., SEPT. 27** 1pm - Bell Choir Practice  
6pm - Kenpo
- THURS., SEPT. 28** 3pm - Hour of Great Mercy (RM 2 -PH)  
**Eucharistic Revival Retreat**  
4:30pm - Reconciliation
- FRI., SEPT. 29**
- SAT., SEPT. 30**
- SUN., OCT. 1** **Fete Tickets on Sale after Masses**  
9am - Creed  
9am - Adult Ed Bible Study  
9am - RCIA  
9am - CIA (Catholics in Action Youth Group)  
10:30am - Outdoor  
**11:30am - Blessing of Pets**

The **VIRTUS** Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. On **Sunday, October 15, from 12 to 3pm, St. William will host a VIRTUS training class.** Seating is limited and re-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i-register-for-virtus-training>. A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is recommended for registration. No one under the age of 18 is allowed to be present. Child care is not provided.

**PROMISE** To Protect **Pledge** To HEAL



**LIFE CHAIN**  
Silent prayer and witness proclaiming the sacredness of all human life

**OCTOBER 1, 2023**  
Sunday | 2:30-3:30PM  
Daffin Park along Victory Drive  
Signs will be provided

Sponsored by the Diocese of Savannah Office of Fellowship and Life

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 24



Though we can never fully grasp the infinite perfection of God and His ways, a basic knowledge of Scripture reveals that God's logic often differs from worldly logic.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, reminds us that God often thinks bigger than we do. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts." As His followers we must strive as best we can to think as God does, using our time (and our talents and treasure, too) with eternity in mind. In our Gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus offers us a glimpse of the "Godly logic" of the Father through a parable of a landowner hiring workers for his vineyard. Some workers are called early in the day, others not until very late. Yet the landowner pays them all a full day's wage. This angered the laborers who had worked longest. But those laborers were relying on human logic and human calculations. They were not thinking as God does.

This can happen to us Christian stewards as well. We can grumble and complain (at least internally) when we compare ourselves to others and sense that not everyone is contributing as much as we are to the parish, the neighborhood, within our family and so on. At those moments, we need to think bigger!

We must remember that it is a great privilege to have been called by the Father to work in His vineyard. Living the stewardship way of life brings us meaning, depth and purpose.

Let's embrace this Godly thinking and thank Him for calling us to this way of life.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



**SEW & SO** will meet October 11, 10am, room 4 of the parish hall. If you like projects, sewing, knitting crocheting, beading, etc., please join us.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Every year the Friends of the Davis Love Foundation provides organizations in our community with an amazing fundraising opportunity.

This year the Foundation will raffle off a 2023 Buick Envision during the RSM Classic trophy presentation. This is a wonderful fundraiser for our St. Francis Xavier Catholic School - raffle tickets are \$20 and St. Francis gets to keep 100% of that \$20. This year tickets are available online. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see how to purchase a ticket.



**Students and their families will be outside after Masses next week for ticket sales.**

Our Religious Education office is participating in the **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** program of Samaritan's Purse this year. Shoeboxes are available in the parish hall. More information is available on the enclosed flyer and at our RE office, 638-2651.



**Flowers are placed at the altar this weekend in memory of Betty J. Norris & Marian J. Kelterborn by Bob & Teri Kelterborn.**

# Fête for Haiti - Twin Parish Fundraiser

hosted by Helping Hugs, Inc.

*As part of the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas,  
St. William Catholic Church has been twinned with St. Joseph since 2008.*



## ***Growing a Brighter Future***

**Saturday, October 21, 2023**

**St. William Parish Hall, 6p.m.**

**Sit-down dinner / live and silent auctions**

**Honored Guest Speaker: Sue Carlson, M.D.**

**Dinner by Del Sur Artisan Eats**

*Mixed Salad with Vegetables and Homemade Vinaigrette  
Haitian Bowl - pulled pork on a bed of Jasmine Rice & Black Beans  
Chocolate Kahlua Cake*

**Tickets \$65 on sale NOW - while they last!**

**After Masses in the Parish Hall - Sept. 30, Oct. 1 - 7 - 8 - 14 - 15**

**[www.helpinghugsinc.org](http://www.helpinghugsinc.org)**

**Call Jan LaBoone: 912-266-3417**

**Deadline to purchase Oct. 15th**

**Online Auction: [www.helpinghugsinc.org/auction](http://www.helpinghugsinc.org/auction) Oct. 13 to 22**

**Please submit the following to purchase tickets.**

**Helping Hugs Inc.,  
P.O. Box 24477, St. Simons Island, GA 31522**

**Name of person purchasing tickets**

\_\_\_\_\_

**# of Tickets\_\_\_\_\_ X \$65.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**Phone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please print names of all individuals at your table:**

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## Sharing Good News, Great Joy!

The mission of **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Shoebbox gifts are blessing children with toys, hygiene items, school supplies and fun gifts, but also opening opportunities for the Gospel to be shared. Many of the children who receive shoeboxes are offered to participate in a 12-lesson discipleship program called The Greatest Journey. Children who participate in the program learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. As they do, entire families and communities are transformed by the power of the Gospel, and churches are started.

More than **31 million children** have enrolled in The Greatest Journey since 2009 and over **15 million children** have made decisions to follow Jesus in more than 100 countries!

A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?





# How to Pack a Shoebox

Please remember that your shoebox gift will be an expression of God's love to a child. In fact, it may be the only gift the child receives. So, plan to pack quality items that will last, **and don't forget to make it FUN!**

**1 SHOEBOX** Each shoebox has gift ideas and a label.

**2 GIFTS** Idea list inside shoebox

**DONATE** A donation of \$12.50 per box is essential to cover shipping and other project costs. For easiest processing, you can give online through our website, or you can give by completing the form in our print brochure and enclose in your shoebox gift. If you use our online option, you can **Follow Your Box** and discover the destination of your gift.

**3 LABEL** Every shoebox gift must be clearly labelled.

**4** Visit the **Donations & Labels** page on our website to order your labels when you make your \$12.50 donation, or use the label included in our print brochure. Please ensure the label clearly indicates if you packed for a boy or girl and which age category, then stick it on your shoebox!

**5 PRAY** Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your shoebox gift and for their family and community to be transformed by the Gospel.

**6 DROP OFF** Take your shoebox gift to a local drop-off location during **National Collection, 23 Oct - 4 Nov at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 2801 Frederica Rd.**



**You can also Pack a Shoebox Online,**

and send the Gospel to the ends of the earth without leaving home! To get started, scan this QR code or visit:

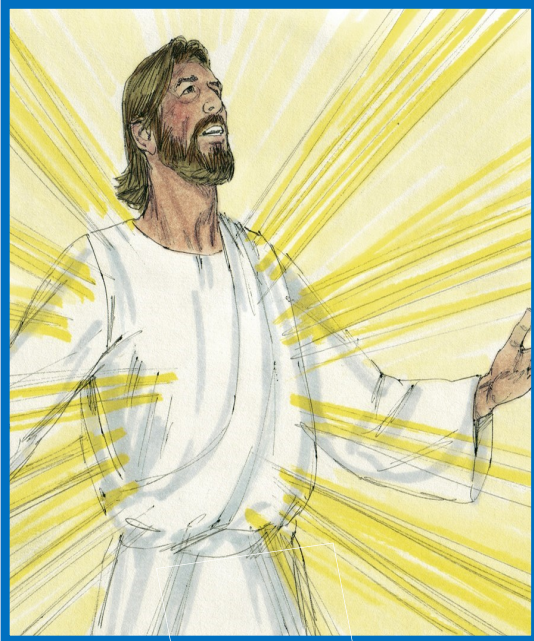
**samaritanspurse.org.au/occ-packonline**



For gift suggestions and more, visit [operationchristmaschild.org.au](http://operationchristmaschild.org.au) or [operationchristmaschild.org.nz](http://operationchristmaschild.org.nz)

# Why are we Catholic?

Ignite greater understanding of the Eucharist.



## **Bruce T. Morrill, S.J.**

Endowed Chair Roman Catholic Studies.  
Distinguished Professor of Theology, Divinity School/  
Vanderbilt University.

## **Dan P. Buckley**

Theology Teacher at Immaculate, CT.  
Fordham University, BS Religion.  
St. Joseph Seminary, IVDei, MS Religious Studies.  
w/concentration in Dogma.

## **Patricia Power Buckley**

Annhurst College, BS, MS Religion.  
IVDei, MsED, LPC.

## **Sister Amanda Marie Russell, IHM**

St James Catholic School, Savannah.  
Masters in Religious Education- Fordham University  
German, Math & Youth Ministry- Messiah College

# **EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

## **Eucharistic Revival for all ages**

**Date: September 30, 2023**

### **Morning**

Rosary at 7:50am  
Mass at 8:15am  
Light Breakfast/Introduction  
Speakers

### **Afternoon**

Lunch  
Speakers  
Panel Discussion  
Conclusion

The Church will be open all day for private prayer  
Confession at 4:30pm — Mass at 5:30pm

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**Please register by 9/24/23**

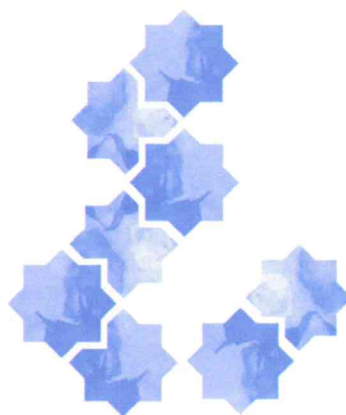
Phone: 912.638.2651

Email: [powernancy@comcast.net](mailto:powernancy@comcast.net)  
[stwill.net](http://stwill.net)

**Reservations required, donations accepted.**

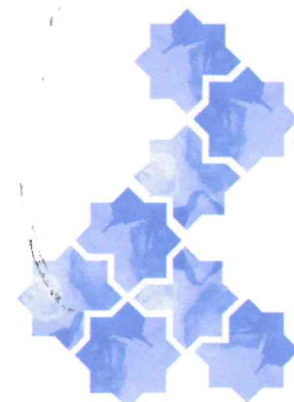
Link for registration: [\*\*Register\*\*](#)





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