



# 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**

Dr. Mark Hanly

### **Finance Committee**

Burt Davitte - 912-269-0756

### **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**

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 III

SAT., JAN. 6	8:15AM	+PETER HANSEN
	5:30PM	PARISHIONERS
SUN., JAN. 7	8:00AM	+GEORGE NIES
	10:30AM	+KAREN SULLIVAN FOSTER
MON., JAN. 8	8:150AM	+RUTH & BILL HOLMES
TUES., JAN. 9	8:15AM	+THERESE RYNDAL
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., JAN. 10	8:15AM	+VERA TERMINI
THURS., JAN. 11	8:15AM	+ANTHONY HAWKINS
FRI., JAN. 12	8:15AM	+NATE GABRIEL
SAT., JAN. 13	8:15AM	(L) LIZZY RIZZO & ANDREW BECHTOLD
	5:30PM	+THE CRONIN FAMILY
SUN., JAN. 14	8:00AM	PARISHIONERS
	10:30AM	+THERESE RYNDAL



## Prayer Requests

Beverly Allen, Mary Katherine Arens, Matt Baskin, Vern Bowen, Blake Buckley, Barbara DeRatto, Milann G., Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimley, Norma Hartnett, Cheryl & Larry Hutchinson, Doc Jones, Veronica Joseph, Mark Kelso, John Kent, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Ken Longley, William Luther, David Mathieu, Mary McCaughey, Nancy Moore, Nina & Ralph Murphy, Paul Myrick, Fran Owen, Patricia Reilly, Turner Ellis Richmond, Jean Rizzo, Pam Sapp, Richard Sedlacek, James Spradley, Elizabeth Van Tilberg, Denise Ward, Kay Welch, Janet Wineman, 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).



**NURSES WHO LUNCH** will meet at NOON on Thursday, January 11, at CHILI PEPPERS, in Retreat Village. For more information, contact Janice Capano, (770) 500-5468, or [jcapano06@hotmail.com](mailto:jcapano06@hotmail.com).

## CHURCH OFFICE

The office will be close on Monday, January 15, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## STEWARDSHIP

DECEMBER 24, 2023 - \$29,676.10

(DECEMBER 25, 2022 - \$61,514.00)

DECEMBER 31, 2023 - \$40,412.21

(JANUARY 1, 2023 - \$18,749.98)

CHRISTMAS - \$31,332.00

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - \$3,056.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY - \$1,165.00

When they saw  
**THE STAR**, they rejoiced  
exceedingly with great joy.

*Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit.  
First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him.  
Then they presented Him with their gifts.*

*We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!*



**BLACK AND INDIAN**  
MISSION OFFICE EST. 1884

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual **NATIONAL BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION**. Our

support of this collection helps build the

Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

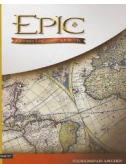
## WHO

Our Widowed Helping Others group will be meeting on Thursday, January 11 at 6 o'clock. Lee Norvell will be hosting. Please bring an appetizer to share and the beverage of your choice. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Lyon at 404-247-4902.



**BROWN BAGS FOR LENT** - Will you help feed a less fortunate family this Lent? The Pantry at St Vincent de Paul's 2nd annual "Brown Bags for Lent" food drive will run from January 7 - 28, 2024. We have created 3 shopping lists of standard pantry items, each

bag averaging less than \$25.00, that will be attached to the bags. Please pick up a bag in the church vestibule, shop for your adopted family and return the bag to the Church no later than January 28. Thank you for your continued support.



The **Tuesday Morning Women's Discussion Group** will resume meeting on January 9, at 10:30am. We will begin the Program, **"EPIC - A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY."** It is a video program with discussion. You may purchase a workbook at Ascension press or Amazon, but it is not necessary. Joyce Callahan will be the facilitator. All women are invited to attend any of the sessions.

**MONDAY MORNING MARTHAS** is an ongoing program open to all women of St. William. You are welcome to join us. We are presently using the **"WORD ON FIRE BIBLE - GOSPELS"** with commentary by Bishop Barron and others. Any questions, call Janice Capano at (770) 500-5468, or email her at [jcapano06@hotmail.com](mailto:jcapano06@hotmail.com).

## UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION FOR 2024!

If you have moved, changed your email, changed your phone number, cancelled your landline, had an addition to your family, please send the office an email at [stwilliamschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stwilliamschurch@comcast.net) with your current information. We will need current information for tax donation letters.

If you have never registered, please fill out a registration form. You will find these on our website or on the credenza in the church vestibule.



## 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

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

SUN., JAN. 7	Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - RCIA
MON., JAN. 8	9am - Monday Morning Marthas 6pm - Kenpo
TUES., JAN. 9	9am - Tuesday Morning Women's Disc. 10:45am - Spiritual Direction 11am - Yoga 1pm - Rosary for Peace
WED., JAN. 10	6pm - Parish Council 6:30pm - Choir Practice
THURS., JAN. 11	9am - Twin Parish Administrative Mtg. 1pm - Bell Choir Practice 6pm - Kenpo 6pm - WHO (Widowed Helping Others)
FRI., JAN. 12	3pm - Hour of Great Mercy (RM 2 -PH)
SAT., JAN. 13	10am - Kenpo 4:30pm - Reconciliation
SUN., JAN. 14	<b>BLACK &amp; INDIAN COLLECTION</b> Coffee & Doughnuts after Masses 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - RCIA

### OVERSTUFFING OF DONATION BIN IN CHURCH NARTHEX

We have had some issues lately with overstuffing of the bin in the narthex. Items are being left on top of the bins and outside of the church doors. We love the donations, but the bins are not for bulk donations. If you have a large amount to donate, or the donation bins are full and the lids cannot be closed completely, please take your items directly to St. Vincent, or bring them at another time.



Couples celebrating their **25<sup>th</sup>**  
or **50<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniversary  
in 2024 are invited to the

## GOLD and SILVER JUBILEE

Anniversary Mass

February 10, 2024, 10 am  
Cathedral Basilica of St. John  
the Baptist, Savannah

RSVP by January 25: 912.201.4068 | [diosav.org/gold-and-silver](https://diosav.org/gold-and-silver)



Lent will be here before you know it. Last year's **LENTEN LUNCHESES**, after Friday Stations of the Cross at noon, were so successful that we would like to continue with this new tradition. If your group or ministry would like to host one of the lunches, please call the office. Available dates are February 16, 23, March 1, 8, or 22.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - JANUARY 7, 2024



Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.

When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity, and humanity.

Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent, and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence, and gratitude.

Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#).

### Laudamus te, Benedicimus te, Adoremus te, Glorificamus te



Picture is sample only.

As part of a continuing effort to enhance our parish worship experience we are launching a campaign to replace our well-worn priestly vestments. Parishioners are invited to join this effort to procure hand-crafted pieces of the highest quality and beauty that will complement the Sacred Mass here for years to come. The campaign is beginning now to allow those who are so inclined to take full advantage of the year-end charitable donations. Donors who contribute the full cost of a particular vestment would have the opportunity to memorialize that vestment with the name of a loved one. To donate to this campaign, or for more information, please contact Deacon Trey Hayden at [fmhayden@msn.com](mailto:fmhayden@msn.com), or call/text (443) 604-4349.



### TWIN PARISH NEWS - The January bi-monthly

collection for the operating expenses for St. Joseph parish in Haiti will be taken after Masses the weekend, of **February 3 and 4**. St. Joseph's pastor, Father Faustin, uses the proceeds from this collection for operating expenses such as staff salaries, consumables for Mass, food, fuel, materials for the maintenance of the church and rectory, church office supplies and for food appeals for our twin parish in Haiti. The March collection will take place the weekend of March 2 and 3.



Could you please spare a few moments after our 8am Sunday Masses once a month? St. Vincent de Paul needs a few volunteers to stand out the front and side doors to collect our St. Vincent de Paul donations the third Sunday of each month. If you are already collecting and wish to continue, or if you'd like to try this, please let me know. Many thanks, Sheila Ryan, 912-996-7755.



Online giving is available through this [link](#) or through the link on our website, [stwill.net](http://stwill.net).



*Flowers are placed at the altar in memory of  
**Kate & Ken Amiano**  
by their family.*



# IF YOU WERE ASKED ABOUT...

THE CRUSADES,  
THE INQUISITION,  
“THE DARK AGES”,  
THE GALILEO AFFAIR,  
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?



## EPIC

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

Do you know your family history? The history of the Church is the story of our family. It is the epic story of our ancestors in the Faith – the heroic men and women who shaped civilization and spread the Gospel throughout the world. Knowing this story is crucial to our identity as Catholics. Just as we would uncover exciting and interesting stories of our ancestors through the study of our family genealogy, we can uncover our Catholic past through the study of Church history.

Many in our society misunderstand and even attack our Church for the supposed misdeeds of the past. Topics such as the Crusades, the “Inquisition”, and Galileo are used in an attempt to discredit the Church and her role in the world. What is the truth concerning these events and persons? How can you answer the objections?

Join us for this exciting journey through Church history and you will:

- Learn about the major people, places, and events of the two-thousand years of Church history.
- Remember the 12 time periods of Church history using a unique color-coded system.
- Learn the true story of the Crusades .
- Discover the revolutionary character of the Protestant Reformation.
- Discover the massive persecution of Christians in the 20th century.
- See the workings of the Holy Spirit throughout Church history and much more!

### Dates, Time, Location

### Registration

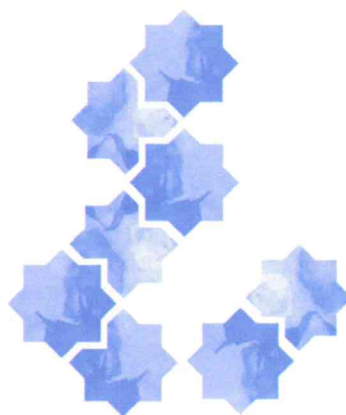
### For More Information

### About Steve Weidenkopf



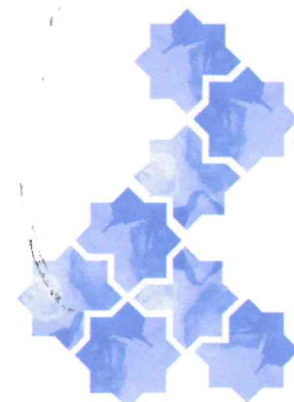
Steve Weidenkopf has a gift for making Catholic Church history come alive for any audience. He currently serves as a lecturer in Church History for the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College.





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