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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-Thursday, and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. and Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday Vigil at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Communion Service on Fridays at 8:15 a.m.

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

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

Rosary

Monday - Saturday at 7:45 a.m.
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

OCIA - Sundays at 9:00am, September thru April

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.

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First Saturday Devotion

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Ron Casler - 912-434-9635

MASS INTENTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours Week III

SAT., MAR. 1	8:15AM	+PATRICIA SCHRECK
	5:30PM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
SUN., MAR. 2	8:00AM	(L) JACK O'HERN
	10:30AM	+ROSE ZAGOTTA
MON., MAR. 3	8:15AM	+MARION MCVEY
TUES., MAR. 4	8:15AM	+JACK O'HERN
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., MAR. 5	8:15AM	+BILL LIGHTBOWN
	6:00PM	+FRANZ BUCK
THURS., MAR. 6	8:15AM	+PEGGY CARLSON
FRI., MAR. 7	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., MAR. 8	8:15AM	+PHYLLIS & THOMAS J. MCINTYRE
	5:30PM	+MARGARET KEETER
SUN., MAR. 9	8:00AM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
	10:30AM	+JIMMY BRADLEY



STEWARDSHIP

FEBRUARY 23, 2025 - \$19,851.95
(FEBRUARY 25, 2024 - \$20,019.10)
Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 197

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

SUPPORT OUR TWIN PARISH, ST JOSEPH - March 1 and 2 will be the bi-monthly collection to support our twin parish, St. Joseph in Cotes-de-Fer. All donations directly fund the administrative expenses of both St. Joseph church and the seven mountain chapels included in St. Joseph parish. The monthly wire transfers are sent directly to St. Joseph's bank account, empowering Fr. Islaire Faustin to administer the approved budget needs of the parish. Checks should be made to **Helping Hugs, Inc.**, the 501(c)(3) incorporated organization administering all donations. Fr. Islaire extends his heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and ongoing support. Together, we are sharing the love of God to our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Joseph parish. Thank you and God bless your generosity.



Susan & Lee Burt, Trent C., Fr. Jack Davis, Barbara DeRatto, Cathy Dowdy, Mary Eckerd, Bill Friedrich, Milann G., Charlotte Ann Gaubert, Rebecca Gaylor, Louise Grady, John Grimsley, Lesley Hanly, Nova Henshke, Bill Jerome, Doc Jones, Mark Kelso, Timothy Kite, Ben Koreski, Kathleen Koreski, Mike Krueger, Marsha Marderosian, David Mathieu, Judy Mattie, Mary McCaughey, Emily Melton, Kathy Oechsle, Joyce Owsley, Mike Owsley, Fran Owen, Faye Ruehling, Matt Schneider, Msgr. Chris Schreck, Richard Selacek, Peggy Starr, Elizabeth Van Tilborg, Seth Tripp, the priests serving St. William and our twin parish, St. Joseph, and our service men/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.

*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.



On Ash Wednesday, our special collection supports the **CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection funds grants for vital pastoral ministries throughout the region. That means you support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild churches, and renew community life. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this collection.

THE START OF

Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5

MASSES

8:15AM & 6:00PM



ROSARY - Every morning, Monday thru Saturday, at 7:45am before daily Mass, the Rosary is prayed in the church. Please join us during Lent, or any time. Next to The Mass, the Rosary is the most powerful form of prayer that exists.



Lent will be here before you know it. **LENTEN LUNCHESES** after Friday Stations of the Cross at noon have been quite popular and we would like to continue this new tradition. The office staff will host the first lunch. If your group or ministry would like to host one of the other available lunches, please call the office. **AVAILABLE DATES ARE APRIL 4 and 11.**

PRIMETIMERS will be meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 12:15 pm. As always, we will have a potluck luncheon, so bring something terrific for everyone to enjoy. Our speaker will be Ms. Debra Stockton from the UGA cooperative extension. She is a certified arborist. She will discuss preserving our beautiful SSI canopy and other matters involving lawns and plants. She will also bring along lots of free packets of vegetable and flower seeds. Be sure to attend this special event.

Tickets for **ST. PATRICK'S PUB NIGHT** featuring Irish Folksinger, Harry O'Donoghue, are available after Saturday evening and Sunday Masses, outside of the church or in the parish hall, depending upon the weather. The event will be held on March 8. Tickets are \$60.00 each. For more info, contact Tony Rosa (732)996-0257, trosa_mb@yahoo.com. Tickets are not available in the church office during the week.



PARISH ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL AT 5:30 PM & SUNDAY AT 8 AM & 10:30 AM
MONDAY - THURSDAY & SATURDAY - 8:15AM MASS
TUESDAY - ADORATION - 9AM-5:45PM,
BENEDICTION AT 5:45PM, MASS AT 6PM

SUN., MAR. 2	TWIN PARISH COLLECTION 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - OCIA 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes 11:30am - Altar Server Training
MON., MAR. 3	9am - Monday Morning Marthas 6pm - Kenpo
TUES., MAR. 4	9am - Adoration 10:30am - Tuesday Morn. Women's Disc 11am - Mindful Movement 1pm - CCW Board Meeting 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
WED., MAR. 5	ASH WEDNESDAY Aide to Eastern Europe Collection 8:15am - Mass 9am - Manna House 6:00pm - Mass 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
THURS., MAR. 6	9am - Twin Parish Meeting 11am - Hand bell Rehearsal 11am - Mindful Movement 12:15pm - Primetimers 6pm - Kenpo 6:30pm - Knights of Columbus
FRI., MAR. 7	8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2) 12pm - Stations of the Cross 12:30pm - Lenten Luncheon
SAT., MAR. 8	10am - Kenpo 4pm - Altar Server Training 4:30pm - Reconciliation 6:30pm - St. Patrick's Pub Night
SUN., MAR. 9	2AM - CLOCKS "SPRING FORWARD" Daylight Savings Time Starts! 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes 9am - OCIA 11:30am - Baptism 12pm - Altar Server Training

ALTAR SERVER SPRING TRAININGS - We are asking all existing altar servers to join in upcoming refresher trainings aligned to the Mass which you primarily serve or attend. The trainings will review existing duties, touch on recent changes, and allow servers to connect with their peers outside of Mass. If the training date and time aligned to the primary Mass you attend is not convenient, please join a training that works for you. For those interested in becoming an altar server, we invite children (4th grade and up, who have made their first Holy Communion) and adults to attend one of these trainings. This is a wonderful way to serve at the Lord's altar and grow in your faith!

- Sunday, March 2, after 10:30am Mass
- Saturday, March 8 - 4pm prior to 5:30pm Mass
- Sunday, March 9, after 10:30am Mass (training starts at 12:00pm)

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - MARCH 2, 2025



Today's readings exhort us Christian disciples to form ourselves — mind and heart — in imitation of Christ so we can better reflect His goodness in our daily lives.

The first reading from Sirach offers timeless counsel: "the fruit of a tree shows the care it has had: so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one

before he speaks." Jesus uses the very same analogy in today's Gospel reading from Luke: "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

Everything we have is a gift from God to be used for His honor and glory. This includes the gift of speech and, even more broadly, all forms of modern-day communication — email, text, TikTok, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and the rest. What comes forth from our mouths, or keyboard, or phone, reflects what is in our minds and hearts. Our ability to communicate with each other is itself a gift which we must steward well.

In the same Gospel passage, Jesus reminds us, "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher." The more time we spend with Jesus, our teacher, through regular prayer and a strong sacramental life, the more we will become like Him. Then all that we do and say (and tweet and post) will bring others to closer to Him. This is the life's work of the Christian steward. It is privileged work indeed.

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



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 of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 12pm, and afterwards for a **Lenten Lunch** in the parish hall.

(March 21 - Live Stations at 7:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm.)

WHO Our Widowed group will hold our dinner meeting on Thursday, March 13, at 6 o'clock at the home of Barbara Lyon. Please bring a dish to share and the beverage of your choice. For any questions, please call Barbara Lyon at 404-247-4902.



NURSES LUNCHEONS

NURSES WHO LUNCH - Please join us on February 13, at noon, at Certified Burger, 44 Midway Square, St Simons. If interested, please contact Janice Capano, so that we may have an accurate headcount - jcapano06@hotmail.com or (770)500-5468.



Last weekend, February 22 & 23, flowers were placed at the altar in honor of the 52nd Wedding Anniversary of Janice & David Capano.



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No phone calls please.

MONSIGNOR JOHN A. KENNEALLY SCHOLARSHIP



Contributions to the Monsignor Kenneally Scholarship can be added to at any time. The funds received are invested in the Catholic Foundation of South Georgia and will continue to grow to help support students entering the 6-8th grade at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School who showed a financial need. If you would like to make a contribution, envelopes are available in the parish hall in the office, on our website, stwill.net, or [here](#).

***As each one
has received a gift,
use it to serve one another
as good stewards
of God's varied grace.
-1 Peter 4:10***

Would you like to get more involved at Mass? We invite you to prayerfully consider volunteering to be an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, an Usher, or an Altar Server. For more information on any of these ministries go to our website www.stwill.net, or call the office.

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**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
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It's due to you that Saint William receives a Free Bulletin!

We still have some space available for the new year, which starts in March.

Please contact
Mark Fitzgerald,
from Diocesan,
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or Email

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ST. WILLIAM RECTORY RENOVATION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are excited to have kicked off the Capital Campaign for our Rectory Renovation! When completed in 2025, the residence will be large enough to house our pastor and other clergy that may be assigned to St. William, and retired priest(s). The facility will have three one-bedroom suites plus two additional bedrooms and baths.

We have been fortunate to have enthusiastic response, and had commitments in hand for over 83% of the total project costs before beginning this capital campaign.

We ask that you prayerfully consider giving to this capital campaign as an investment to the continued success of St. William. There are many avenues in which to donate to the capital campaign: Cash or Check; [Online giving](#); Pledges; Stocks or Planned Gifts (please call the office). There is a booklet in the church narthex, under the rectory rendering, with more information. If you have any questions, please contact any members of the Capital Campaign Committee or call the office.



RECTORY RENOVATION (In Hand) - \$1,253,500.21

Thank you for your consideration,
Capital Campaign Committee
David Hanna, Chair
Jack Markley
Burt Davitte

Please return your form and donation to the Church :
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2300 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522



February 27, 2025 - Roofing continues and insulation has been installed, next big step is drywall!

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Gifts of stock, donor advised funds, IRA contributions, etc., may be made through your financial advisor.



SUPPORT THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

RESTORE THE CHURCH BUILD THE FUTURE

Decades ago, the bishops of the United States established a program to aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and help it rebuild after decades of communist oppression. The program is funded by an annual collection taken up in dioceses across the United States. That response continues today, even as the rebuilding Church faces the new challenges of war and the mass migration of refugees.

From the beginning of the Russian Federation's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022 and the subsequent war, the Catholic Church has vigorously responded to the ongoing humanitarian catastrophe by offering shelter, food, medicine, and necessities—as well as spiritual support and comfort—to displaced persons and other war victims. Among those leading this charitable response are the consecrated religious sisters and brothers of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. Whether by providing shelter and basic necessities to internally displaced persons who have fled their homes for safety in other regions of the country, or by helping priests provide pastoral and humanitarian support in areas where the fighting is most heavy, these sisters and brothers have truly showed Christ's mercy to those most in need.

For them, the human suffering of war is compounded by the unique challenges that wartime conditions present for them as consecrated religious. Questions of how religious communities balance ministry to the needy with the sisters and brothers' needs to live their vows of prayer and community under such extraordinary circumstances require thoughtful responses.

Aided by funding from the collection, the Patriarchal Curia of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church gathered sisters, brothers, and their superiors for the spiritual renewal of a pilgrimage as well as formation sessions to address the challenges facing their communities. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe is a vital way for you to make a tangible difference in the lives of Catholics in Ukraine and more than 25 other countries in Central and Eastern Europe.

More information about the collection and the range of projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/lccee.

2023 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

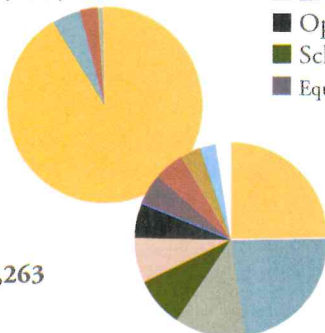
Total Number of Grants Approved: 329

Total Amount Approved: \$8,755,833

EXPENSES

Grants and Donations	90.60%
Program Costs	5.19%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	3.23%
Administrative Expenses	0.97%

Total Expenses \$9,665,263



PROGRAM AREA	GRANTS	AMOUNT	PERCENT
Construction	60	\$2,201,384	25.14%
Emergency*	7	\$1,890,000	21.59%
Evangelization	82	\$1,346,352	15.38%
Operational Support	31	\$720,215	8.23%
Scholarships	67	\$573,407	6.55%
Equipment/Accommodation Purchase	12	\$473,431	5.41%
Seminary Support	17	\$428,538	4.89%
Social Aid	20	\$383,579	4.38%
Education	11	\$282,916	3.23%
Vehicle Purchase	9	\$235,889	2.69%
Multimedia	13	\$220,122	2.51%

*Includes grants for urgent humanitarian and pastoral responses to the crisis in Ukraine.



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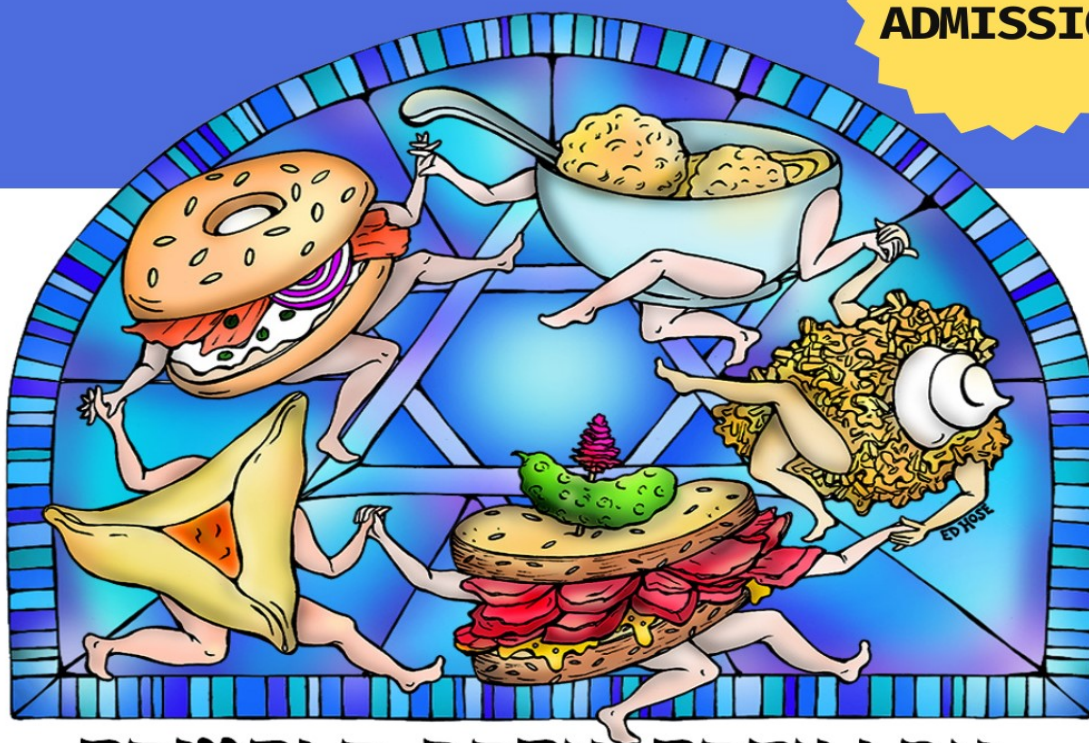
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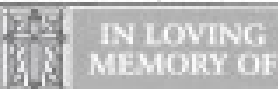
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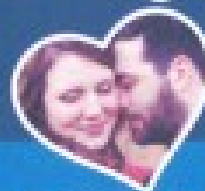
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