



# St. William Catholic Church

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**Very Reverend Mark Van Alstine, VF, Parochial Administrator**

**Reverend Emmanuel Antwi, Parochial Vicar**

## 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.

### Parochial Administrator

Very Rev. Mark Van Alstine, VF  
mvanalstine@diosav.org

### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Emmanuel Antwi  
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### Grotto Religious Goods

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### Adult Ed Bible Study

Tom McIntyre - 279-0526, 996-8752

### Altar Servers

Doug Klinowski - 407-319-9280  
Ryan Shanahan - 401-585-8140

### Bloomers

Therese Raimondo - 912-230-7313

### Coffee and Doughnuts

### Council of Catholic Women

Jan Mansfield - 912-266-3417

### Divine Mercy

### First Saturday Devotion

Norma McIntyre - 912-279-0526

### Knights of Columbus

Tony Rosa - 732-996-0257

### Manna House

Kevin & Joyce Callahan - 770-653-9509

### Martial Arts Ministry - Kenpo

Jim Keane - 912-638-0763

### Primetimers

Wayne Ciano - 914-419-6535

### Monday Morning Marthas

Janice Capano - 770-500-5468

### Outreach Ministries

Bill Horn - 912-638-4538

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Store - 912-262-6027

### Tuesday Women's Discussion

Valerie Kehoe - 912-996-0723

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### Ushers

Ron Casler - 912-434-9635



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Liturgy of the Hours Week II

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
MON., MAR. 10	8:15AM	(L)MYRIAM SCHUMACHER
TUES., MAR. 11	8:15AM	(L)SOPHIA SCHUMACHER
	6:00PM	+POOR SOULS
WED., MAR. 12	8:15AM	(L)THERESE SCHUMACHER
THURS., MAR. 13	8:15AM	+EMMA SOSA
FRI., MAR. 14	8:15AM	COMMUNION SERVICE
SAT., MAR. 15	8:15AM	(L) DIANE SMITH
	5:30PM	PRO POPULO (for the people)
SUN., MAR. 16	8:00AM	+MARY JANE MANSFIELD
	10:30AM	+MARILYN MCCONNELL



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 McCaughy, 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](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).

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking for the following volunteers:

- ✦ Religious Ed teachers for Kindergarten - 8th Grade for the 2025-26 school year.
- ✦ Help with CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) on Sundays at the 10:30 Mass.
- ✦ Volunteers for VBS to happen this summer. June 2-6.

Religious Education class (kindergarten thru 8th grade, and First Communion & Confirmation registration for the 2025-26 school year is open. Please register by August 31, 2025. Please use this link to register: <https://www.osvhub.com/stwill/forms/faith-formation-1>, or go to stwill.net and download a registration form.



## STEWARDSHIP

MARCH 2, 2025 - \$22098.45

(MARCH 3, 2024 - \$18,409.10)

Parishioner Envelopes/Checks - 195  
ST. JOSEPH, TWIN PARISH - \$1,898.95

*This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.*

## LENTEN Prayer Chain



On March 9, during Creed class-time, students, teachers and parents will meet with Father Emmanuel and Deacon Trey to learn about the importance of prayer, particularly during Lent. They will each complete a craft and pray following the lesson. As one of the crafts, they will be creating is a parish wide prayer chain!

Each link in the chain will contain a prayer from a child, a parent, or a teacher. The chain will be placed in the church narthex after class. Beginning after the 10:30am, the children would like to invite all parishioners to add to this Lenten prayer chain. Pick a "link" of paper for the chain, write your prayer, add the link to the chain.



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.

We are still in need of a group to host the Lenten Lunch on **Friday, April 4**. Please call the office, if you are interested.  
**March 21 - Live Stations at 7:30pm, Dinner at 6:30pm.**



The **Women's Discussion Group** will be viewing the Ascension program "**No Greater Love, A Biblical Walk through Christ's Passion**" starting on March 18. There will be 4 sessions ending on April 8. All women are welcome to attend any of these sessions. We meet in Room 1 at 10:30 am on Tuesday.



**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.

**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!

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







## 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**

<b>SUN., MAR. 9</b>	<b>2AM - CLOCKS "SPRING FORWARD"</b> Daylight Savings Time Starts! 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes 9am - OCIA 11:30am - Baptism 12pm - Altar Server Training
<b>MON., MAR. 10</b>	9am - Monday Morning Marthas 6pm - Kenpo
<b>TUES., MAR. 11</b>	9am - Adoration 10:30am - Tuesday Morn. Women's Disc 11am - Mindful Movement 1pm - Rosary for Peace 6:30pm - Men's Bible Study
<b>WED., MAR. 12</b>	8:15am - Mass 10:30am - Sew & So 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal
<b>THURS., MAR. 13</b>	11am - Handbell Rehearsal 11am - Mindful Movement 6pm - Kenpo 6pm - Pastoral Council 6pm - WHO
<b>FRI., MAR. 14</b>	8:45am - Hour of Great Mercy (Rm 2) 12pm - Stations of the Cross 12:30pm - Lenten Luncheon
<b>SAT., MAR. 15</b>	10am - Kenpo 4:30pm - Reconciliation
<b>SUN., MAR. 16</b>	<b>ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLL.</b> 9am - Adult Ed Bible Study 9am - Creed & Confirmation Classes 9am - OCIA 11:30am - Baptism

**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.

**TWIN PARISH NEWS** - Thank you for your generous contribution of \$1,898.95 to St. Joseph Church support on the first weekend of March. These funds are sent directly to St. Joseph's bank account in our \$1000 monthly contribution for church support.

*You are invited to  
The Spring Concert of the Jekyll Singers  
"Say it With Music"*

*Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
Jekyll Convention Center- free concert for all!*

*The Jekyll Singers are a volunteer choir of the Jekyll Arts Association. They are directed by our music Director, Kate Hamer and accompanist, Lois Richter*



We thank you for your continued support of our parish through our envelope program, mail, online giving, etc. Online giving is available through this [link](http://www.stwill.net) or go through the 'Online Giving' tab at [www.stwill.net](http://www.stwill.net)

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 9, 2025

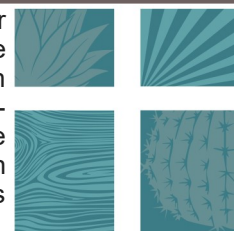
And so, it begins - the holy and, for some, daunting, season of Lent. This is the season in our liturgical year when the Church encourages us to increase our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help us enter more deeply into the mystery of our Lord's Passion and Death and to celebrate more fully His Resurrection.

Jesus, by His own example in today's Gospel, demonstrates the necessity of setting aside a period devoted especially to prayer and fasting as a means of strengthening our spiritual muscles. Just before the launch of His public ministry, He is "led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil." In imitation of Jesus, we should ask the Holy Spirit to lead us into the desert, too — the desert of our interior lives where our thoughts and desires reside.

While our Lord was strong enough to withstand the temptations of the devil on His own, we most certainly are not! We must turn to the Holy Spirit and ask Him to show us where we need to grow and then rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and guidance throughout these 40 days of growth. Perhaps we will be led to take on a spiritual reading program, or a daily time of meditation on the Scriptures. Maybe we'll be inspired to fast from our favorite food or social media fix and find a project that serves the poor in this community.

If these spiritual exercises hurt a little, that means we are doing them right! At the end of this season, we will be prepared to enter the grace-filled days of the Triduum, and we will, through the power of the Holy Spirit, be resurrected as a new creation with our Lord come Easter. Let us begin!

Stewardship Reflections by [Catholic Stewardship Consultants](#)



FIRST SUNDAY  
in  
LENT



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL GA

This month's collection is next weekend, March 15-16.

*Please make your check out to St. Vincent de Paul.*

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - If you are considering doing volunteer work, please keep in mind St. Vincent de Paul Society. It's gratifying service and we need volunteers for the food pantry, assistance office, and Thrift Store. Contact Paula Donovan (912-266-0880) for more info, or stop by the Thrift Store on Newcastle Street, and let us know of your interest. Thank you.



### 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](mailto:jcapano06@hotmail.com) or (770)500-5468.

**SEW & SO** meets on the second Wednesday of the month, at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. Projects include sewing and crafts. Please join us if you enjoy machine sewing or knitting, crocheting or other hand work. Hope to see you there! Annette Neu: 912-269-8402 or Sue Kilchenstein, 912-634-2811.



## Sympathy & prayers . . .

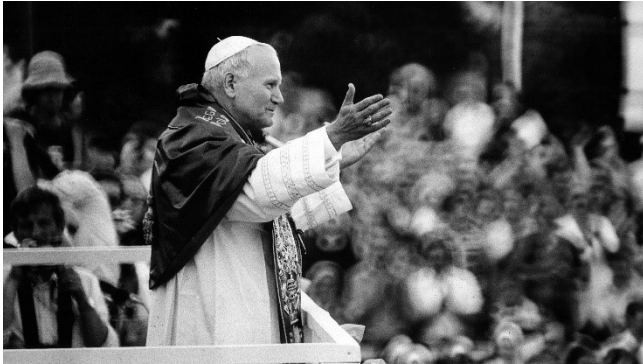
To **Marcie Jones and family**, upon the death of her husband, **ERNEST JONES**. A Funeral Mass will be held on Monday, March 10, at 10am, at St. William.

*May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.*



# **SFX CCW Lenten Retreat**

## **Be Not Afraid**



**“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered.”**

**-Pope John Paul II**

**Saturday March 22nd**  
**9am -12pm**

### **Schedule of Events:**

**9:00 am- Mass**

**9:30 am- Continental Breakfast**

**10:00 am- Speaker Aleksandra Nosal**

**11:30- Noon- End of program**

The Retreat is free of charge. However, a suggested donation of \$10 at the door would be greatly appreciated.

The St Francis Xavier Council of Catholic Women cordially invites the parishioners of St Francis Xavier, St William, Our Lady of the Nativity, and Jekyll Island to our informative retreat featuring Guest Speaker Aleksandra Nosal.

### **Guest Speaker:**

**Aleksandra Nosal**, a native of Poland, will share her childhood experiences under Soviet control. Her story is set amidst the backdrop of Pope John Paul's arrival to Poland. Her testimony is one of fearless faith in a Godless world.

An RSVP is required to attend the event. Please make your reservation early. The deadline for registration is Tuesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

To reserve your space, please contact Rebecca Antrobus at [\*\*SFXCCW@yahoo.com\*\*](mailto:SFXCCW@yahoo.com)

Text: (706)604-6687

# St. William Lenten Retreat

**April 5th, 2025**

**8:15am (Mass) -12:30pm**

**Light Breakfast after Mass**

**RSVP (912) 638-2651**

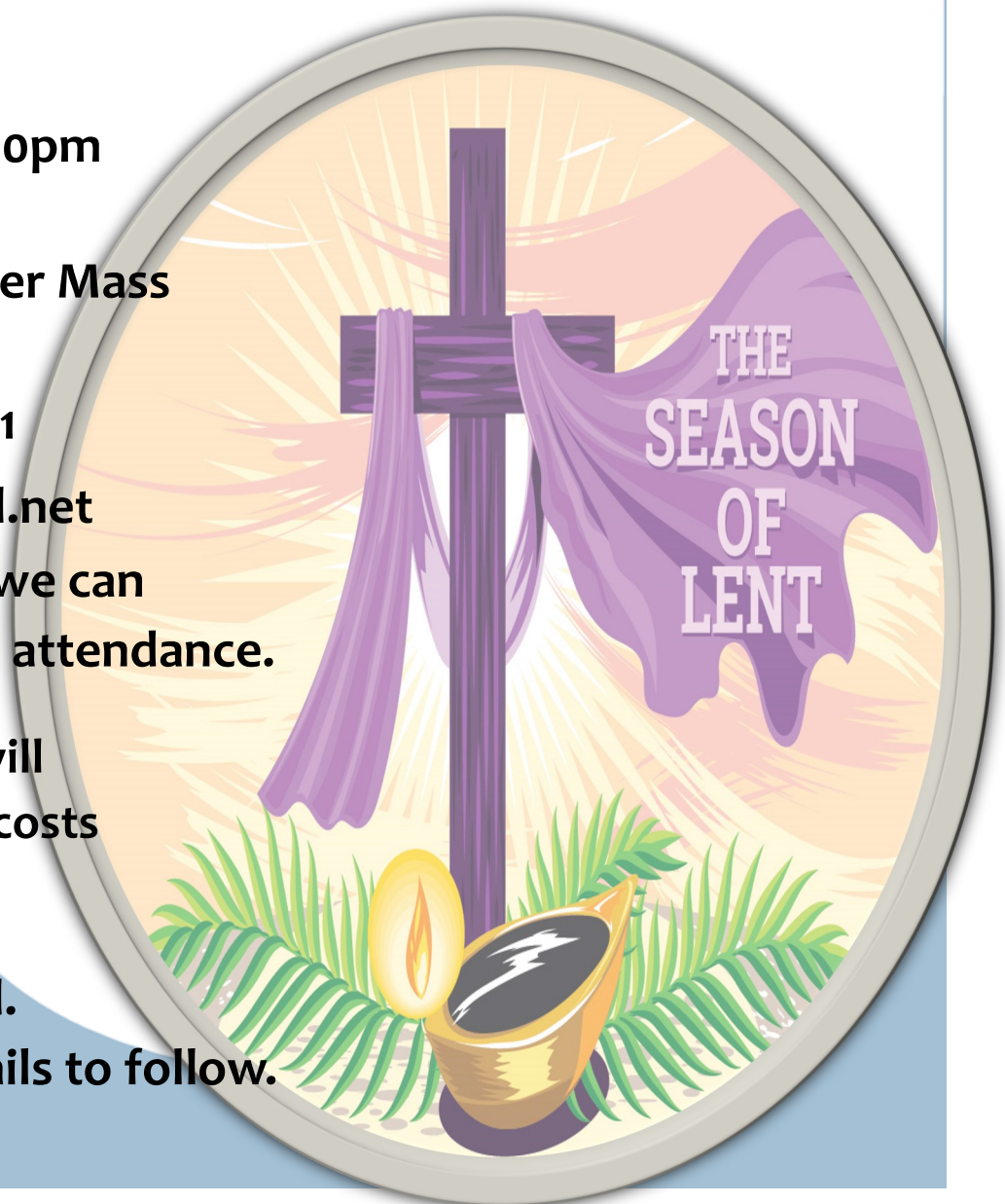
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**by March 30th, so we can  
accurately plan for attendance.**

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**Everyone is invited.**

**More exciting details to follow.**







**2025-26  
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## **Job Opportunities** 2025-2026 School Year

**Guidance Counselor  
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Please email [amarr@sfxcs.org](mailto:amarr@sfxcs.org)  
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 6-8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://www.stwill.net), or call the office.

## **DIOCESAN**

**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  
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from Diocesan,  
at 614-205-4841  
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) - \$1,258,600.21

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

Please return your form and donation to the Church :  
St. William Catholic Church  
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St. Simons Island, GA 31522



March 6, 2025 - Roofing continues. A portable roof panel machine had to be brought in to make roof panels because of the length of the panels needed. Bathrooms are being prepped with backer boards. Things are moving

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Donation Amount: \$50,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$15,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$10,000 \_\_\_\_\_

Online contributions may be made securely through our OSV online-giving link at [stwill.net](http://stwill.net), or by using the QR Code to the right.

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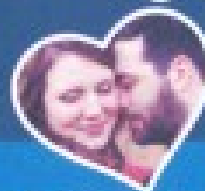
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