



# St. William Parish Newsletter

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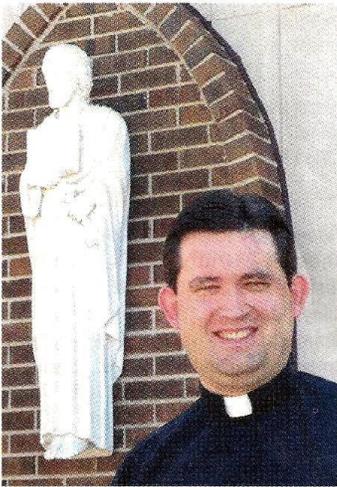
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## When God Closes a Door....

Many of us are still mourning the loss of our beloved Pastor, Father John. We remember his wonderful sense of humor, his knack of sharing his life experiences as a young boy, of his growing-up years in a loving, family environment, a college student, a seminarian and as a parish priest. We learned from him, laughed with him, and even cried with him. He will forever have a place in our hearts.

## He Opens a Window!



**Introducing Fr. Brian Dulli**

Father Brian Dulli was welcomed into our St. William Parish Family the weekend of August 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

Originally from Madison, Father Brian is the son of Doug and Maria Dulli and the oldest of their five children. He graduated from UW-Madison in 2002 and from Mundelein Seminary in 2008. In 2014, he obtained a post-graduate degree in Christology from Mundelein.

Although his last name is spelled Dulli, it is pronounced the same as Dooley. His family calls themselves the “German Dulli”.

Our new Sheppard came to us from St. Peter Parish, Ashton and linked with St. Martin, Martinsville. His passion as a priest is especially for prayer, preaching, spiritual direction, and liturgy, but he loves all aspects of the priesthood and parish ministry.

Father Brian recognizes the big impact left by Father John. He is humbled by this opportunity, and he asks that his new Parish Family prays that God gives him the grace to open his heart to all of us as Father John did.

**Welcome, Father Brian,  
To Your New Parish Family!**



## WELCOME TO NEW PARISHONERS

We would like to introduce the new families who have recently joined St. William Parish.

Also, we extend an invitation to them to consider becoming involved with parish activities by participating in any of the several ministries that would welcome their time and talents. A brief description of opportunities is included in the welcoming packet each new member receives when registering.

- John & Meghan Glick.*
- Alex & Mary Lanser..*
- Robert & Yvonne Mezera*
- Angela Zamowski & Samuel Knobloch.*
- Jon & Rebecca Cook*
- John Davis & Giohann Mendez-Davis*

*George Diaz  
Geraldyn Kettermann  
Bernard & Linda Quick  
Judy Root  
Patrick Riley  
Mary Claire Peo  
Cory & Amanda Snyder*

## **NEWS FROM OUR PARISH SCHOOL**

**Congratulations to our 2015**



**St. William  
Catholic School  
Graduates!**

Sixteen members of the eighth grade class of St. William Catholic School received diplomas on Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.

### ***2015 St. William Catholic School Graduates***

*Alissa Anderson  
Timothy Charnecki  
Michael Easton  
Dax Egger  
Julianna Getka  
August Goepfert  
Dominic Hanson  
Ethan Lentz  
Daniel O'Leary  
MaKayla O'Leary  
Jacob Petter  
Sarianna Quarne  
Katelynn Severance  
Caitlyn Szambelan  
Elijah Thurner  
Kaila Welch*

Many of the students are the youngest in their families, so, we will be saying good-

bye to their parents also. We thank these families for their years of dedication to our school, and we will truly miss them.

**The Getka Family  
The Geopfert Family  
The Lentz Family  
The Petter Family  
The Quarne Family  
The Severance Family  
The Szambelan Family  
The Thurner Family**

### **Scholarship Recipients**

The Knights of Columbus Fr. Mark Mueller Council 9230 awarded scholarships to the following 2015 High School Graduates:

**Kathryn Dubanowich  
Danielle Kettle  
Kailey McDade  
Rebecca Parker**

The winners of the 2015 Home and School Scholarships are:

**David Green  
Sean Seichter**

The Catholic Women's Club awarded a scholarship to:

**Mackenzie Smith**

Sincere congratulations to these deserving students, and best wishes to each of them as they pursue their dreams for a successful future! May God bless them!

### **2015-16 School Year**

The new school year began on August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, with a full day of classes that ended at **3:15, the new dismissal time.**

Father Brian has always served at a parish with a school. He has many experiences that

will lend themselves to the opportunities and challenges of a parish school. St. William School will receive his strong support and attention.

There is a need for substitute teachers for the school year. Teaching experience is helpful, but not required. To apply, please contact Diane Rebout in the school office at 755-5184.

## NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

### First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, second graders from both the parish Faith Formation Program and the parish school received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These same students participated in a First Holy Communion Retreat during which they made their own chalices, created banners that were on display during their First Holy Communion Mass, and learned about transubstantiation and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

Please keep these youngsters in your prayers as they continue on this special journey.

<b>Cullen Andrews</b>	<b>Dakota Leach</b>
<b>Jordan Carlson</b>	<b>Liam McPherson</b>
<b>Teagan Clough</b>	<b>Mia Riley</b>
<b>Kamron Gillitzer</b>	<b>Kuen Smith</b>
<b>Michael Healy</b>	<b>Shelby Frerichs</b>
<b>Carson Truesdill</b>	<b>Omyra Bennett</b>
<b>Lucy Natale</b>	<b>Kaden Buchanan</b>
<b>Jakob Martin</b>	<b>Gabriel Garecht</b>
<b>Shaylyn Schuh</b>	<b>Diana Suarez</b>
<b>Jack Kruser</b>	<b>Grace Knilans</b>
<b>Mya Brennan</b>	<b>Lake Leidholdt</b>
<b>Julia Emann</b>	<b>Ryan Morgan</b>
<b>Evan Voegeli</b>	<b>Lily Ryan</b>
<b>Chayli Gryttenholm</b>	<b>Emily Hanekamp</b>
<b>Ashlyn Jordan</b>	

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

During the summer, St. William Faith Formation Office offered three new programs in which students participated.

### *“Love Begins Here “*

A group of high school aged students headed out on a “mission” trip to Fort Atkinson where they spent a week on service projects. The projects varied from painting houses, cleaning attics/garages, doing yard work, working at a nursing home, etc. After they completed the day’s work, the kids went swimming, then headed back to “camp” (St. Joe’s school building) where they heard speakers, prayed the rosary, and had tons of fun!

### *“Totus Tuus”*

This is a diocesan catechetical summer youth program whereby seminarians and college students travel throughout the summer proclaiming the gospel through catechetical instruction, Mass, Confession, games, fun, and more. The program was open to students in grades 1-8. St. William Parish hosted Totus Tuus from June 29-July 3.

### *“Lux Mundi Music Camp”*

This is a weeklong music camp open to children ages 4-17. Students learned praise and worship music, and, then, performed at a picnic concert at the end of the week. Kellie Pearson and Cindy Blanc directed this camp.

## DID YOU KNOW?

*Did you know that* several St. William Catholic School students volunteered during their lunch recess on Friday afternoons during the school year to make rosaries for the missions? This is



one way our students provide service to our world community.

*Did you know that* you can arrange to have Holy Communion brought to those who are confined to their homes by contacting the parish office at 608-755-5180.

*Did you know that* Dee Lancour and Sharon Treinen and ALL of their helpers held a very successful Annual Rummage Sale in April? The sale receipts totaled **\$7,062.89!**

They were delighted by all of the generous donations, and they thank everyone who took the time to shop.

They were especially pleased to meet all of the new helpers from the setup to the clean-up crews. They could not have gotten along without the very special guys who hauled furniture from “here to there”. Everyone together helped make this event a **SUCCESS!** They look forward to seeing everyone back next April!

*Did you know that* you can learn more about your Catholic faith by reading the **Catholic Herald**.

Each edition features an events calendar that includes upcoming events in parishes and Catholic organizations throughout the diocese. It also includes movie reviews and TV programs of note.

If you do not subscribe but wish to receive the **Catholic Herald** in your home, please contact the parish office at 608-755-5180.

*Did you know that* if you would rather read the St. William Parish Newsletter online, it is published on the Parish website @[www.stwilliam.net](http://www.stwilliam.net)

**“For the “Word of the Lord is upright,  
and all His work is done in faithfulness.”  
Psalm 33:4**

## OF SPECIAL NOTE

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KEVIN O’LEARY FAMILY!



Even though this is not “new” news, we would be remiss if we did not congratulate the Kevin and Becky O’Leary family and recognize them as the Wisconsin Knights of Columbus Family of the Year.

This honor was bestowed upon them at the Knights’ State Convention held in April. To qualify for this honor, a family was selected from each of the five dioceses in the State of Wisconsin. The O’Leary family was chosen as the Madison Diocese Family of the Year.

The O’Leary’s share their many talents with their St. William Family. It is not unusual to see them take part in many of the church and school ministries and activities.

Our sincere congratulations go to Kevin, Becky, Daniel, Grace, Audrey, and Harrison! We are so proud of you!

**Having somewhere to go is HOME  
Having someone to love is FAMILY  
Having both is a BLESSING!**

## Welcome, Jennifer!

We welcome into our St. William Parish Family, Jennifer Lessener, who was Baptized and Confirmed at Easter Vigil on April 4<sup>th</sup>.



Jennifer was our Catechumen from the RCIA Program this year.

Congratulations, Jennifer!

## Thank You from the Family Ministry Team

Many thanks to all who helped make the Spring Salad Luncheon and Bazaar a pleasant time to enjoy a delicious lunch and an opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors. There were many salads, breads, and desserts to tempt anyone's palate!

The Fall Luncheon and Bazaar is set for Saturday, November 7, 2015. The Christmas Attic with resale decorations and more will be there.

Mark the date on your calendar! You won't want to miss this event!

Thanks, again!  
Family Ministry Team



*Always pray to have eyes  
That see the best in people;  
A heart that forgives the worst;  
A mind that forgets the bad;  
And a soul that never  
Loses faith in God.*

## G.I.F.T.S. Program

St. William Parish hosted those men who are part of the G.I.F.T.S program for a two-week period, July 5<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup>.

St. William Parish partnered with Good Shepherd Lutheran Church to provide the food.

Since this was a popular time for summer vacations, some of our usual volunteers were not available. However, as usual here at St. William, the men were not lacking for a warm shower, a clean bed, and scrumptious homemade meals provided by parish members with help from our friends at Good Sheppard Lutheran Church.

We extend a sincere thank you to everyone who helped welcome our guests by sharing their time and talents by providing a helping hand.

*“And the King will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of My family, you did it to Me.”*  
Matthew 25.40

## Accept Your Gifts From The Holy Spirit

To guide us in our spiritual growth, the Holy Spirit offers us gifts of sanctifying grace. These gifts perfect basic virtues that will lead us to Heaven. When properly used, we stay focused on God.

**Wisdom:** This gift helps us stay focused on God's will and His plan for us.

**Understanding:** Understanding lets us grasp truths. It means seeing with the heart, not just the mind.

**Counsel:** Also called "right Judgment", counsel enables us to weigh all the alternatives to make the right choice.

**Fortitude:** This is the ability to remain firm against all pressures (also called courage).

**Knowledge:** A person with knowledge sees more than one dimension of an issue to determine the right path.

**Piety:** Piety helps us think of ourselves as children of God and be eager to serve Him.

**Fear of the Lord:** The wonder and awe God inspires encourages us to respect Him and all His creations.

Accepting these gifts means identifying and using them. When using these gifts, it is wise to call on the Holy Spirit for guidance.

### **Stewardship**

While you are attending Mass at another parish or are out of town for a weekend, you could take care of your weekly stewardship contribution by using the Parish Direct Contribution Program. You can authorize an automatic deduction directly from your checking account on the 1<sup>st</sup> or the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. This is a painless way to keep up with your stewardship commitment and not have to "catch up" when you return.

Please contact Terri Runde at the parish rectory (phone 608-755-5180). She will be happy to get you started.

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own."

Acts 4:32

### **Ministry Opportunities**

Are you looking for an opportunity to become more involved with your St. William Parish Family?

There is a need for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Greeters for all of the Masses.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Rectory office at 755-5180.

### **Faith Formation and Education Advisory Committee**

What IS Faith Formation and Education Advisory Committee, and WHAT does it do??? Even more so, WHY should YOU care???

Excellent questions! This particular committee is an excellent step into service in our St. William Community, as it only meets approximately four times a year, (the first Wednesday of October, December, March, and May at 5:15 in the school library). It covers aspects of both the parish and the school.....so, don't let the fact that you may or may not have children, or may or may not send them to St. William Catholic School, hinder your servant heart in the slightest. It is a welcoming, open-minded, prayerful space to share ideas that may be used to invigorate faith for all.

The full spectrum, including adult bible studies, potential parish or school speakers and programs, and religious education for our parish and school children, are discussed. New avenues for ways to expand and strengthen the faith of our parish and school communities are welcome.

If you think you just might be interested in sharing your God-given talents by being part of this adventuresome committee, please feel free to contact Sabrina Meichtry at 608-289-6929 or at [mytree@yahoo.com](mailto:mytree@yahoo.com).

## Coming Events

### St William 2015



Mark your calendars! The most important St. William Parish Fundraiser will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>!

Bring your family and invite your friends! You will enjoy great food, entertainment by Dusty Bottoms Band & Rainbow Bridge, children's games, a silent auction, Packer, Badger, and Brewer collectibles, raffles, including a meat raffle, the ever-popular bake sale, Glo Run/Walk, and more.

St. William Parish members can pick up their raffle tickets in the narthex. Members are asked to sell or purchase at least one book (Twelve tickets @\$10.00 per ticket). The Grand Prize is \$5,000.00 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is \$1,000.00, plus many other prizes!

Look for those special items for the silent auction or better yet, sharpen your creative skills and make that special item for it! Donations can be made through Tuesday, September 8th, at the rectory office. Office hours are M-Thurs 8am-4pm; and Friday from 8am-noon. Please indicate the approximate dollar value of the donation and the name of the donor on each item or basket.

Harvest Fest volunteer signup sheets are in the narthex. Also, members of the Parish Council will be in the narthex after the weekend Masses to answer any questions or take your information if you would like to volunteer or make a

donation. Time and talent donations are always welcome.

On behalf of the Harvest Fest Committee, many thanks are extended to the parishioners and local businesses who have generously donated items for the Silent Auction and the Basket Raffle.



Watch the coming, weekly bulletins for more information. Better yet, "Like" us on Facebook at St. William Harvest Fest 2015.

Please call Laurie Drew at 608-931-7179 or email her at [ledrew8@gmail.com](mailto:ledrew8@gmail.com) with any question or concern regarding Harvest Fest 2015.

This is a great time to enjoy sharing good food and fun with your fellow parishioners, families, and friends.

### Knights of Columbus Euchre Card Party



St. William Parish Hall  
September 19, 2015

5:30 pm Registration – 6:00 pm Cards  
Entry Fee \$10.00 – Door Prizes  
50/50 Raffle  
Beverages & Sandwiches Available  
For purchase  
Singles and Couples Welcome

**NET PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
MARK SEVERANCE FAMILY**

For more information, please contact Bill Slatter at 608-774-6023.

## Mystery of God Series

### Who is God? And Why Does He Matter?

St. William Parish is offering this new six part DVD program at NO COST and NO STUDY BOOK, beginning Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> and each Thursday, through November 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:30 am in the church kitchen.

Come, join this group and view the videos, followed by a lively discussion. You not only will learn the answers to questions yourself, but you'll discover how to share those answers with others, especially those who no longer believe.

### 2015 Women of Christ Conference

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Women of Christ Conference will be held November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Washington County Fair Park, West Bend. This year's theme is "*Seeking the Truth: Two Thousand Years of Scripture and Tradition*".

Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." At this conference, you will learn why the Catholic Church is the fullness of truth.

Confession and Adoration will be available all day, concluding with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Jerome ListECKI.

A special gift of the "*Catechism of the Catholic Church*" will be given to attendees.

A great vendor market will be available for those who would like to get a head start on their Christmas shopping.

Register at: [www.womenofchrist.net](http://www.womenofchrist.net), email at [womenofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:womenofchrist@gmail.com), or by phone 262-384-8414.

## FAITH CONNECTIONS

### BOOKS



*Inside Purgatory* by Thomas W. Petrisko. The author gives a detailed picture of that mysterious place of final purification

where souls are made ready to see the face of God and live. Available from Leaflet Missal.

*We and Our Children – How to Make a Catholic Home* by Mary Reed Newland.

This book offers wise counsel on the raising of Catholic children in holiness, truth, and virtue. This is an inspiring guide to help all parents develop the spiritual and moral character of their children. Available from Leaflet Missal.

### MOVIES

*An American Apparition, Our Lady of Good Help*. A remote, rural setting in 19<sup>th</sup> century Wisconsin has become the only Marian apparition site in the U.S. to be approved by the Catholic Church. From the much-visited Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in the Diocese of Green Bay, Bob Dolan hosts an EWTN documentary on the Blessed Mother's appearance in 1859 to the young Belgian immigrant, Adele Brise. Available from Ignatius Press.

*The Staircase*. The Staircase, based on the real legend of the "miraculous stairway" at the Sisters of Loretto Chapel in Santa Fe, New Mexico is an inspirational, life-affirming drama of hope and faith. Mother Madalyn's (Barbara Hershey) last wish is that her beloved chapel be completed. However, when local carpenters built the chapel, they neglected to erect stairs up to the choir loft, and due to the chapel's construction, adding a staircase is now impossible. The arrival of Joad (William Petersen), may be the answer to

Mother Madalyn's prayers. Available from Ignatious Press.

**Gimmie Shelter.** This is the powerful true story of a pregnant teenager who flees her abusive mother in search of her father. When her dad rejects her, she is forced to survive on the streets until a compassionate priest offers a hopeful alternative and changes her life. Available from Ignatius Press.

***Prayer for Peace***

*Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy.*

*Divine Master, Grant that I may not so  
Much seek to be consoled, as to console; to  
Be understood as to understand; to be loved,  
As to love; for it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is  
In dying that we are born to eternal life.*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

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**REMINDER**

**To All of our Loyal Market Day Customers**

We have been notified by Market Day that the establishment was bought out by World's Finest Chocolate. Effective immediately, Market Day ceases to exist.

All of us at St. William Catholic School want to thank everyone who has been a loyal customer over the past several years. We apologize for any inconvenience. Thank you for your understanding.

**SCRIP**

**SCRIP** is program that continued through the summer. The revenue generated by this program supports the technology needs of the students and teachers.

If you have home projects on your agenda, you might be able to purchase supplies using SCRIP. A list of participating vendors is published in the bulletin for your convenience. Thanks to all for supporting the students and teachers by using SCRIP.



**PRAYER FOR OUR HEROES**



**Lord God, Almighty Father  
Creator of mankind and Author of peace,  
As we are ever mindful of the cost  
Paid for the liberty we possess,  
We ask You to bless the members  
Of our armed forces. Give  
Them courage, hope, and strength.**

**May they ever experience Your  
Firm support, gentle love, and  
Compassionate healing. Be their  
Power and Protector, leading  
Them from Darkness to light.  
To You be all glory, honor, and praise,  
Now and forever. Amen.**

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“From the rising of the sun to its setting  
The name of the Lord is to be praised.”  
Psalms 113:3

### **Dates to Remember**

- 09/12 & 13 - St. William Parish Harvest Fest – Church Grounds**  
**09/19 - KC’s Euchre Card Party – Parish Hall – Registration 5:30 pm; Cards 6:00 pm**  
**Net Proceeds for the benefit of the Mark Severance Family**  
**Thursdays 10/01 through 11/05 – Bible Study Group Church Kitchen – 8:00 am**  
**11/07 – Fall Luncheon & Bazaar – Parish Hall – 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**11/07 - 2015 “Women of Christ Conference” – Washington County State Fair Park,**  
**West Bend, WI**  
**12/12 – Christmas Cookie Walk – Parish Hall – 8:00 – 11:00 am**

### **St. William Parish Mission Statement**

**St. William Catholic Church is a Eucharistic community;**  
**Glorifying God through prayer, sacraments, and service;**  
**Creating oneness with God and neighbor;**  
**By generously sharing our time, abilities, and material resources.**