

# St. William Parish Newsletter

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## A Message from Father John

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Debt Reduction Drive. The following update evidences the giving spirit of the parishioners of St. William.

<b>Total Pledged</b>	<b>\$923,902.00</b>
<b>Down Payments/Payments</b>	<b>\$452,786.00</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$471,116.00</b>

The generosity of our parishioners has enabled the Parish to improve its financial position. It is especially appreciated in these times of economic turmoil.

The Finance Commission and I extend a sincere thank you to all of you who have contributed so generously to this endeavor.

May God bless you.

Father John

## What's New at St. William Parish

Please welcome three new Parish Pastoral Council members who have recently joined the group of parishioners who volunteer their time and talents to aide Father John in administering the affairs of St. William Parish.

New members who will serve three-year terms are Jim Goepfert, Tim O'Leary, and Russ Thiel. We thank them for their

commitment to help St. William Parish in fulfilling its mission to glorify God through prayer, Sacraments, and service and to create oneness with God and neighbor by generously sharing time, abilities, and material resources.

## Meet Our New Friends in Our Parish

We extend a warm welcome to the following new members of our Parish Family.

**Mrs. Lucille Devita.** Lucille is retired.

**Ms. Erin Goepfert.** Erin is an employee of W.W. Grainger.

**Renee Miller.** Renee is the librarian at St. William School and also an employee of Hedberg Public Library. She is the mother of Keegan, age 17, Ryan, age 14, and Reese, age 7.

**Jamie Stortz.** Jamie is an employee of Kwik Trip.

## Parish School News



The 2011-2012 school year is fast approaching and registrations are still being accepted for our Parish School.

Typically parents choose a Catholic education for their children for three main reasons: high academic standards, value and faith-based education, and a safe, nurturing school environment. St. William Parish School strives to develop the whole person,

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challenging each student to reach his or her potential.

For more information about enrollments for any grade level, including the pre-kindergarten program, please call the school office at 755-5184. Because the school is not staffed full-time during the summer, messages will be checked regularly, and calls will be returned.

## *Office of Faith Formation News*

If your student is not yet registered for Faith Formation classes, please contact, Jane Graves, Director of Faith Formation, at 755-5183.

Volunteers are always needed to ensure a successful program. Please consider offering your talents for this important ministry.

*O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever!*  
*Psalm 118:1*



### *Did You Know?*

*Did you know that* the time for the Saturday evening Mass is now at 4:30 pm instead of 5:30 pm. This change was effective the first weekend of August.

We hope that this change will better accommodate the parishioners.

*Did you know that* when our high school graduates attend college, their faith and moral life are often tested in this new environment. The support of campus ministries, Newman Centers, and the Holy Mass is available to them.

The U.S. Council of Serra developed a simple, effective program to help make the connection. The diocese seeks the names of its high school graduates and their colleges. Then, on behalf of the diocese, Serra notifies the campus ministries of the incoming Catholic students, allowing them to encourage student participation in Catholic life on campus.

You may enroll your student online at [www.madisonvocations.org](http://www.madisonvocations.org), or call Fr. Paul Ugo Arinze at 608-821-3095 or email at [vocations@straphael.org](mailto:vocations@straphael.org).

*Did you know that* you can access the weekly bulletin online? So, if you are on vacation or not able to get to St. William for Mass, you can go to [www.stwilliam.net](http://www.stwilliam.net) and click on "*St. William Parish*" and then, "*News*" to stay abreast of the parish happenings. Thanks go to our technical staff who keeps the website up and running.

*Did you know that* a group of Catholic adults from area parishes comprises the Adult Catholic Spirit Club. The Club acts through its members to prayerfully support, empower, and educate in spirituality, friendship, and service.

Men and women from area parishes are welcome to join. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month September through May at St. John Vianney Marion Hall (wheelchair accessible), 1245 Clark Street in Janesville. The meetings begin with a noon potluck luncheon followed by a program at 1:00 pm. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. There are no membership dues, however, free will offerings are accepted.

The program for the September 14th meeting will feature Joel VanHaften, Executive Director, Rock County Historical

Society, presenting "What's Happening at 426 N. Jackson Street".

## Special Notes

### St. William Harvest Fest



This major fundraiser will be held on the Parish grounds on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. You will have the opportunity to join family and friends for lots of fun, good food, and fellowship.

The two-day event will begin with the ever popular Polka Mass, featuring the PolkaMasters, at 4:30 pm under the tent.

The PolkaMasters will also provide music for dancing on Saturday evening.

St. Will's Grill & Beer Tent will be serving after the Mass.

Again this year, the Bake Sale will feature those delicious goodies that will tempt anyone's appetite.

New items for the Silent Auction can be dropped off at the rectory. This event has been very popular and grows each year with many unique treasures.

One of the most popular attractions has been the Basket Raffle. This event has outdone itself each year with the number of baskets increasing; and the variety of items stretches the imagination.

The 5th Annual Westside 5 Run/Walk will again be a highlight on Sunday morning with check-in from 8:00 - 9:00 am and start time at 9:00 am. The top male and female finishers in several age categories will be recognized.

A new event has been added to the agenda for this year's Harvest Fest - "*St. William's*

*Got Talent*". Auditions have been held, and the Talent Show will feature the "best of the best" talent from the contestants. The contest will be held on Sunday afternoon. You won't want to miss it.

Also on Sunday, Mary Jo Rebout and her crew will prepare and serve a home-cooked roast beef dinner with all the trimmings. Serving will begin at 11:00 am until 2:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults, \$4.00 for children ages 4 through 12, and children under age 4 are free.

Since this is the major fundraiser for the year, we are asking that each parish family purchase or sell ten tickets at \$10.00 each. The grand prize winner will receive \$5,000.00. There are many more prizes that will be awarded. Parishioners are asked to please pick up their packet of raffle tickets at the parish office or in the church narthex after the weekend Masses. This will help defray the cost of mailing them.

We look forward to seeing many members of our Parish Family enjoying the activities and meeting old and new friends at the Harvest Fest. We pray that the weather will be great, and we will be blessed with a very successful event.

*Praise the Lord!  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
His praise in the assembly of the faithful.  
Psalm 149:1*

### Sing Praises to the Lord



The Sunday Choir, under the direction of Fred Hewitt, invites anyone interested to join in raising voices to sing praises to the Lord. This is an opportunity to celebrate the Word of God in a very special way.

Practices are held on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm. The Sunday Choir is

scheduled to sing about twice a month with additional opportunities during the holidays.

For more information, please contact Fred at 289-2293.



### Remember our Military

The Communications Commission would like to recognize any of our Parish Family members who are serving in the Military. In order to accomplish this, we are asking any family member or loved one to please provide their names and their branch of service. The Communications Commission would publish this information in the St. William Newsletter, and ask the parishioners to keep them in their prayers. The information could be placed in the collection basket at Mass or forwarded to the parish office.

### Coming Events

**Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>** - First day of St. William Parish School

**Sep. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** - St. William Harvest Fest

**Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>** - The Adult Catholic Spirit Club - St. John Vianney Marian Hall - Noon Potluck - 1:00 pm Program - Joel VanHaaften "What's Happening at 426 N. Jackson St."

**Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>** - The Adult Catholic Spirit Club - St. John Vianney Marian Hall - Noon Potluck - 1:00 pm Program - Sr. Connie Fahey "The Woman at the Well"

## The Catholic Corner

### Welcoming the Roman Missal

In an earlier edition of the St. William Newsletter, Father John wrote an article explaining that at the beginning of the Advent Season 2011, some of the words we hear and say at every Mass will change. Most of these words are English translations of texts first composed in Latin. The revised translation pertains to the red book the priest uses at Mass called the "*Sacramentary*". That book will soon be called the "*Roman Missal*".

These changes can be compared to the cleaning of an old painting whose images are brought to clearer light in the cleaning process. One of the most significant changes involves the familiar phrase, "*And also with you*", which the congregation recites after the priest says, "*The Lord be with you*". The new response will be "*And with your spirit*". This places the English translation in line with most other languages. The response is not to the person of the priest, but to the Spirit of God, who ordained him to permanent service in the Church. It is an acknowledgement of the "spirit" and grace which is in him.

Another change that will occur is instead of saying "*We believe*" at the beginning of the Creed, we will soon recite, "*I believe*". The reason for this change, is to underline the fact that, although we share our belief together with our brothers and sisters, each one of us is called to make an individual profession of faith.

We may not immediately grasp the necessity and benefits of the changes. Familiarity that comes with time should lead people to comfort with and understanding of the words. In time, we will come to appreciate what we may not have understood or appreciated before.

## *It Is In Giving That We Receive*

### ECHO

ECHO has provided a list of items that are needed to help provide less fortunate people with food and other needs.

Peanut Butter & Jelly	Pork 'n Beans
Soup & Crackers	Mac 'n Cheese
Spaghetti Sauce	Deodorant
Noodles	Toothbrushes
Spaghetti O's	Laundry Soap
Tuna	Shampoo
Rice	Conditioner
Dish Soap	

Baskets are provided in the church narthex. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### Washington School Breakfast Club

With the new school year beginning this month, it is time to think about the Washington School Breakfast Club.

Father Del Klink and Pastor Richard Inlet were instrumental in organizing the Breakfast Club several years ago. We still cooperate with Faith Lutheran Church in donating food, money, and preparing and serving breakfast for the children attending Washington School. The first school year (1997-98) this program was organized, we served 14,373 breakfasts. That number has increased by hundreds.

The Breakfast Club is supported through monetary donations from community foundations and local organizations, monetary and food donations from members of St. William and Faith Lutheran Church, and monetary and food donations from individuals.

Volunteers are always needed for this ministry. Members from St. William prepare and serve the breakfasts each

morning for one week, while Faith Lutheran volunteers do the same the next week. If you would like to join a great group of people and help provide children with a good start to their days, please call the Parish Office at 755-5180. You will find that it truly is "in giving that we receive".



*Angels*

*For He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. Psalm 91:1,2*

### *Guardian Angel Prayer*

*Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love commits me here.  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard to rule and guide.*

## PRAYER 101

### Prayer for the Local Church

Father, in each and every local Church,  
Pilgrims here on earth, You show forth  
Your one, holy, Catholic,  
And apostolic Church.

Gathered around its Shepherd,  
May this family grow in the love and  
Unity of the Holy Spirit  
Through the Gospel and Eucharist.

Make us become a true witness to the  
Presence of Christ in this world. Amen.

