

Dear Friends

**T**oday is the eighth day that we as Christians keep Christmas! And we keep it with Mary, who remains silent throughout the season of Christmas. This ought not to surprise us! What mother would draw attention to herself and away from her newborn child? Would she not rather draw the attention to the child?

At the threshold of this new year, Mary offers us an example of discipleship. The Christmas season extends over time. It connects one year to another. No time, no year, no place, no person can adequately contain or explain Christmas. We find Mary, reflecting and pondering this mystery, and such a stance allows the mystery to permeate her life... and she follows Him, wonderfully so!

Maybe some of us are making resolutions this New Year. The purpose of resolutions is to put direction and meaning into life. May it would be good for us to emulate Mary, to reflect and ponder the import of God's love and goodness, to really accept that gift, and to discover ways to apply it to our relationships. Maybe that is what it means to "keep Christmas." Maybe doing so, would make 2012 a better year for all of us. What do you think?

Happy New year everyone! In the Newborn Savior,

Fr. Curt



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Next Sunday Jan 1 –

#### The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

7:30 +The Parishioners of St Williams  
9:00 The Intention of Peter & Kay Lettenberger  
10:45 +Marge O'Neill

### Monday Jan 2 – St Basil the Great

7:45 +Allison Krahn

### Tuesday Jan 3 – Christmas Weekday

6:30 pm +Johann Breu  
\*\*\* Mass followed by Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 Benediction

### Wednesday Jan 4 - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:45 +Walter & Rose Helmski

### Thursday Jan 5 – St. John Neumann

7:45 +Elizabeth VanRite

### Friday Jan 6 – Christmas Weekday

9:00 +Carla Huebner

### Saturday January 7 – Sunday Vigil Mass

11:00 Reconciliation  
5:00 +The Parishioners of St. William

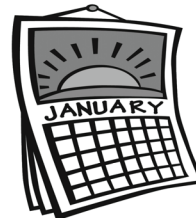
### Sunday January 8– The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 +Mike Paulson  
9:00 +Robert & Helen Kendellen  
10:45 +Sonya Garcia  
12:00 Baptisms

## Remember in Your Prayers



Remember in your prayers all our parishioners who were ill or in the hospital this past week especially Patricia Calloway, Ruth Haidera, Larry Hanson, Robert Horstmeier, Cindy Kuchenreuter, Barbara Kuntz, Alice Gates, Michael Grimm, Leo Nienas, Joe Vaichinger and Jerome Ziarniak.



## New Year's Blessings

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*When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. – Lk 2:17-19*

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**Nurse's Note...**

With the New Year come thoughts of resolutions. This month I thought it would be nice to think about small changes that may lead to healthier lifestyle in mind, body and spirit.

This week, a focus on the body.

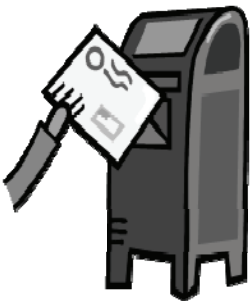
There is much talk about "super foods", those that give us extra health benefits. However, I like what some experts say about the topic, "to find super foods, just go to your produce aisle". So how about a resolution to eat more fruits and vegetables? If you only eat one a day, try adding another to your diet. Start with just *improving* your diet, but eventually the thought is to fill half your plate with vegetables and fruit. Instead of seeking out new recipes for the main dish, try new vegetable recipes or new ways of preparing the vegetable. For a good recipe for broccoli (actually considered a "super food") with carrots, check out the lobby stands. Think about God's beautiful creation as you enjoy the foods he gives us.

May God Bless You and Stay Healthy,

Amy Haas, RN (parish nurse amyhaas@tds.net)

**It's A Big Deal**

We all know how important it is to have the correct information. At the beginning of the New Year, we are asking all of you to provide the parish with current and new information.



The parish council is attempting to update the parish records and to solicit from the parishioners their current needs and desires. This information will give us a picture of who we are as a community and help us to provide for the current needs of our parishioners. It will also aid us in planning for our future.

Please be "on the lookout" for the survey. It will be mailed to each of you after the first of January. We ask that you take the time to complete it in its entirety (it really isn't that long) and return it. We are counting on your cooperation and on your input.

Thanks for being part of St. Williams' and thanks in advance for participating in this effort.

Fr. Curt

Jeff Roubik – Parish Council Chair

**Catholic Study Club**

Join the Catholic Study Club on **Tuesday, January 10 for a noon luncheon** and program immediately following. Vicki Thorn will be speaking on the topic: "Faith Is Caught."

The Catholic Study Club stresses religious values and provides needed funds and/or scholarships to the Waukesha Catholic School System, Catholic Memorial High School and St. Joseph's Medical Clinic. Reservations are required. Please contact Mary at 548-0447 for location and additional information.

**Reception for Barb Gawlik**

Please join in saying Thank You and Good Luck to **Barb Gawlik** – our Youth Minister for the past 9 years. A reception will be held **January 8, 2012 directly following 10:45 Mass**. Barb and her family are moving

to Greenwood WI. Join us in wishing Barb luck and many blessings as she and her family begin this new chapter in their lives.

**Service Opportunity – Loaves & Fishes**

St William Parish will be preparing and serving the Loaves and Fishes Meal at the Hope Center, 502 N East Avenue, Waukesha on **Sunday, January 15, 2012**. Your help is needed from 1 pm to approximately 3:30 pm to set up and serve the meal. We also need donations of desserts - cookies, cupcakes or bars preferred. Please call Joanne Rice at 262-542-2981 if you can help.

Loaves and Fishes is an ecumenical project established in 1983 to help the low income, unemployed and homeless stretch their food budget. St Williams has been a member from the beginning. Currently there are 26 churches from around the county involved. A free dinner is served every Sunday at 2 pm.



These feasts connect around the public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is.



**St Williams Needs YOUR Help!**

Do you attend mass regularly and wonder how you can get more involved at our parish but are short on time? Please consider volunteering for one of our ministries/needs DURING masses. They are all wonderful and rewarding ministries.

**READERS:**

*We are in need of READERS for our 10:45 Sunday Mass.* Training will be held early in the year & readers will be added to the schedule beginning in March. Please contact Carol Dolphin if you have questions or are interested in serving in this ministry. ([cdolphin@uwc.edu](mailto:cdolphin@uwc.edu); 542-1978)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers for all masses. You must be Catholic and confirmed to volunteer for this ministry. You can be scheduled as much or as little as you would like. Training will be held early in the year both during the day and at night. Ministers will be added to the schedule in March. Please call Mary in the Parish Office if you are interested or if you have any questions. 262-547-2763 X202 or email [mary.sheetz@tds.net](mailto:mary.sheetz@tds.net)

**USHERS**

We are in need of **USHERS** to help out at all our weekend Masses. Any parish member, including high school and collegiate age members are welcome. Ushers currently serve every third month on a rotating schedule. If you are interested in serving Saint William Parish as an usher, please contact Dennis Meyer, Usher Coordinator at 262-542-6630. Please also feel free to talk with any usher if you have any questions.

**Waukesha Catholic Auction**

Join us at our annual auction February 11, 2012 for:

**Working Together in Waukesha**

St. Mary (SM), St. Joseph (SJ), St. William (SW) and St. John Neumann (SJN) Catholic Churches collaborate together to serve all the Catholics of Waukesha. You are welcome at any of our churches. Here are our regular & Christmas mass schedules

Saturday: 4:30 SJ; 5:00 SW; 5:00 SM; 5:00 SJN

Sunday: SW: 7:30, 9:00, 10:45

SM: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00

SJ: 8:00, 9:30, 12:15 (Spanish)

SJN: 8:00, 10:30

## Is Catholic education the answer to your prayers?

The caring, supportive community of a Catholic school might be just what you're looking for—an environment where your child can thrive. A Catholic education offers many benefits, including:

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262-896-2929 [www.wcssonline.org](http://www.wcssonline.org)

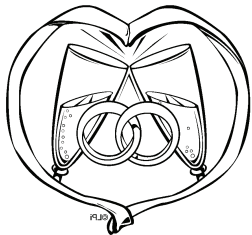


**Engaged Encounter**

**ENGAGED ?? – A Wedding is a Day,  
A Marriage is a Lifetime –  
Motto for Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE)**

Catholic Engaged Encounter in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee is happy to offer a weekend retreat for Engaged Couples who are preparing for marriage. This retreat is a weekend shared by an engaged couple reflecting and discussing every aspect of a marriage relationship. Topics include, but not limited to, finances, sexuality/NFP, parenting, communication and spirituality. A team of three married couples and a priest will present the weekend. Perhaps, parents or grandparents could offer this to you as a wedding gift. The first weekend is April 20-22, 2012 at Schoenstatt Retreat Center in Waukesha. Please register online through the John Paul II Center website:

[www.johnpaul2center.org](http://www.johnpaul2center.org)



Questions? Call Jenni Oliva (414) 758-2213 or email: [olivaj@archmil.org](mailto:olivaj@archmil.org) Or John & Louise Vos – local coordinators for CEE (262-439-8559) or email: [johnlouisevos@yahoo.com](mailto:johnlouisevos@yahoo.com)

**Spirituality Retreats**

A **Celtic Spirituality Retreat** will be held Jan 27 - 29, 2012 at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, WI. Presented by: Deacon Michael Cullen. Retreat Theme: "Forgotten Glories of an Island" Remembered and Revisited.

Join us as Deacon Michael Cullen weaves stories of the pre-Christian Celts and ancient pagan rituals to a transformation of the people by St Patrick and the Gospel. Deacon Michael will compare St. Patrick to St. Paul and bring the ancient ritual into the context of today.

Registration Friday at 6:15 pm  
Orientation at 7:30 pm  
Concludes noon on Sunday  
Cost \$ 220 includes room, board & materials



The **First Annual Polish Heritage Retreat** will be held **January 20 - 22, 2012** at the Redemptorist Retreat Center, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. *This retreat will be preached in the Polish language.* There is a Polish saying "Gosc w dom, Bog w dom." (A guest

in the house is God in the house.) We invite you to a weekend honoring the Mother of God under the title of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Patron of Poland. The retreat will be preached in the Polish language.

The theme is: *"The role of Our Lady of Czestochowa in the lives of Poles and the Polish community."*

The retreat preacher will be Redemptorist Priest, Fr. Zbigniew Pienkos, C.Ss.R., associate pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa parish in Cicero, Illinois.

Registration, Friday, January 20 at 6:15 pm  
Concludes Sunday, January 22 at noon  
Cost: \$ 220 includes room, board & materials

To register for either event: Call 262-567-6900 or Fax 262-567-0134 or please visit us on the web at [www.redemptoristretreat.org](http://www.redemptoristretreat.org)

Redemptorist Retreat Center  
1800 N Timber Trial Lane, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

<p>CATHOLIC CHARITIES of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Inc. 90 YEAR ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>2010 Catholic Charities USA 100 Year Anniversary</p>	<p><b>Mission Statement:</b></p> <p>Inspired by Christ's call to serve, our mission is to serve those in need, to advocate for justice and to call upon others to do the same.</p> <p><a href="http://www.ccmke.org">www.ccmke.org</a> • 1-800-771-1114</p>
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**Grief and Depression During the Holidays**

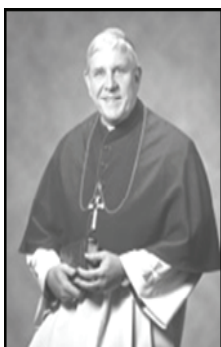
Has the recent loss of a loved one taken over your life? Are you feeling alone, confused, or angry? Grief and depression can be overwhelming, but carrying those emotions through the Christmas season is even more difficult. Don't hesitate to contact a therapist at Catholic Charities for help. Call 262-547-2463 in Waukesha Monday through Friday. You are not alone!

Reminder: The deadline for filing Abuse Survivor Claims in the Milwaukee Archdiocese Bankruptcy is February 1, 2012. More information is available at [www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm](http://www.archmil.org/reorg/bardate.htm)

**When all you need is FAITH just turn on your TV**

“Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi” Returns Jan. 7

The January 7th episode of “Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi” will look at trends in Catholic education in southeastern Wisconsin, including a focus on regionalization and collaboration to ensure sustainability and accessibility. Our feature showcases Catholic East Elementary, Milwaukee, which is the first Catholic school to receive an award from “Schools That Can,” a non-profit organization committed to growing seats of quality education for low-income students around the United States.



Also tune in to learn more about a pastoral letter on immigration issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, as well as Archbishop ListECKi’s thoughts on the 39th anniversary of Roe V. Wade.

Watch “Living Our Faith with Archbishop ListECKi,” presented by Catholic Financial Life, on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at noon, on WISN TV 12. Can’t watch it? DVR it, or view it the

**St. Vincent de Paul—St William Conference**

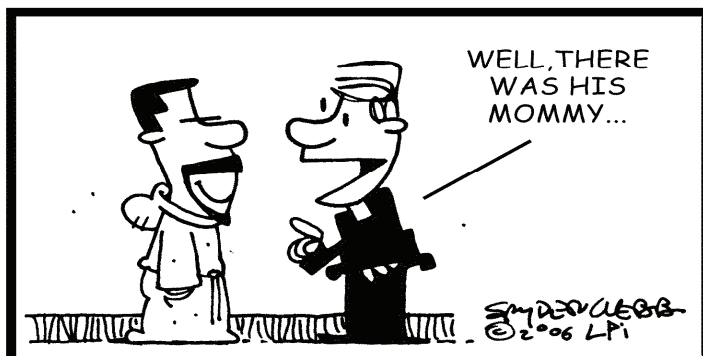
**Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God:**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We also celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.



Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2007 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering. May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!

**MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



**Church Ladies With typewriters . . .**

They're Back! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services.



(Not at St. Williams though. . .we are Perfect!!)

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community. Smile at someone who is hard to love. Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

**Preparation For the Sacrament of Baptism**

Baptism is the first important step that a parent can take to begin the lifelong process of faith formation for their child. Baptism's at the church are held during masses on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month and at twelve fifteen on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.



All parishioners who are bringing a child to the parish for baptism are required to participate in a Baptism Preparation Formation Session. These sessions focus on the background of the sacrament, theology of Baptism, and include a walk through church and see the Baptismal Pool and

Font. The session is designed for new parents, for those baptizing their first child here at St. William's and for those that have not attended a session in more than 4 years. Deacon Scott and Cindy Bergland, Director of Adult and Family Ministry facilitate the sessions. Session time is 6:30 to 8 p.m. and is held in the Parish Conference Room or the Parish Hall depending on the size of the group. To register for the session, call the Parish Office at 547-2763 ext 201.

**Upcoming Baptism Preparation Dates**

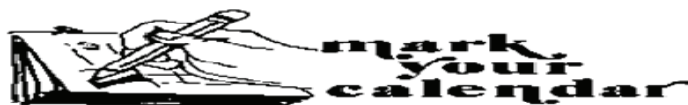
Wednesday, January 11.....6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, February 8.....6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, April 18.....6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Dates for Baptism Celebrated at 12:15**

Jan 8            Jan 22            Feb 12            April 8  
 April 22        May 13            May 27            June 10

**Dates for Baptism celebrated during Mass**

January 14 or 15, February 4 or 5 & 18 or 19  
 Baptisms celebrated at all mass times



**Today – Jan 1 Happy New Year!**

\*\* No Events Scheduled \*\*

**Monday – Jan 2**

\*\* Office Closed and No school \*\*

**Tuesday – Jan 3**

\*\* School Resumes \*\*

6:00 a     Men's Small Faith Group / Vercelli House  
 10:00     Play Group / Vercelli House  
 6:30 p     Mental Health Support Group / Vercelli H  
 7:00     Christian Women Board Mtg / PC Room

**Wednesday – Jan 4**

8:00     Quilting Ministry / PC Room  
 10:00     Catholic Charities / Vercelli House  
 1:30     St. Vincent de Paul Mtg / Vercelli House  
 2:30     Market Day Pick Up / Gym  
 6:30     YM CF Catechist Meeting / Vercelli House

**Thursday – Jan 5**

9:00 am   Mom's Group / Vercelli House  
 6:30     Military Support Group / Vercelli House

**Friday – Jan 6**

9:00 a     Mass / Church  
 6:00 p     Staff/Council Christmas Party / Rectory

**Saturday – Jan 7**

11:00     Reconciliation / Church

**Next Sunday – Jan 8**

8:50     Child CF Classes / School  
 10:00     Confirmation Large Group / Offsite  
 10:15     RCIA / Vercelli House  
 11:30     Barb Gawlik's Farewell / Gym  
 12:00     Baptism / Church  
 6:30     Youth CF 7-10 grade

**Waukesha Catholic 52 Club Raffle Winners**

\$100 – Tom Kanpp  
 \$25 – Sarah Matson  
 \$10 – Danny Lang



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**Readings for the Week of January 1, 2012**

Sunday:        Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21  
 Monday:      1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28  
 Tuesday:     1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34  
 Wednesday:  1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42  
 Thursday:    1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51  
 Friday:        1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38  
                   or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
 Saturday:    1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 2:1-11  
 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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