



St. William Parish Community

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All volunteers who work with children, or in a private setting with an adult, are required to be PGC-certified. Protecting God's Children Workshops are available in the Parish and elsewhere throughout the Archdiocese.

St. William Dads' Club

Overview:

The purpose of the St. William Dads' Club is to provide and promote expansion in spiritual, academic, athletic and recreational activities within the confines of the Catholic Community of St. William.

We accomplish our mission by sponsoring both CYO and Lakes Area sports teams, supporting St. William School activities and providing financial support to St. William Parish for special projects.

Our membership consists of St. William parishioners who are willing to donate their time and talents to achieving our goals. We raise funds by sponsoring a Fall Golf Outing, selling Christmas trees, and by hosting the Lenten Fish Fry.

Meeting Schedule:

The Dads' Club meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month in Lower Zepf hall at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers and Needs:

Our group currently has about 125 members and is always seeking new ones, especially for assistance in sports activities and fish fry.

Contact:

Call the Parish Office, (248) 624-1421, for contact information.

Right to Life

Overview:

The mission of the Right to Life group is to promote life issues—from conception to natural death—and provide the positions of political candidates on life issues to our parishioners. To accomplish these goals the group hosts or participates in many activities throughout the year such as Right to Life Sunday, Life Chain, Christmas Card Sale, Baby Shower for unwed mothers, Mother's Day carnation sale, Father's Day Candy sale and many other events.

Meeting Schedule:

The meetings are held once a month. Dates and times are determined by the members.

Volunteers and Needs:

Our group is always in need of volunteers to participate and help with the activities. Please contact us should you wish to participate.

Contact:

Please contact the Christian Service Office (248) 624-1421 to join the group or for more information.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

Overview:

St. William Conference assists the needy persons who live within our parish boundaries, providing emergency help with evictions, shut-offs, shelter, food and clothing.

Meeting Schedule:

Members meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of every month.

Volunteers and Needs:

We are always seeking additional volunteers to assist with the home visits.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman in the Christian Service office, (248) 624-8870 for additional information.

Bingo

Overview:

Zepf Hall has been the home of St. William's Friday night Bingo for over 35 years. The games we play include paper specials, hard cards and progressive Jack Pot, our most popular game progressive Jack Pot and one that provides an opportunity for a big win. We also offer Michigan Charity Game tickets. ***There is no smoking in the Hall.*** We are also noted for our tasty kitchen food!

Meeting Schedule:

Doors open at 4:00 pm each Friday with Bingo starting at 6:30 and finishing at 10:00 pm.

Volunteers and Needs:

Many hands are needed in the form of floor workers, callers, cashiers, set up and kitchen help. The Bingo workers also do many social and fun activities together outside of Bingo.

Contact:

Please contact the Rectory at (248) 624-1421 to participate or volunteer.

Coffee & Donuts

Overview:

Coffee & Donuts is a program that provides an opportunity for parishioners to meet after Sunday morning Masses and enjoy coffee, juice, donuts and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to stop in after Mass! All proceeds of Coffee & Donuts are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Meeting Schedule:

Coffee & Donuts is held after 9:00 Mass on Sunday. It is held throughout the year except during the months of June, July & August and is located in the Activities Center.

Volunteers and Needs:

A sponsor organization or a group of volunteers is needed to host the event each weekend. Past hosts have included families, children from St. William School, Dads' Club, etc. Responsibilities include picking up supplies, serving food and drinks, and cleaning up afterwards.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870 to volunteer.

Funeral Luncheon Program

Overview: The Funeral Luncheon Program is a parish volunteer group that provides a meal for the family and friends of the deceased after a Funeral Mass. The group handles all aspects of the luncheon including food preparation, serving and clean-up.

Meeting Schedule: Although few formal meetings are held for the group an organized system is in place to handle the luncheons. Volunteers are divided into teams that take turns providing luncheons with each team member having a role in making the luncheon successful.

Volunteers and Needs: We currently have 6 teams which are composed of over 100 volunteers who participate in this very successful program. Volunteers are needed to prepare side dishes, cook main dishes, serve food and help with organizing each luncheon including calling workers, managing teams, etc.

Contact:

For information or to volunteer for please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870.

Music Ministry

Adult Vocal Choir

Provides music for the 9:00 a.m. Mass September through Pentecost, evening Holy Day Masses, Christmas Midnight Mass and Easter Vigil Mass.

Rehearsals are most Thursdays 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the Music Room or the Church.

Resurrection Choir

Members are also members of the Adult Vocal Choir. Rehearsals are 45 minutes before the start of each funeral.

St. William Bells of Praise

Our adult hand bell choir plays for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and sometimes in concert for shut-ins.

Rehearsals are Thursdays 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Children's Choir:

Currently, this choir involves children in grades 3 and higher. They join the Adult Choir on the second Sunday of most months at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass, for the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, and the two First Holy Communion Masses.

Rehearsals are most Mondays from 2:40-4:00 p.m.

Cantor:

Members of the Choir volunteer for extra rehearsals and training, to help lead the assembly at Liturgies.

Contact:

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please contact Mary Kay Dreyer at (248) 624-1371 ext. 310.

Church Environment

Overview:

For the liturgical seasons of Christmas and Easter, the church and altar area must be prepared and decorated (banners, trees, plants, lights, etc.). Everything needs to be taken down at the end of the season.

Meeting schedule:

The times and dates for preparing the Church are posted in the Bulletin the weekend before the season.

Volunteers and Needs:

Volunteers are needed to help transform the Church and Activity Center. When many participate it only takes a few hours.

Contact:

Please contact Nancy Thomas at (248) 624-1371 ext. 306.

Lectors

Overview:

Lectors are parish members that proclaim the scripture readings at Mass. Lectors are normally scheduled to read for one month at a time, at a specific weekend Mass.

Meeting Schedule:

Mandatory practice sessions occur once a month and usually occur at 7:30 in the evening.

Volunteers and Needs:

Lectors are needed for all regular weekend Liturgies and Holydays. They must possess above-average reading and speaking abilities, and be willing to learn and practice.

Contact :

Please contact the Rectory at (248) 624-1421 to arrange for a tryout at a practice session.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Adult parishioners who wish to help with the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass should call Deacon Bob Dreyer to arrange for training and to be appointed to this ministry. (248) 624-1421 ext. 345

Homebound Communion Visitors

Overview:

Parish members volunteer to bring Communion to the homebound parishioners as well as residents at Assisted Living Centers and Nursing Homes within our parish boundaries.

Meeting Schedule:

Training is provided and annual meetings to update ministers will be held.

Volunteers and Needs:

We try to have four ministers for each nursing home so that the volunteers rotate their schedules. Each are asked to be available once a month. Communion to an individual in their home is arranged one to one.

Contact:

Please contact the Christian Service Office—Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870 to offer your services for either individual home visits or at a nursing home.

Parish Health Ministry

Overview:

The Parish Health Ministry addresses the health and well-being of fellow parishioners.

Meeting Schedule:

No scheduled meetings. Volunteers for a particular month oversee the blood pressure screening.

Volunteers and Needs:

Nurses and persons in the health related fields are encouraged to offer their services.

Contact:

Contact Deacon Jene at (248) 624-8870.

Blood Drive

Overview:

In conjunction with the American Red Cross of Metro Detroit, St. William Parish conducts two Blood Drives annually. We are always looking for help assisting with greeting and also contacting potential donors. One Blood Drive is held in the Spring, and one in the Fall.

Volunteers and Needs:

We certainly need donors! Helpers are needed for hospitality and contacting potential donors.

Contact:

Contact Deacon Jene at 248-624-8870.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Overview: The primary purpose of the Prayer Quilt Ministry (*"Prayers and Squares"*) is not to make and distribute quilts, but to pray, give comfort and express our solidarity with those who are seriously ill. This group of dedicated quilters comes together to form a community, to grow in faith and to extend the love of the parish to the receiver of the quilt. The quilting is performed using a heavy thread to take stitches through the quilt layers, then strings are attached to the different squares and a square knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need.

Meeting Schedule: The Prayer Quilt Ministry meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 7 pm to 9 pm in The Cardinal Maida Meeting of the Education Center.

Volunteers and Needs: Our group is always looking for others to share in the quilting and prayers. Experience in quilting is not needed, training will be provided at each of the meetings.

Contact:

For information or to volunteer for please contact Dcn. Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870.

Shelter Week

Overview:

Shelter Week is an event where St. William Parish opens its doors to the homeless during Holy Week to provide shelter through the South Oakland Shelter Program. This program began in 1993 and so many great volunteers have assisted in the hosting of our guests and provide meals, transportation, laundry, resume writing and haircuts. Children in our parish will collect toiletries, socks, towels and create welcome notes, murals, Easter baskets and placemats to brighten the setting and add to the climate of hospitality.

Meeting Schedule:

A few planning meetings will be held earlier in the year, prior to Holy Week.

Volunteers and Needs:

Hundreds of volunteers are needed to make Shelter Week successful. The time and talents of all volunteers are needed for a variety of activities. Examples include the volunteers who provide, cook and serve food to our guests and the night shift volunteers who stay with our guests overnight. Drivers are also needed to pick up the guests from the Royal Oak Center, and drive them back.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870 to participate and be added to the available driver list.

Altar Servers

Overview: Altar Servers are parish members who assist the Celebrant at Mass, and also assist at other Liturgical and para-liturgical services.

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Meeting Schedule: There are training sessions as needed. Servers are needed at all scheduled Masses and most Services.

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Volunteers and Needs: This ministry is open to young people 4th through 12 grades, and also to adults, who typically serve at funerals.

Contact:

The Parish Office at (248) 624-1421.

Volunteer Drivers

Overview:

The Volunteer Drivers Program is a service provided to Parish members who are in need of occasional transportation. Volunteers offer to drive Parish members to medical appointments, Sunday Mass, short shopping trips, and other occasional needs.

Meeting Schedule:

No meetings are required. Volunteering is on an as-needed basis.

Volunteers and Needs:

A list of available drivers is kept at the Rectory and participation is based on your availability. Driving requests occur most often during the day. "Protecting God's Children" certificate mandatory.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870.

Breakfast in the Park

Overview:

“Breakfast in the Park” is a bi-annual gathering at the Gilbert Willis Park in Wixom. Parish members ages 50-and-up come together to cook and eat breakfast in a beautiful park setting. It is a great way to meet fellow parishioners, enjoy the outdoors, meet the pastoral staff and eat food cooked on the open grill!

Meeting Schedule:

The event is held twice a year: in June and September, normally between 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Volunteers and Needs:

Attendance at Breakfast in the Park is growing each year. Everyone is welcome. Volunteers are needed to help build fires, cook food, serve meals and add to the spirit of community.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at (248) 624-8870 to participate or volunteer.

Circle of Friends

Overview:

This is a non-denominational support group for widowed men and women of all ages. Our purpose is to give each other spiritual and emotional support.

Meeting Schedule:

3rd Wednesday during the months of April-October, at 6:00 p.m. in Zepf Hall. 3rd Sunday of the month during November-March, 1:15 p.m. in Zepf Hall.

Volunteers and Needs:

Yearly membership dues \$10.00. Members are responsible for electing officers and setting up their agenda each month.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman in the Christian Service office at (248) 624-8870 for additional information.

Ushers and Ushers' Club

Overview: The ushers are entrusted with the ministry of greeting, seating, and taking up the collection during Weekend and Holyday Liturgies. They are also first responders for issues of physical safety during these times. This ministry is largely filled by members of the USHERS' CLUB, which is a social/service organization. Their activities include sponsoring college scholarships, conducting the Children's Easter Egg Hunt, and having social events for the members.

Meeting Schedule: The Ushers' Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8 PM in the Rectory Gathering Room.

Volunteers and Needs: The Ushers' Club is open to Catholic Men of the Parish who are 21 and older. The ministry of ushering is also participated in by youth and others on an *ad hoc* basis.

Contact:

Please see any usher, or call Paul Gursky at 248-624-0435, or Dave MacLean at 248-624-2765.

Rosary Altar Society

Overview: In march of 1938, twenty-two ladies met at the home of Mrs. Joan Ware, resulting in the formation and first election of officers for the “Ladies’ Altar Society.” In more recent times, both men and women are invited to be members and our name is changed to reflect that. The purpose of the Society is to clean the sanctuary, care for the altar linens, provide flowers, and fund the purchase of vestments, vessels and certain other church furnishings. The Society provides social activities for its members and the larger parish. We also do some fundraising, such as bake sales, a Turkey Bingo, a spring Card Party, and the sale of Mother’s and Father’s day cards.

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Meeting Schedule: The Rosary Altar Society meets monthly, September through June, on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. in the lower Zeph Hall. The December monthly meeting is the Christmas Party, and the June meeting is the officers’ election meeting.

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Volunteers and Needs: Help is needed for all the fundraisers as well as the regular cleaning of the church and laundering of the linens, which are both done each Thursday of the week.

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Contact:

Contact the Rectory at: 248-624-1421. .

Adult Bible Study

Overview:

Adult Bible Study is a program for those interested in a greater understanding and appreciation of Scripture. The sessions consist of prayer, Scripture study and a video or audio lecture by a Scripture scholar. The studies are most often based on the Catholic “Little Rock” Series.

Meeting Schedule:

The Study Groups meets on Thursday mornings and evenings during the school year. The sessions are held in The Disciples Room. The individual studies vary in length between 4 and 11 weeks.

Volunteers and Needs:

No volunteers are needed for this study, but you are welcome and encouraged to join us. If you would like to hold a Bible Study in your home, we will be happy to help you get started.

Contact:

Please call Jeanne Martin at 248-624-1371, ext. 307.

Divorce Care

Overview:

Divorce Care is a ministry to meet the emotional and spiritual needs of persons after the trauma of separation or divorce. Our 10-session program is designed to provide support, healing and hope. Some of those who complete our program return to assist and facilitate new participants.

Meeting Schedule:

Divorce Care runs two 10-session programs a year, starting in September and January. The group meets on Thursday nights from 7 pm to 9 pm in The Cardinal Maida Meeting Room in the Education Center.

Volunteers and Needs:

Those experiencing divorce and separation are welcome to attend. Volunteers who have completed the program may be asked to facilitate future sessions. Volunteers are needed if we are going to be able to provide the parallel support sessions for kids ages 5-12 years.

Contact:

Please contact Deacon Jene Baughman at 248-624-8870 for the session dates, or to participate or volunteer.

Knights of Columbus Council 4063

Overview:

The Knights of Columbus Council 4063 is part the largest lay Catholic family fraternal service organization in the world (more than 1.8 million members). At St. William Parish we currently have 123 members. As Knights, we strive to end the Culture of Death while recreating the Culture of Life. We promote Right-to-Life activities, conduct an annual Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally impaired, and support the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Hospitality House. We are a socially active group, as well as providing service and support to organizations throughout the Parish.

Meeting Schedule:

1st and 3rd Mondays of each month.

Membership:

Members must be practicing Catholic man at least 18 years old.

Contact:

Contact Todd Diffenderfer at 248-881-3132, or Greg Zerber at 248-207-3983, or talk to one of the Knights during the breakfast that we offer to the Parish after the 9:00 Mass on the first Sunday of each month.

Boy Scouts

Overview:

The Boy Scouting programs offer a wealth of opportunities for youths to grow physically, mentally, and emotionally in a sound Christian setting. **Cub Scouts** are boys 6 to 11 years old. The program focuses on “families and fun”. Exciting activities include field trips, crafts, derbies, games and camping. **Boy Scouts** are boys who are 11 to 18 years old. The aim of this program is to allow the boys to develop a strong character, self-reliance, leadership and good citizenship.

Meeting Schedule:

Cub Scouts meet three times a month including a Pack meeting on the 2nd Tuesday, plus two den meetings. Boy Scouts meet every Tuesday, and they schedule an outing or event once a month.

Volunteers and Needs:

The scouting programs always need adults who are interested in helping to lead our youth. Training is provided through Boy Scouts of America.

Contact:

For information regarding the Cub Scout or Boy Scout programs, please contact Karen Trojniak at (248) 624-0978.

Adult Faith Formation

Overview:

The purpose providing Adult Faith Formation opportunities is to enhance the ongoing faith formation needs of adults within our parish community. Its direction will, in large part, be determined by the needs the community expresses, with the support of the pastor. We encourage adults in their own ongoing formation and we invite your input.

Meeting Schedule:

Classes or events are scheduled at various times throughout the year.

Contact:

Please contact the Jeanne Martin, the Director of Religious Education, at the Office of Faith Formation 248-624-1371 for additional information.

Office and Mailing Volunteers

Overview:

Volunteers assist the Parish secretarial staff with preparing items for mailing (filling envelopes). Others are called upon for occasional receptionist duty in the school office, religious education office, or Parish office.

Schedule:

Persons are called at need.

Contact:

Parish office: 248-624-1421

School office: 248-669-4440

Religious Education office: 248-624-1371

Other

CYO Sports

The informational blurb was not available in time for publishing. Please see the “Dad’s Club” listing for more information.

PSA (Parish School Association)

The informational blurb was not available in time for publishing. Please call the School Office (248) 669-4440 for contact information.

Adult Faith Formation Committee

The informational blurb was not available in time for publishing. For more information, please call the Office of Faith Formation and speak to Jeanne Martin, our Director of Religious Education. (248) 624-1371.

Parish Mission Statement:

***“To live the Good News so joyfully,
that we can’t help but proclaim it!”***