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Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
(Closed Tuesday morning till 12:00)
(Closed daily 1:00—2:00pm -Lunch)
Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

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NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome!! Please register at Rectory.

PARISH WEB:

www.stwilliamelmwoodpark.parishesonline.com



The virgin
shall
conceive,
and bear
a
Son



December 22, 2013

4th Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22—4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30am	✠Jeanette Mulhern
9:00am	✠Edward Rogers Catalina Tagare
10:30pm Polish	✠Danuta Lechowicz & Deceased in Family ✠Deceased of Bil & Boduch Families ✠Wojciech Bukowski Bogu Wiadomej
12:00pm	✠Mary O'Connor ✠Sharon Rozak
2:00pm Polish	✠Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠Jozef, Szymon & Marianna ✠Janina & Stefania Krol

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23—St. John of Kanty

8:15am	✠Angie Ricchio ✠Angeline Ricchio ✠Daniel Potempa ✠Alfred, Gino, Frances & Tony
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—CHRISTMAS EVE

8:15am	
4:30pm Family Mass	✠Margareta Friedrich & Grandparents ✠Harry Nicolini ✠Bruno & Helen Zwiern ✠Evelyn & Scott Gutke ✠John & Jean Smithe & Son, Jacky ✠Martin & Stella Gutke ✠Joseph & Lottie Briske ✠Bob Centano Dugo & Wittrock Families
9:00pm Polish	✠Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠Jozef Bartczak & Janina ✠Wojciech Bukowski Anna & Jozef Matoniak & Family
12:00am	✠Bill Sanderson ✠Mary & John Marlovitz ✠Isabel & Dick Thomas ✠Mil & Ken Hall ✠William Marlovitz Orrico & Ricchio Families
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD	
9:00am	✠Joseph Grasso Family ✠Anne Birka ✠Francesca & Antonino Lupo ✠Concetta & Giuseppa Speciale ✠Virginia Sciamie ✠Jose Martinez, Sr. ✠Virginia Donnelson ✠Kissane, Storto, & Valentino Families ✠Rose Giunti Virginia Goggin –Good Health Blessings Orrico & Ricchio Families
10:30am Polish	✠Antoni & Marianne Wrobel ✠Halina & Rozia ✠Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠Janina –9th Death Anniv.

MASS INTENTIONS CONTINUED**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

10:30am Polish	✠Deceased of Sulima Family ✠Tadeusz Chmiel –5th Death Anniv. ✠Karolina Chmiel ✠Wojciech Bukowski
12:00 Noon	✠Madge Curylo ✠Casey Pietrzyk ✠Deceased of Kubalanza & Sipp Families Kubalanza & Sipp Families –Blessings
2:00pm Polish	✠Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠Rev. Lukasz Zoltek ✠Zdzislaw Chylka ✠Wojciech Bukowski Jozef & Anna—God's Blessings

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26—St. Stephen

8:15am	✠Daniel Potempa Filippo & Teresa Conte – <i>Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary!</i>
7:00pm Polish	✠Jozef Koszut & Zofia Modla ✠Rev. Boleslaw Kozyra

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27—St. John

8:15am	✠Larry O'Donnell ✠Viola Cesarone ✠John & Mary Marlovitz ✠William Marlovitz Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart/Mary/St Jude
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28—The Holy Innocents

8:15am	✠Rev. Richard Wojcik
4:30pm	✠Bill Sanderson

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION**EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:**

Saturday: 8:15 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 (Polish) & 12:00pm
 Monday - Saturday: 8:15 a.m. Mass with rosary starting at 7:30 a.m.
 Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Wednesday after English & Polish Mass
 Polish Mass: Sunday 10:30a.m. and Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
 Civic Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Thursday from Noon—5:30p.m.
 3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-Polish
 5:15pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy-English followed by Benediction



If each family could spare \$50 for the Christmas Offering, we could pay for our church renovations.

HELP OUR SCHOOL—AT NO COST TO YOU!

St. William School has an easy program for fundraising. It's called the eScrip Program and you can register online. Please go to www.escrip.com and put in group number 500014674 (that's St. William School). You can register as many charge cards as you wish with this program and the school benefits every time you shop! Thanks!



The St. William School Box Tops for Education program was able to submit 6,360 regular box tops and 351 bonus box tops! That means our school will earn \$671.10! Thank you Mrs. Zaccaria for organizing this and thank you to the 6th grade for gluing all those box tops on paper! Please keep sending them in – there is another submission date this Spring.

SSP/MANNA GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The profit from this fundraiser helps support the School Scholarship Program, for students who cannot pay full tuition. I have many cards left over for purchase. You can order new cards by January 3rd.

THANK YOU!

We are sincerely grateful to those who give regularly and generously of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work of St. William Parish. May God Bless You!!

FROM DEACON ED:

If at first you don't succeed, try reading the instructions.

TABERNACLE LIGHTS

Katia & Casey Pietrzyk

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK:

WLP MUSIC

Thanks for your sponsorship!

See ad in the back of the bulletin.

If you have a business and want to advertise here, please call J. S. Paluch at 800/566-6170.

CAREGIVER POSITION WANTED

Experienced woman seeking caregiver/housekeeper job. Excellent references. Seeking come & go or live-in position taking care of an elderly person. Please call 224/616-1291.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 22

Monday, December 23

6:30—8:00pm Cub Scout Webelos –Rm 315

6:30—8:00pm Cub Scout 3049 –Rm 316

Tuesday, December 24—Christmas Eve

8:15am Mass /English

4:30pm Family Mass /English

9:00pm Polish Mass

11:30pm Choral Presentation –Church

12:00 Midnight Mass /English

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am Mass /English

10:30am Polish Mass

12:00pm Noon Bilingual Mass /English & Spanish

2:00pm Polish Mass

Thursday, December 26

NO ADORATION

8:15am Mass /English

7:00pm Polish Mass

Friday, December 27

Saturday, December 28

Questions, please call Sister Patrycja, ext. 11. For Room Reservations & Cancellations, please fill out a form at the Rectory.

RECYCLE

Please bring old newspapers, phone books, junk mail, anything paper (Sorry—NO cardboard boxes), to our green & yellow bins in the small back parking lot. Proceeds go to help St. William School - thank you!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| <i>Amanda Bert</i> | <i>Mary Balducci</i> |
| <i>Danuta Nowak</i> | <i>Virginia Goggin</i> |
| <i>Lyla Bandy</i> | <i>Norma Bode</i> |
| <i>Marilyn Berry</i> | <i>Kristina Sisson</i> |
| <i>Elzbieta Mital</i> | <i>Mary Rush</i> |
| <i>Mary Ellen Henders</i> | <i>Ruben Arceo</i> |
| <i>Maria Hinojosa</i> | <i>Tony Napolitano</i> |
| <i>Mary Targosz</i> | <i>Donna Riccio</i> |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS

- Fr. Eda Ohm, Chaplin*
William Hayes
Brian Bynes
Mark & Tanya Hansen

This is our 6th grade working in the food pantry.



MISA BILINGÜE

Navidad, Diciembre 25, 2013 a las 12:00 p.m.
Año Nuevo, Enero 1, 2014 a las 12:00 p.m.

St. William School Open House for Catholic Schools Week

St. William School will have an Open House after 9AM Mass on January 26th to start off Catholic Schools Week on a faith-filled path! Please join us at our Family Mass where we will celebrate our Year of the Strong Catholic Family. Then, tour through the school at your own pace to see all the educational projects and stimulating fun our students have. See how we are a community of faith, knowledge and service, preparing our students to be tomorrow's leaders.

Important Notice:

EARLY BULLETIN ARTICLE CUT-OFFS

The bulletin company has requested an early bulletin schedule for December:

12/22	Articles Due: 12/5
12/29	Articles Due: 12/12
1/5/14	Articles Due: 12/19

These cut off dates apply to Mass requests also.

6TH GRADE NEWS

At this time of the year we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ by reflecting on God's love shown through the gift of His Son. The sixth grade students have prepared our Advent prayer corner with symbolic pictures of candles and individual Advent wreaths. Our beautiful prayer corner is a daily reminder for us to ready our hearts and minds for Jesus.

Sixth graders finished their first novel study of the school year. They read *Hatchet*, by Gary Paulsen. It is a Newberry Award winner with a story of life changing events in a young boy's life and his perseverance to survive one thing after another. We are ending the novel with the students working in cooperative groups in order for them to create a story board, script, and a short movie with two different ideas. Reenacting a scene from the novel with props, special effects, and some mighty fine acting is the focus of one group. Conducting a talk show theme, where a host interviews various characters, human and non-human, is the focus of the other two groups.

The students are showing their understanding of personification, by giving non-human characters, human characteristics. After Thanksgiving, the students will work in the computer lab, using Movie Maker to edit, add titles, and credits to their movies. ...and the Oscar goes to-----6th grade!

After sorting, cutting, and gluing thousands of Box Tops, we were able to send 6,721 Box Tops to General Mills. In other words, St. William School will be receiving \$672.10 to use towards our technology program. Thank you to everyone who sent in Box Tops. The second submission date is in the spring, so please keep sending your Box Tops to school. We would like to reach \$1,000.00 this year, but we need your help.

Lastly, the photo shows the 6th graders living their faith by working the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. This is a year-long project, where the students visit the pantry to carry over generous food donations, organize and stock the shelves. Thank you to everyone who has donated a non-perishable food item to the food pantry. Donations are welcome every day of the year. Many will benefit in our community because of you.

Christmas & New Year's Schedule

December 24—Christmas Eve

8:15am Mass

4:30pm Family Mass

9:00pm Polish Mass

12:00am Midnight Mass (11:30pm Choir music)

December 25—Christmas Day

9:00am Mass

10:30am Polish Mass

12:00 Noon Mass –Bilingual Spanish/English

2:00pm Polish Mass

December 26—Feast of St. Stephen

NO ADORATION

8:15am Mass

7:00pm Polish Mass

December 31—New Year's Eve

4:30pm Mass

January 1, 2014—New Year's Day

9:00am Mass

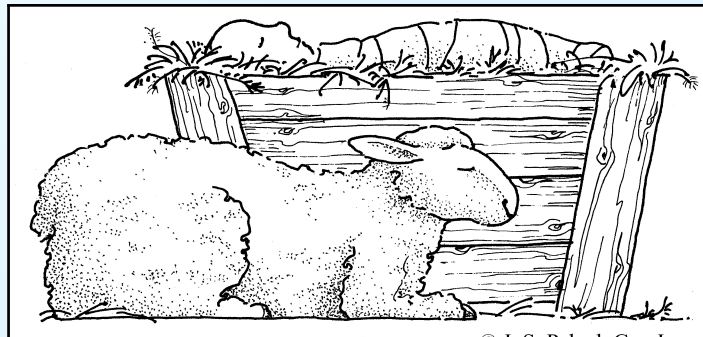
10:30am Polish Mass

12:00 Noon Bilingual Mass English/Spanish

6:00pm Polish

Spowiedz w naszej parafii odbędzie sie 21 grudnia w sobote. Spowiadamy od godziny 6tej wieczorem do ostatniego penitęta.

Welcome Baby!



BLOOD DRIVE - TODAY

Our Blood Drive is today, December 22nd. Walk-ins are always welcome. The need for “the gift of life” is great, especially during the holidays! God Bless you for caring so much for others.

BETHLEHEM WOOD FIGURINES—TODAY

Today, December 22nd, the reps from the Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem and Bethlehem in the Holy Land will be here to sell hand crafted olive wood religious figurines and articles in St. William church after all Masses.

EMMANUEL



To name someone or something means that we have a relationship with that entity. Family names identify us with our heritage; nicknames denote familiarity or a special bond. In the Old Testament, the meaning of a name ran deep. It identified one's mission, even one's very being.

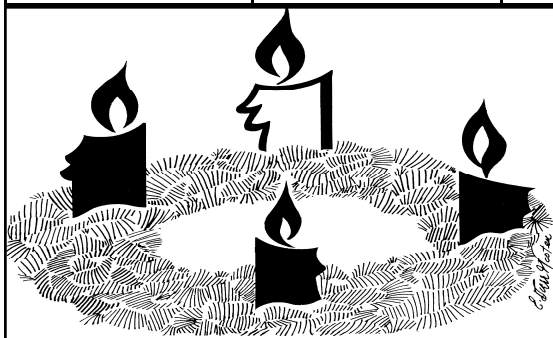
The amazing name “Emmanuel” was first uttered by Isaiah as he described to the frightened King Ahaz the promised one who would come to redeem the people. Emmanuel is not a frightening philosophical name, such as Omnipotent, Omniscient, Almighty. It does not connote distance and transcendence. It does not generate reverential fear. The name Emmanuel implies closeness and intimacy and compassion. Emmanuel is the name given to the one who is coming. It means “God is with us.” God is entrusted to the care of a virgin, who will bear this child. Only God would be so compassionate to draw so near, to be so available and vulnerable. Only God could love this well.



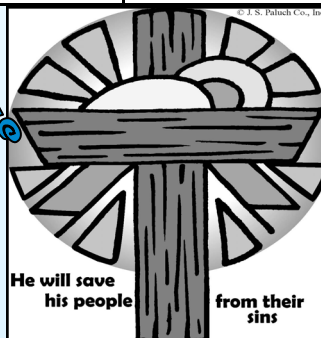
Many are having the amount on their Link card for food reduced, so they come to the church for help. We are getting many more food requests each month. Please help by bringing food like spaghetti & sauce, cereal, Mac & Cheese, Tuna Helper & Tuna, canned stews and ravioli. God bless you for your generous heart to the poor.

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of December 28 & 29, 2013

	Saturday 4:30pm 12/28/13	Sunday 7:30am 12/29/13	Sunday 9:00am 12/29/13	Sunday 10:30am Polish 12/29/13	Sunday 12:00pm 12/29/13
PRIEST	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek	Fr. Lojek
DEACON			Ed Simola		John Ponce de Leon
LECTOR	Mike Kelly	Colleen Walsh	John Collins		Louise Steppan
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Loretta Catalano Kim Burch Elaine Simola Louise Steppan	Diane Dewbray Pat Peraino Margaret Walsh Greg Fidanzia	Jose Bayron Irene Kmiecik Peggy Forgione Marcy Trausch	Sr. Patrycja Sr. Anna	Lu Consolino Ann M Storto Toni Klinicki Dominic Storto
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ALTAR SERVERS	M. Williams A. Aguirre	T. Gallagher M. Walsh	P. Ruiz A. Petitti		M. Jachym W. Karkazis



Alleluia!



The Angels sang, the star shined brightly and the Shepherds watched and were afraid. Soon they rejoiced too!

ST. WILLIAM—MEMBERSHIP FORM

Check One:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of parish
- Want Envelopes

First & Last Name:

Phone:

Address:

City/State/Zip

Return to collection basket or to the Rectory

Św. Szczepana – 26 grudnia

Świąteczne wspomnienie Szczepana, pierwszego męczennika. W areopagu chrześcijańskich świętych zajmuje miejsce szczególne. Całe postępowanie wobec niego przypomina to, któremu poddano Mistrza. Wystąpili fałszywi świadkowie, a nienawiść wzrosła, gdy dotknął dwóch świętości: Prawa i Świętyni: Potem powierzył się Jezusowi, jak Jezus Ojcu: przebaczył jak Pan prześladowcom: zawołał głośnym głosem i jak Pan zginął za miastem. Serdecznie zapraszamy naszych parafian i gości na specjalną mszę świętą w tym dniu o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem w języku polskim.

Wizyta Duszpasterska w Domu – Kolęda

Po Bożym Narodzeniu rozpoczyna się czas wizyt duszpasterskich w naszych domach, czyli tak zwanej kolędy. Czym jest kolęda i jak ją rozumieć? Przede wszystkim obejmuje ona wspólne dziękczynienie za otrzymane łaski, prośbę o

błogosławieństwo w nowym roku. Modlitewne spotkanie kolędowe stanowi wyznanie wiary rodziny, które powinno zgromadzić wszystkich domowników. Rodziny, które życzą sobie przyjąć księdza w swoim domu proszone są o wcześniejszy telefoniczny kontakt z księdzem. Prosimy dzwonić pod numer 1 773 637 6565 wew 13.

Porządek Nabożeństw w Okresie Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

Polska Pasterka 24 Grudnia—9:00PM

Boże Narodzenie 25 Grudnia—10:30AM i 2:00PM

Św. Szczepana 26 Grudnia—7:00PM

Nowy Rok 1 Stycznia—10:30AM i 6:00PM

Również chcemy powiadomić państwa że w święto Bożego Narodzenia i Nowy rok plebania jest zamknięta. Nie będzie adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu 26 grudnia to jest w drugi dzień Świąt Bożego Narodzenia.

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