From the Pastor’s Pen: We gather around the table of the Lord on this Labor Day weekend to share a meal. Everyone is invited! Regardless of background, we join together in unity to celebrate this Eucharistic banquet. As we listen to Jesus tell a parable about invitations to a banquet while he himself is a guest at a dinner, let us consider our hospitality towards others.

True humanity requires that we acknowledge our weaknesses, our imperfections, our humanness. We are not more important than our neighbor. Sirach offers this as a lesson to guide the listener. Jesus tries to teach this to the pharisees in the Gospel we hear today. Humility begets generosity, as it recognizes the value in our neighbor, especially those who are put down. True generosity is shown when giving to those who cannot repay. Let us labor to be generous to our neighbors, with our time, our love, our kindessnes, our help. Let us not forget the homeless, the unemployed, the needy, or those just needing a friend today. (adapted from Pastoral Patterns, Autumn 2019, p 18)

Thank you to all who helped make the St. Sylvester Fish Fry a success! The parish and leader greatly appreciate those who supported the fish fry in any way, including shopping, preparing food, serving, and cleanup. To all those who came out, thank you for supporting the building fund.

CCD classes are starting again at both parishes. Registration forms are available in the back of both churches. For St. William, if you are interested in registering your child or teaching a class, please contact Christina Farrell at talk61987@gmail.com. There will be a small meeting after Mass on Sunday, Sept. 8. For St. Sylvester, please contact Emily Abe at Emily.abee1@gmail.com. Classes will start Sunday morning, Sept. 8 at St. Sylvester and Sunday morning, Sept. 14 at St. William.

Next Lexington-area in person Natural Family Planning (NFP) Class Series begins September 8. Register on-line at www.ccli.org (click on “Search/Register for Classes” button). Other options, including on-line classes, are also available (see cdlex.org/family). Classes start Sept. 8, 2019, on Sundays, from 2pm-4:30pm. Class 2 will start Oct. 6, 2019, and Class 3 will start Nov. 3, 2019. All classes will be held at Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. The cost is $135. The classes will be taught by Brett and Julie Ervin, (859) 294-8636, ervins_in_ky@windstream.net. For more NFP class options, including on-line, see cdlex.org/family.

Join the Diocese of Lexington in the 2019 National Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, and Life. Nearly 50,000 Americans and over 700 Kentuckians die by suicide every year. Frequently, they die feeling alone and like a burden to those who love them the most. For each person who dies by suicide about 135 individuals are exposed to this death and many are significantly impacted by this death to the point where they may think about taking their own life. There is, perhaps, no place more equipped to provide a sense of belonging and to inspire hope to a struggling soul than a place of worship, specifically, our church and the Diocese of Lexington. As Catholics, we hold that life is sacred. Science tells us that suicide is an error in judgment where the suicidal individual feels alienated from their cherished communities and feels like a burden to those who they love the very most. Suicidal people do not want to die, rather they do not want to continue living in the pain that they are in. Sometimes a mental illness, addiction, or a traumatic past contributes to this faulty thinking. Sometimes it does not.

The Diocese of Lexington must be a place of hope for all and, to that end, we pray for those who are struggling with suicide or whose lives have been touched by suicide on this National Weekend of Prayer for Faith, Hope, and Life, September 6 – 8, 2019. The National Weekend of Prayer also stands in honor of World Suicide Prevention Day on September 10th. For more information on how your faith community can help, please look at the Faith Hope Life Campaign website at http://www.faith-hope-life.org/. For life saving resources in Central Kentucky, including suicide-focused treatment resources and suicide bereavement group resources, please check out: www.suicideprevention.eku.edu. If you or someone you care about is struggling, please call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or text the Crisis Text line by texting “HOME” to 741741.

Bible Studies are starting this week! Catholic Way Bible Study is offering opportunities to deepen your knowledge and relationship with God! Join us for an exciting journey through the BIBLE! Cathedral of Christ the King, 299 Colony Blvd, Lexington, KY. Studies and times are as follows: Thursday Morning Study is on The Book of Isaiah. It will be held at 8:45-11:00 am in Hehman Hall beginning on Thursday, September 5, 2019. You may register on day of the study and childcare is available. Please contact Jenny Owens at jenbova@aol.com. There will also be an evening study on Thursday Evenings on The Gospel of Mark from 7:00-9:00 pm in Room A (Basement). It begins Thursday, September 5, 2019 and you may register on day of study. Again, childcare is available. For additional information contact Ellie Durbin at elliedurbin@gmail.com or (859) 806-3959 or visit the website at www.CWBS.org. We hope to see you there.
ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
St. William on Fridays, 11 am-12 pm
When He returned, He found them asleep. He said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?" Mark 14:37
"Just as you cannot be exposed to the sun without receiving its rays, neither can you come to Jesus exposed in the Blessed Sacrament without receiving the divine rays of His grace, His love, His peace." -- Reflection on writing of Pope Paul VI

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home: Velva Miracle, Karen Stine, David Ruda, Brenda Hardwick, Margaret Hines, Amanda Young, Robert Brimer, Vernon Dowell, Jody Wooden, Estelle Norris, Clarice Norris, Debra Smothers, Maggie Rue, Michael Venti, Christina Ray Gilbert, Melvin Denny, Jean Cromer, Lee Belcher, David Kopczynski, Ruth Spruile, Mike Fitzpatrick, Fitch family, Van Jones, Tony Nerliger, Denise Young, Greta Hubble, Tammy Parsons family, Bonnie Farris, Eva Gutenson, Kaye Peppard, Holly Nerliger, Eileen Sneed, Carla Holtzclaw, Tim Davis, Sue Pullam, Brian Dever, Loretta Edwards, Avie Jernigan, Donna Legere, Linda Clark, Margret Wesotek, Elsy Carter, Molly Reynolds, Penny Elmore, David Bratcher, and Karen Sowder.

ST. WILMILLIE LECTORS:
Sat. Aug. 31: Peggy Waldoch
Sun. Sep. 01: Jim Brown
Sat. Sep. 07: Peggy Waldoch
Sun. Sep. 08: Joni Jordan

ST. WILLIAM EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat. Aug. 31: Christine Goddard
Sun. Sep. 01: Tony Kluesener, David Feldman
Sat. Sep. 07: Steve Goddard
Sun. Sep. 08: Kathleen Leavell, Kathy Kluesener

ST. WILLIAM SERVERS:

ST. WILLIAM OFFERTORY COUNTERS:
Sun. Sep. 01: Tony Kluesener, Steve Clark
Sun. Sep. 08: Peggy Riley, Sr. Robbie

ST. SYLVESTER LECTORS:
Sun. Sep. 01: Garland Elkins
Sun. Sep. 08: Josh Tolar (Earl Abee)

ST. SYLVESTER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sun. Sep. 01: Mary Lemons, Josh Tolar
Sun. Sep. 08: Emily Abe, Patrick Carrier

ST. SYLVESTER GIFT BEARERS:
Sun. Sep. 01: Andy & Danielle Bratcher
Sun. Sep. 08: Johnny & Joe Bratcher

ST. SYLVESTER OFFERTORY COUNTERS:
Sun. Sep. 01: Sonja Bratcher, Tom Schuler
Sun. Sep. 08: Patrick Carrier, Carolyn Pullum

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Wed. Sep. 04: SS 6:00 PM CES
Fri. Sep. 06: SW 4:30 PM CES

WEEKEND MASSES:
Sat. Aug. 31: SW 4:30 PM Charles B. Wells
Sun. Sep. 01: SW 9:00 AM Gladys Symonds
Sun. Sep. 01: SS 11:00 AM For both parishes

ST. WILLIAMS STEWARDSHIP Aug. 24-25
Sunday Offering 1,478.00
Weekly Budget to Meet 1,209.00 (+269.00)
Crossroads 183.00
Seminary Education 15.00

ST. SYLVESTER STEWARDSHIP Aug. 24-25
Sunday Offering 775.00
Weekly Budget to Meet 1,009.00 (-234.00)
Building Fund 100.00
Crossroads 145.00

ST. WILLIAM LECTORS:
Sat. Aug. 31: Peggy Waldoch

Birthdays
09/02: Reagan Miracle
09/05: Timothy Sneed

Anniversaries
09/05: Johnny & Pat Bratcher
09/07: Joe & Jenny Schuler

St. William Coffee/Donut Hosts:
After the 9:00 am Mass in our Parish hall
Sun. Sep. 01: Cindy & David Feldman
Sun. Sep. 08: Kathy & Tony Kluesener

You may come as a stranger to us; yet you are known to our Lord, Jesus Christ, and in His name, we bid you welcome; praying that you find peace, inspiration and our friendship in this, His House.