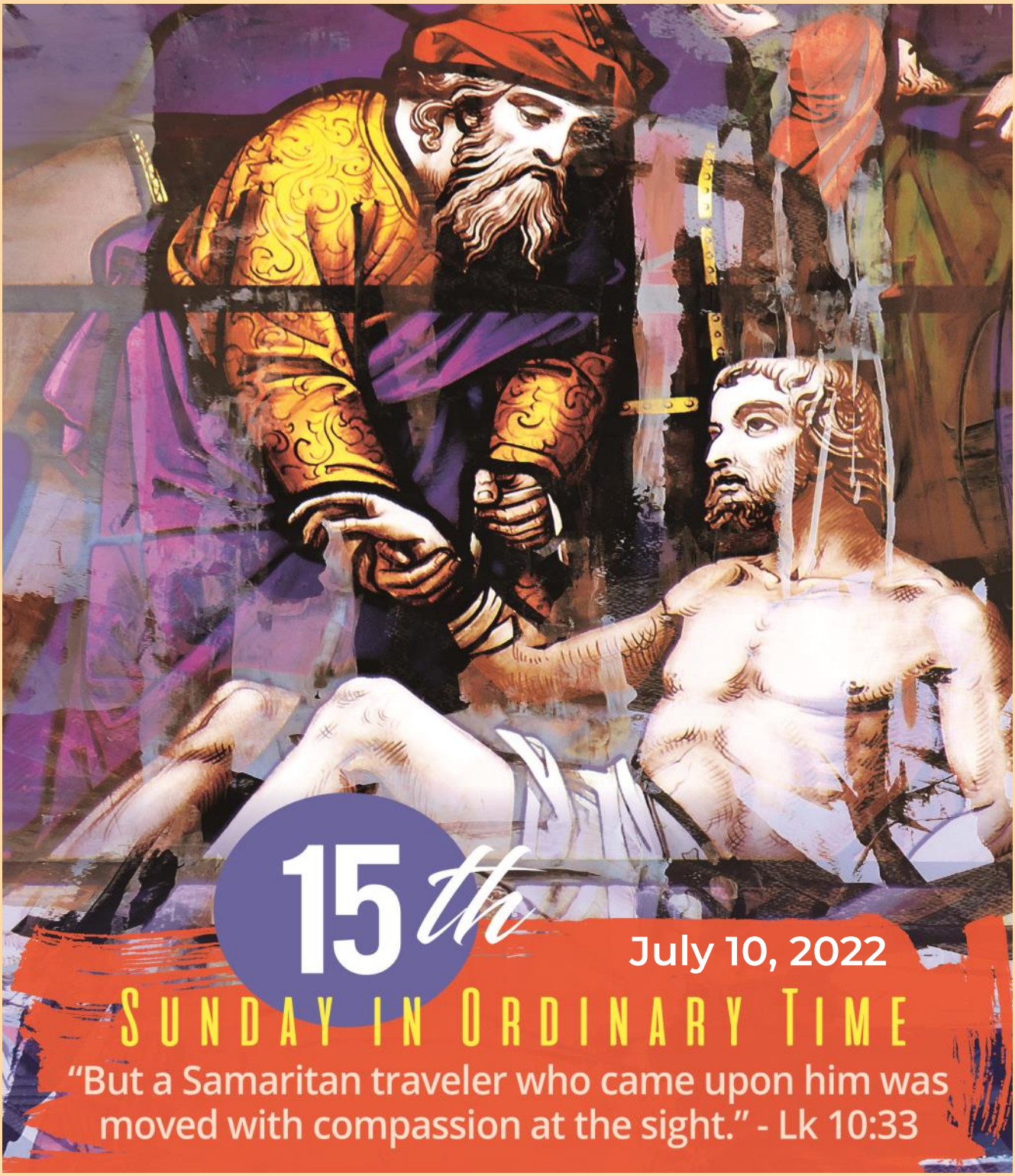
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever been in a position when you were stuck in a rough spot and completely at the mercy of others? About 15 years ago, I was in such a predicament. I don't remember what day of the week it was, but it was a work day. I was driving through Pittsburgh and it was right around noon. It was in the summer and it was hot. I was driving a hand me down Chevy Blazer that my brother had sold to me for nothing. As I crossed the Fort Pitt Bridge a light on the dash started to flicker. I didn't know what it was and traffic was flowing so I just kept going. I didn't really have any place to pull over anyway. I drove into the Fort Pitt Tunnel, going out towards the airport. Traffic was moving really slowly. I could feel that something was wrong with the Blazer but had no options. I was hoping and praying to at least get out of the tunnel. I didn't. It died. I was about half way through the tunnel, at noon, with tons of traffic. The horns started blaring. I couldn't open my door because the other lane was flying by, many people giving me nice hand signals as they passed. I was kind of panicked. I didn't know what to do. It seemed like hundreds of cars that passed me, or beeped their horns at me. I couldn't blame them really. My breaking down in the middle of the Fort Pitt Tunnel was very inconvenient for them. They had things to do, lunch to get to, or meetings. All of those cars passed, and no one stopped. Finally one car pulled past me. They didn't honk their horn. They pulled in front of me and stopped. Two young women got out. They were dressed for a concert out at Star Lake. Let's just say, they weren't dressed for church! They pulled the jump box out of their trunk and told me to pop the hood. After we tried and failed to jump it, one of the young women asked if I had called 911. I hadn't! I wasn't thinking. She told me it was probably my alternator, which at that time I had no clue that I even had something called an alternator. They stayed with me for a few minutes until a big PennDot truck came to push me out of the tunnel. They were awesome! Not who I would have expected to pull over to help, but man I am so glad they did. And of course they were right. I needed to replace the alternator.

I thought of these two amazing women, whose names I never learned, when I read the Gospel for this week. I was surprised that this was the memory that the Lord brought up in my heart. A good thing to do when reading Scripture is to put yourself into the story. Where are you in this story?

Usually when I read this story of the Good Samaritan, I think of it as a call to be merciful to others, and it certainly is that. I see the warning signs of the priest and the Levite, both of whom were busy doing good things and chose to do something that is objectively good and holy, to remain ritually pure so that they could serve their people at the synagogue. But they do this at the expense of being merciful. Jesus warns us through them that nothing is more important, even our religious roles, than showing mercy to each other. Sometimes I think of the Samaritan, a person who just because of where they were born and how they worshipped, was considered less than human by the Jews, and how despite this, the Samaritan showed himself to be most truly human and full of mercy for the man who on any other day would consider him an enemy and less than himself. Tons of lessons can be learned from this. This should challenge how we view others based on where they are from, how they worship, how we pre-judge others. It should also challenge us about the people in our lives whom we consider our enemies. Let it challenge you today.

But for some reason, this time, the person in the story that I was most drawn to was the guy who got beat up. The one who needed mercy. I guess that is why the story of me in the tunnel came to mind. Maybe in some ways, I feel the need for a little mercy these days. Maybe you do to. It is a hard feeling. The thing is, if we are going to be people who show mercy to others, it sure helps to understand what it feels like to need mercy.

So what do you do if you have never treated your Blazer badly enough to have broken down in the Fort Pitt Tunnels at noon on a week day? Honestly I know a lot of you have had far more difficult moments in your life but in case you haven't, and even if you have, remember this, St. Teresa of Avila, the great mystic and Doctor of the Church, was once shown by God her place in eternal life with out His Mercy. She was shown Hell. She said it was a place of burning, where no one could talk to the other. Holy cow, if St. Teresa of Avila was going to hell, but for the Mercy of God, where would I be going? Where would you? I'm not sure about you, but if St. Teresa was going to hell, then I sure would be too!

But do not be afraid, because God gives us a way. God told St. Teresa that Jesus, by becoming one of us, and living and dying on the Cross for us, rising and ascending for us, has given each of us the opportunity to receive His Mercy! But, do you believe that you need it? Do you see yourself in that guy who got beat up? Do you go to Confession or are you just fine? Do you need the Eucharist like you need nothing else? Are all of these changes and different priests and being asked to go to different churches just too annoying and inconvenient? Do you need God's Mercy? Are you the man along the road who needs help?

I've got to admit, I hadn't really thought about it like this before. But I hope that I am that guy. I need God's Mercy desperately! How about you? St. Teresa hopes you think you need it too. Let's learn from this story Jesus tells us. Let us learn that we need Jesus and His mercy. Then, let us go and do for others as Jesus has done for us.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

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12:00 pm-1:00 pm | St. Joseph

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, July 9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest & Companions, Martyrs	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Todd Reith	Susie Batykefer
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Richard Traggiai	Family
Sunday, July 10 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Bob Baptiste	Teresa Motko
	8:30 AM	St. John	Bob Franz	Tom Cornetti
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Kenneth Mikolas	Lawton Family
Monday, July 11 St. Benedict, Abbot	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Tony Green	Sharon Green
Tuesday, July 12	8:00 AM	St. John	Min Green	Joe & Regina Green
Wednesday, July 13 St. Henry	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Sick Parishioners	Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish
Thursday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Clem & Ethel Collins	Family
Friday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Alan Martin	Pat & Jerry Sample
Saturday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Anna & Martin Weleski Family	Family
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of the Lawrence & Alberta Convery Family	Rege & Judy
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Janet Imhoff	Chris Shaffer
Sunday, July 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Rose Marie Grossman	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Henry
	8:30 AM	St. John	Heather Craig	Patty Murphy
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Chester “Dutch” Bauer	John Lorenz
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Richard Szafranski	The Vaughan Family

REMEMBER in your prayers

Joanne
Denny Majka
Holly Dunlap
Bob G.
Eugene Bergbigler Jr.
Pearl Kocher
Dave McLaughlin
Joseph Green
Joe Crytzer
Kassidy Knoch
Maxine Yonosko
James J. Edwards
Ken Orloski
Baby Willow Lydon
Marta Riordan
Gary McLafferty
Renee Verostek
Dennis Geary
Tom Miller
Bernadette Conerty
Marek Wabiszewski
Robert Rakarich
Rose Hinch
Marge Karenbauer
Mary Lou Beilstein
Bernice Durand
Elaine Lydon
Marge Steinhiser
John Lorenz
Kathy Miller
Joe Krall
Lois Davanzati
Agnes Widenhofer
Carol Rowley
Dan Jonczak Jr.
Judy Convery
Mary Carbin
Jim Edwards
C.J. Kriley
Loretta Schnur
Janet Biscetlia
Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap.
Fr. Gary Stakem, OFM, Cap

Please call the office or email Jenn to add/remove names from either prayer list.

PRAY FOR
OUR MILITARY, ESPECIALLY...

Matthew McCandless
Tylor Grant White
Russell Bauer
Jimmy Adley
Steven Konyha
Jon Clark
Evan French

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Prayers for comfort and peace to the family & friends of those our parish has lost.

Elizabeth Rakarich

Genevieve Moore

May they, and all the faithful departed rest in the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.

WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 2022

Sunday: Dt 30:10-14/Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [9])/Col 1:15-20/Lk 10:25-37

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 [1a]/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –JULY 3, 2022

Offertory - Mass	$11,388.00
Offertory - Online	$3,115.00
Total Offertory	**$14,503.00**

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	$4,862.00
Parish Share - Online	$920.00
Total Parish Share	**$5,782.00**
***2022 Parish Share YTD**	**$84,387.50**
2022 Parish Share Goal	**$130,796.00**

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Feast of the Ascension	$10.00
Father's Day	$20.00
Peter's Pence	$210.00
Human Development	$10.00

* Parish Share now runs on a calendar year

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!

Warm wishes and blessings to those recently baptized in our parish.

Fern Odette Snyder

Daughter of Patrick & Megan Snyder

Welcome to our faith community!

Remember to pick up the *Kids' Bulletin* for your children to enjoy!

The Pittsburgh Catholic ONLINE

The online version of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* can be found at *www.diopitt.org*

Faith Formation 2022/23

Register today!! Forms are available online.

Registrations are open for all children Pre-K- 12th grade!

Sessions start September 18, 2022!

All registrations are due by August 1, 2022.

For information and registration forms, please go to our website: **saintfrancisparish.net** under the menu tab- education or email Debi Gross at debi@saintfrancisparish.net

The CGS Level II (grades 1-3) session at 9:15AM at our St. Joseph site is filled to capacity.

Please choose from the other time/site options if your child is in this category.

Mark your calendars
Fall Festival at Cabot– September 11, 2022

Fall Festival Information Packets

Within the next couple of weeks, each St. Francis Parish household will be mailed a packet containing an information letter, two books of raffle tickets, and a sign-up sheet. The sign-up sheet lists the dates, times and the work areas that we need your help with (pre-festival, festival day, and post-festival). Just add your name and phone number to your choice of volunteer areas and return the form to the collection basket. Forms may also be mailed to: Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, 315 Stoney Hollow Road, Cabot PA 16023. Your response may be phoned in by calling Barb at the Parish Office, Monday thru Thursday at 724-352-2149. Additional forms will be placed in the church entrance also.

Baskets are Here, Jump on The Basket Bandwagon!

Last year's Fall Festival Basket Raffle was truly awesome and it was all due to your amazing generosity, creativity and spirit. We welcome you to be a part of this year's raffle. The baskets and theme tags are in each church entrance. Please, help yourself! Let your creativity go wild! Please **sign the clipboard** letting us know that you have taken a basket and **which theme** you have chosen. Use **only** the baskets provided. We will wrap it, bow it and tag it. Just return your filled basket **with the theme tag** by **August 21 or sooner**. Baskets may be left at any of the churches. Together, we will make a great team!

As an added bonus, the creator of each basket will be entered into a "participants' raffle" for a chance to win an exceptional prize. If you have any questions, give Karyn a call at 724.355.5403. Thank you! Thank you!

Help Us Tie It Up!

Ribbon is on our wish list. Wired, 2" or more, solid primary colors is what we are in most need of. If you can help, drop your items in the basket in the church narthex at St. Joseph, or at the parish office. Monetary donations are accepted also. We will do the shopping for you! God bless you for being so KIND.

Walking with Moms in Need

Everyone is invited to pray for "Moms in Need". Each month during our Year of Service we will provide you with a new Monthly Prayer Guide that can be worked into your prayer time. The Prayer Guide will be in the bulletin at the beginning of the month and in the church entrances. There are links in the Prayer Guide that you might find very helpful. Please visit our parish website for more info. Thank you for joining us in prayer as we walk with "Moms in Need"."Do you have an idea about how we might improve our "walk" with "Moms in Need"?

Do you have something to share with us? Might you want to learn more about our initiative and possibly get more involved? If so, please pick up a Comment Card available in each church entrance and return it to us. We want to involve you in our Year of Service and appreciate any feedback. You can also email feedback to Cil at cillove86@gmail.com. Please put "Walking with Moms" in the subject field. Thank you

Limited spots available for **St. Mary Pre-school** in the Fall! To register, or for more information, please **contact Amy Pettinato– 724-355-6194.**

KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS COMFORT?

The Prayer Blanket Ministry at St. Francis Parish has a beautiful selection of blankets for anyone who needs the comfort of prayer. If you know of someone who is sick, depressed, lost a loved one, or is struggling with a mental illness, please consider the gift of one of our blankets. The blankets are blessed and come with a rosary. The recipients are lifted in prayer every Tuesday morning at our meeting. We also have blankets for children of all ages. You can pick up a blanket during our meetings, Tuesdays 9-11:30 am in Bauer Hall at St. Joseph, or call Suzanne Ekas and leave a message at 724.360.0027.

Prayer Blankets
MADE WITH LOVE

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St. Francis of Assisi Parish

RUMMAGE SALE

July 29--30 8 am--4 pm

St. John's Church Hall
668 S. Clearfield RD, Fenelton

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Donations of Clean & Saleable, New or Gently Used Household & Kitchen Items, Toys, Jewelry, Tools, Linens, Clothing, Books, DVDs, Accessories, Collectibles, etc. Appreciated. No Furniture, Please.

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Donations May Be Dropped off at St. John's Church Hall from July 18–27; 10 am – 3 pm or By Appointment: Dixie Mennor–724/991-1447

Want to Volunteer? Call Dixie.

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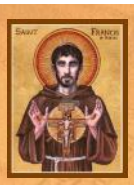
Proceeds Support Marian Guild Charitable Activities



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION
ULTIMATE SPORTS RAFFLE

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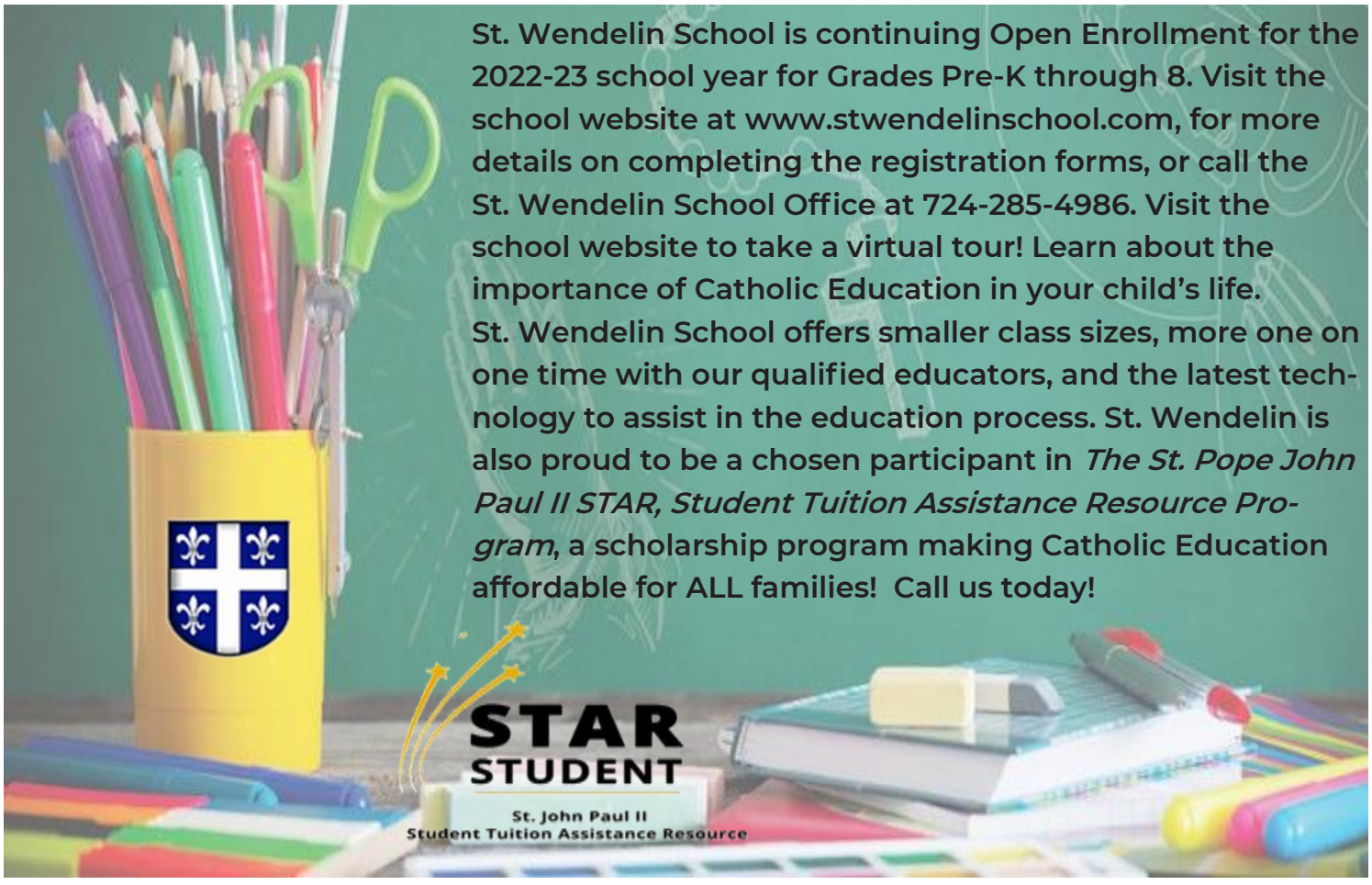
(Gates open at 11:30 am)

Tickets are now available for the Sports Raffle at the Parish office at St. Joseph in Cabot and at St. Mary in Herman. For tickets, information, or if you are interested in donating a raffle basket, contact Gary Martin (724-991-3370), Leann Bauer (724-822-7381), or Becky Kriley (724-285-3285).

TO OUR ADVERTISERS

The Cabot Food Bank is requesting continued donations of **pasta sauce.** We will, however, gratefully accept any donation you may have at any time. Donations may be placed in the **shopping cart** in the back of St. Joseph. Thank you!

The Mary Queen of Franciscans Fraternity meets weekly, on Wednesday evenings from 7- 9 PM in Marian Hall at St. Mary (enter by the parish office door). These weekly meetings, with varied programs, are open to all. Bring the whole family.



St. Wendelin School is continuing Open Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year for Grades Pre-K through 8. Visit the school website at www.stwendelinschool.com, for more details on completing the registration forms, or call the St. Wendelin School Office at 724-285-4986. Visit the school website to take a virtual tour! Learn about the importance of Catholic Education in your child's life. St. Wendelin School offers smaller class sizes, more one on one time with our qualified educators, and the latest technology to assist in the education process. St. Wendelin is also proud to be a chosen participant in *The St. Pope John Paul II STAR, Student Tuition Assistance Resource Program*, a scholarship program making Catholic Education affordable for ALL families! Call us today!

If you have given up hope that your marriage can get better, consider attending a Retrouvaille program. The program is also open to separated and divorced couples. It is an 8-week program that begins with an in-person weekend retreat, followed by 7 weekly 4-hour virtual follow-up sessions. An on-going monthly meeting is offered to couples for support and growth. It is not counseling or group therapy, and you will not share your struggles with others. If improving your marriage, building trust and forgiveness, and rediscovering the romantic love you once shared is important to you, reach out today for more information.
Retrouvaille of Pittsburgh is hosting a weekend September 30-October 2, 2022. For information, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 412-277-3434.

HOPE AND HEALING ARE POSSIBLE!!!
For those struggling with addiction or substance abuse, for their families and for those who have lost loved ones to the disease of addiction and overdose. We come together in prayer! **PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS. TUESDAYS: July 12th, 19th and 26th - 2:30 to 3:30pm (No gathering on July 5th)**
at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG,
"The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal...." - Ezekiel 34:16
Information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

Volunteers Needed! Would you like to help us help others in the Butler Community? St. Vincent de Paul is in need of volunteers at our Thrift Store at 226 Greater Butler Mart. Assistance is needed processing, sorting, cleaning shelves and assisting the manager with the needs of the store, which in turn helps provide food, clothing, utilities and rental assistance to those in need throughout Butler County. Please consider and if interested, contact Amy at the Thrift Store 724-287-8682.

Saint Joseph High School is still enrolling incoming freshmen and transfer students for this fall. The STAR (Student Tuition Assistance Resource) Program, established by an anonymous donor, provides additional financial aid, making Catholic education more affordable. Interested families are encouraged to contact Admissions Director, Shane Palumbo '92,
at admissions@SaintJosephHS.com or 724-226-4932 to start the admissions process. Don't delay, apply today at SaintJosephHS.com!

Planning to Marry? Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six months prior to the date of the intended marriage. A marriage preparation program is held twice a year in Butler. The next marriage preparation retreat will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, October 29 and November 5, 2022 at St. Michael the Archangel Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. Another program will be held again in the Spring of 2023. The registration forms for both the Fall and the Spring are available on our parish website. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Weiland at 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.

Addiction Recovery Ministry (A.R.M.) Father Michael will hold a Holy Hour on Sunday, July 10, at 1:30 pm, with a CALIX meeting immediately following at 2:30 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2599 Freeport Rd, Pittsburgh, 15238 (part of Christ the King Parish). A.R.M. is establishing a resource library in the hall of St. Francis of Assisi Church. The library will have literature available for those suffering from substance use disorders and their loved ones, as well as a computer and printer for other needs. We are currently researching the items needed for this library and hope to raise several thousand dollars for this endeavor. Any donation you can give would be greatly appreciated. Father Michael will give a reflection on Monday, July 18, at 7:00 pm in St. Francis of Assisi Church. The topic is "Liberation," based on the Gospel of John 11:32-45. The reflection is open to anyone and will also be livestreamed on our Facebook page, *Addiction Recovery Ministry Pittsburgh*. Father Michael continues to give weekly presentations on the sayings of recovery each Monday at 1:00 pm. The presentations are available for viewing on our Facebook page.

RALEIGH RINGERS HANDBELL ENSEMBLE Come hear and enjoy a lively concert by this nationally renowned group!
Friday July 15 at 7:00 PM at North Catholic High School 1617 PA-228 Cranberry Township PA 16066 Tickets @ ringpittsburgh.org

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Important numbers for Reporting Child Abuse below:
Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator Office: 412-456-3093
Hot Line: 1-888-808-1235
PA Childline: 1-800- 932-0313

St John Byzantine Catholic church in Lyndora, is having a Polka Party Featuring "The Polka Meisters Band" on Saturday, August 27th at the Tanglewood Center in Lyndora. 7-10 PM. BYOB. $20/person, limited tickets available. Available for purchase at the event: Halushki, kielbasa & kraut, & hot dogs, & non alcoholic beverages For will call reservations send your name, number of tickets and check payable to "St John's Ladies Guild" For more info call 412-353-9585.

SoulCore is an invitation to integrate body & soul in prayer, fully orienting the heart & mind toward Christ, while discovering the beauty of the rosary. Join us **Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30** at St. Joseph hall. Anyone is welcome. Contact Cil if interested, 724-822-0614, or email cecilia@saintfrancisparish.net

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ST. CLARE PARISH PICNIC

Mark your calendars! Save the date now for the annual St. Clare Parish Picnic at St. Wendelin on Sunday, August 21, 2022. Stay tuned for more information!