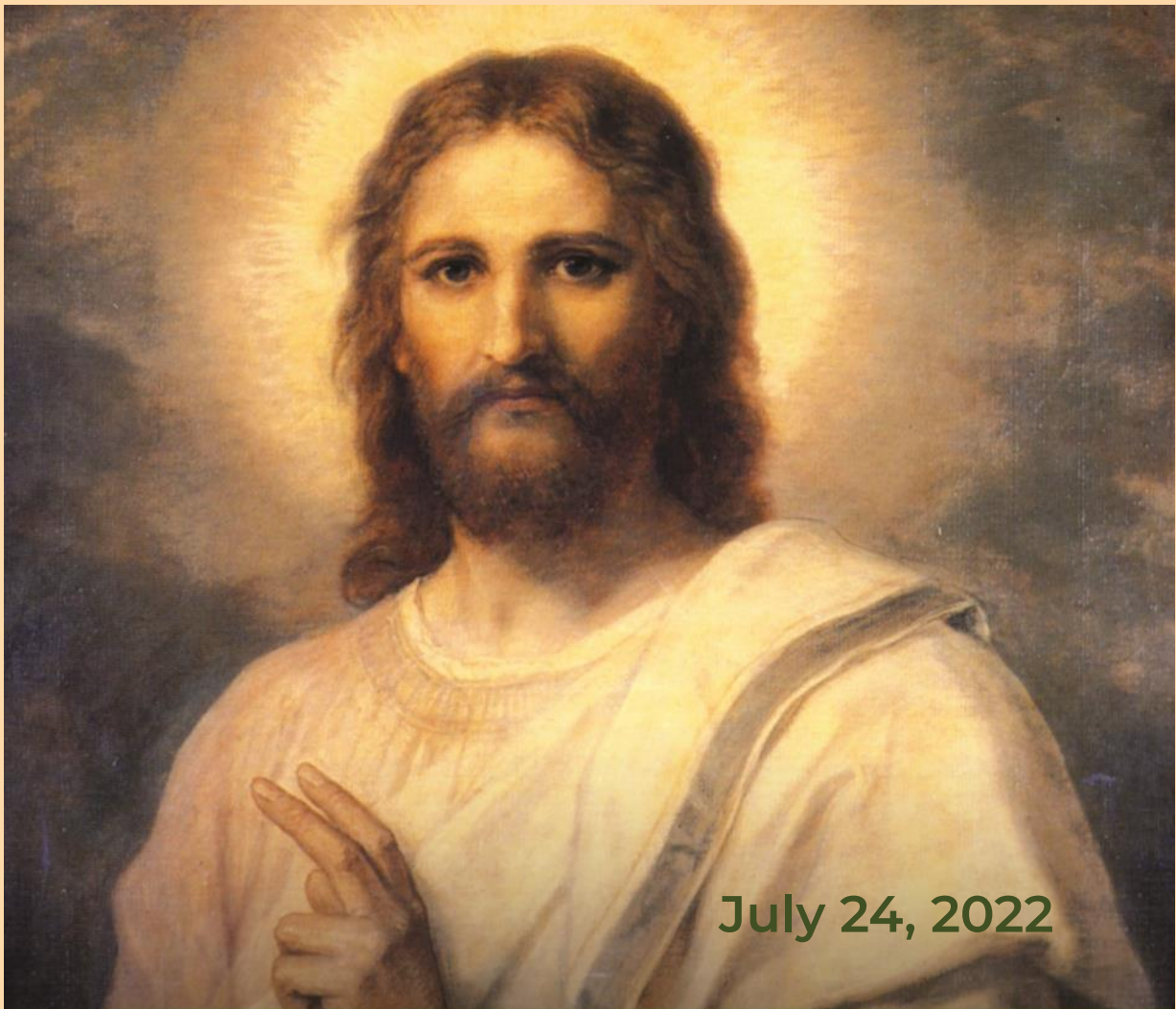




Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.



July 24, 2022

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



*There is no wrong
way to pray . . .
just pray*



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

When I was probably 10 years old I went to a show at Heinz Hall with my mom and dad. I don't remember what the show was. I don't remember if any of my brothers or sisters were with me, although some of them probably were. All that I remember is the person who was sitting directly in front of me. We were sitting in the second row. In front of us was Dan Rooney, the owner of the Steelers. That is probably why I don't remember the show, because all that I could do was watch Dan Rooney!

When the show was over and the lights came on Mr. Rooney stood up and turned around and said hello to my dad. He called my dad by name! I guess my dad had seen him as a patient once. I hadn't known that. Then the big moment came. My dad turned to me, put his hand on my shoulder and said "I'd like you to meet my son, Matt." Dan Rooney stuck out his hand for me to shake. He said that it was nice to meet me. And Iugggh I hate to even say this...put a pen in his hand and asked for an autograph. I know. My dad squeezed my shoulder and told me to shake the man's hand. I knew right away that I'd messed up. Mr. Rooney was so good about it. He laughed, shook my hand and then gave me an autograph. He was quite a gentleman. My dad was disappointed. I felt stupid. I was in the presence of this great man, and I had kind of panicked. I judged myself hard about that interaction for many years.

The First Reading and the Gospel this week teach us about prayer. How do you pray? What is the best way to pray? In the Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus to teach them to pray. He responds by teaching them the Our Father. This prayer is found both in Luke's Gospel and in Matthew's. Did you ever have a friend in another denomination ask you why Catholics cut off the end of the Our Father? The answer is found here. We don't. We end it where Jesus ends it! We like to follow Jesus and the Scriptures in our Church! Tell your friend that. It will annoy them! The Our Father is a beautiful prayer. It is intimate but also respectful. It praises God and also seeks God's help. The Our Father is a great model for prayer.

What stands out so strongly to me this week however, is not just this great model for prayer that Jesus gives us, but what He says after this. When we hold the Gospel together with the First Reading and Abraham's conversation with God, it seems that the Lord this week is encouraging us to be persistent in our prayer.

So often in my life, when I would stop to pray, I would feel like I did sitting in that second row at Heinz Hall. I wouldn't know what to say or what to do. I would just fall back on the prayers that we are all taught growing up. I would not know what to say, so I would say the Our Father, Hail Mary, the Glory Be, the Memorare. Do you know what is wrong about praying like this? Nothing! There are other ways to pray as well. Abraham is in an intense conversation with God. Do you pray like that? Do you know what is wrong with that? Nothing! Sometimes you will see people praying with their hands up. That's great! If you don't pray like that, that's great too. We don't need to judge ourselves or others based on the way we pray. But the thing that the Lord is telling us today is that we have an opportunity. We can speak with the Most High God. Just Pray.

That is what the Lord put on my heart this week. Don't judge the way you pray. Just pray! In whatever way works for you. If one way doesn't seem to be getting you anywhere, try another. Just don't give up. Keep praying.

The Lord has given us a model for prayer. We would be wise to try it. Throughout the history of the Church, people have found other ways of prayer that are effective for them. We would be wise to look at those too and see if they work for us. But there is no one way to pray. Just keep showing up to pray.

When I put that pen in Mr. Rooney's hand and saw my dad's reaction I felt so bad, so dumb. Granted, it was not the most polite or respectful thing to do. But Mr. Rooney responded with such grace and kindness. God your Heavenly Father will respond to whatever way you show up to Him, with grace and kindness as well. So don't get discouraged. Don't judge yourself harshly. Just show up. Just pray.

Peace and Love,
Fr Matt

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE



Saturdays

11:00am-12:00 pm | St. Mary
12:00pm-12:30pm | St. John
12:00 pm-1:00 pm | St. Joseph

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, July 23 St. Bridget, Religious	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	The Bell & Crusan Families	Deb Crusan
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Rose Marie Grossman	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Henry
Sunday, July 24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Myrtle Miller	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Aunt Suze Kramer	Bonnie & Paul Bergbigler
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Clare Mitch (Birthday)	
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
Monday, July 25 St. James, Apostle	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Rene & Ann Cornibe	Rege & Judy
Tuesday, July 26 Sts. Joachim and Anne, Par- ents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 AM	St. John	Alan Martin	Jerry & Pat Sample
Wednesday, July 27	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	John Valance	Mary Raub
Thursday, July 28	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Heather Craig	Dennis & Joyce Kriley
Friday, July 29 St. Martha	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Confraternity of Christian Mothers	Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish
Saturday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Dr. of the Church	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Mercedes Kropf	Mary Kay & Barbara
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Enie & Roy Spahn	Famiily
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Ken Mikolas	St. Joseph Money Counters
Sunday, July 31 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Thomas E. Bassetti	Family
	8:30 AM	St. John	Living & deceased of the Convery Family	Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Heather Craig	James & Marge Price
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Min Green	Lucille Green



REMEMBER in your prayers

Shirley Gallagher
Steven Flannigan
Brenda
Mary
Aria Joy Olson
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
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
Willow Lydon
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
Jon Clark
Evan French



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

Patricia A. Snyder

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



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43

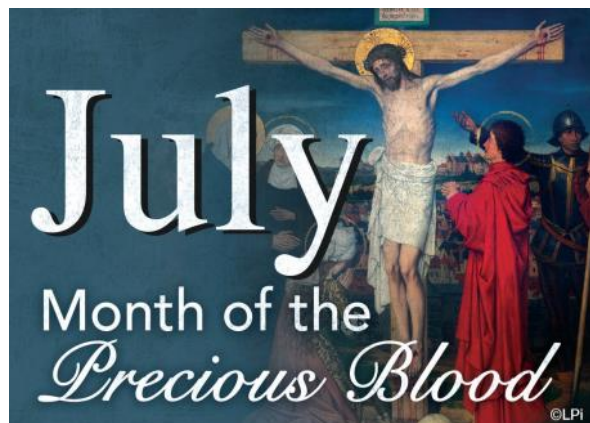
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21



Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –JULY 17, 2022

Offertory - Mass	\$8,086.50
Offertory - Online	\$2,740.00
Total Offertory	\$10,826.50

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	\$386.00
Parish Share - Online	\$1,275.00
Total Parish Share	\$1,661.00
*2022 Parish Share YTD	\$88,901.50
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$130,796.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Catholic Relief.....	\$10.00
Food Bank	\$185.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Easter	\$18.00
Utility Fund	\$57.93

* Parish Share now runs on a calendar year

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

Marriage Blessings

Congratulations to . . .

Traven Hollefreund & Allison Huff

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Francis Parish on July 15, 2022*

May God Bless your marriage!

Mary Queen of Franciscans Fraternity meets every Wednesday at 7pm in Marion Hall (entrance by the office door at St. Mary in Herman). First Wednesday of the month is evening prayer and formation. Second Wednesday is the Rosary and sharing. Third Wednesday is Franciscan teaching. Fourth Wednesday is Confession and Mass. Fifth Wednesday is praise, worship and Exposition of the Eucharist. Fr. Jim Kurtz is our interim Spiritual Director. All are welcome, please join us!



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.

Fall Festival at Cabot September 11, 2022

FALL FESTIVAL UPDATES

**All are invited to attend the Fall Festival
Planning Meeting on Wednesday,
July 27 at 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Hall.**

Fall Festival Information Packets

Each Saint Francis Parish household has been 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 the office, or call the parish office. Extra forms will be available in the church entrance. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, please inform the office.

Fall Festival Raffle Baskets

We are half way there! Thanks to those who already signed out a basket. If you are thinking about creating a basket, we welcome YOU to be a part of this year's basket raffle also. The baskets and theme tags are in each church's entrance. Just sign the clipboard letting us know which theme you have chosen. Return your filled basket with the theme tag by August 21. We will arrange it, bag it, bow it and make it smile. Baskets may be left at any of the churches when coming to Mass or at the Administrative Office Monday thru Thursday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. or call Karyn at 724-355-5403 to make arrangements. The creator of each basket will be entered into a "participants' raffle" for a chance to win a prize. Questions, give Karyn a call.

Our thanks to those who donated the beautiful rolls of ribbon. God bless you for being so KIND.

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faith community!

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*Jesus, Mary
and
Joseph, pray for
our families.*

*This week we lift up in prayer the
following family,*

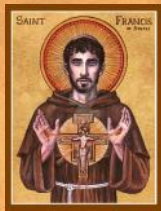
The Kerr Family

*Through the grace of our Lord, may they enjoy
prosperity, possess the priceless gift of
peace, and as the Church alive in the
home, bear witness in this world to
the Lord's glory.*

RUMMAGE SALE NEWS

- * Donations of clean, new or gently used items still being accepted weekdays 10 am-3 pm through July 26 at the CCD center at St. John (red brick building across from the cemetery) 668 S. Clearfield Rd.
- * Strong able body volunteers needed to set-up outdoor tents on Wednesday, July 27 at 6 pm outside the CCD building; contact Dixie Mennor if you can help; 724/991-1447.
- * The Sale on July 29-30 from 8 am-4 pm has been moved to the CCD building and surrounding grounds. There will be a HUGE selection of clothing for the entire family, shoes, lots of toys, household goods, collectibles, books, DVDs, tools and more! Hot dog stand. Something for everyone. Proceeds benefit Marian Guild charitable activities.

Thanks for your generous donations—See you at the Sale!



ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION ULTIMATE SPORTS RAFFLE

Location: RC MEN'S CLUB- Herman, PA • Sept. 24, 2022

BEEF • PIG • CHICKEN BBQ

\$25.00 Donation

**PRIZES GIVEN EVERY 10 MINUTES!
(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).

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

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 for supporting this vital ministry.



Delivery Drivers needed for Freeport Area Meals on Wheels!!
Freeport Area MOW services Cabot, Sarver and Saxonburg as

well as other areas. Deliveries are made every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Choose to drive once a month, once a week or whatever works into your schedule. For more information contact Betsy Olson at 724-353-1424.



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



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!



Attention all youth grades 9-12!
Bring your friends and come on a tubing trip at Cook Forest on July 27th. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation, pizza lunch, the river trip, fun park and ice cream. We will meet at St. Wendelin at 9 am and return at approximately 5pm. Contact Amy Pettinato (724-355-6194) if you are interested!

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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage October 17-27, 2022 -Join us on this spiritual journey of great grace to The Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Medjugorje. While in Medjugorje, we will attend daily Holy Mass, Adoration, climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, visit other villages, and attend the talks of any visionaries that may be present. We will tour Dubrovnik with overnight stay. Price of \$3,300 includes: round-trip airfare from Pittsburgh; all transfers in luxury motor coach, breakfast and dinner while at Hotel Villa Grace in Medjugorje, overnight in Dubrovnik, all applicable taxes and English speaking guide. Deposit of \$500 due by September 1, 2022 Please contact Bernadette Burke 412-563-3857 / email: marystravel2@gmail.com

Holy Spirit Retreat
AT THE ARK AND THE DOVE
August 27-28, 2022
REGISTER AT
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OVERNIGHT: \$150 COMMUTER: \$100
VIRTUAL: \$50

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FR. MIKE ACKERMAN FR. JOE FREEDY BRO. ROSS HENLEY

"YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT..."
ACTS 2:38

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 week-end 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 week-end 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. TUESDAY: July 26th - 2:30 to**

3:30pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 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 for 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 724-226-4932 or at admissions@SaintJosephHS.com to start the process.

Saint Joseph High School seeks a Softball Coach. Contact SJHS Athletic Director Sally Ackerman for more info, sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com or 724-226-8044.

St John Byzantine Catholic church in Lyndora, is having a Polka Party on Saturday, August 27th at the Tanglewood Center in Lyndora, 7-10 PM. BYOB. \$20/person, limited tickets available. For more info call 412-353-9585.

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 Saturday, October 29 & November 5 at St. Michael the Archangel Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. Another program will be held in the Spring. 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.



ST. CLARE PARISH PICNIC

at St. Wendelin on Sunday, August 21, 2022.

For anyone interested in an online course about pastoral care of the sick through St. Vincent College - If one member suffers in the Body of Christ, all the members suffer with them. (1 Cor 12:26). For this reason, the Church has always cared for the sick, the dying, and the grieving through works of charity and mutual support in addition to her sacramental ministry. All the baptized share in the ministry of mutual charity to support those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. In this course, students will learn the theological foundation, the pastoral skills, and practical guidance to accompany the sick, dying, and grieving in the parish community. The course will begin with an overview of the Catholic theology of suffering and then explore a mystagogical theology of the Sacraments of Anointing, Communion to the sick and homebound, and Reconciliation revealed in The Pastoral Care of the Sick Rites of Anointing and Viaticum. Catholic moral teaching on end of life will be embedded throughout the lectures. Students will learn the best practices in parish ministries of accompaniment and develop the necessary pastoral skills to enable them to engage effectively in this work of mercy. For more information and registration, visit: <https://imf.saintvincentseminary.edu/welcome/grow-2/courses/pastoral-care-of-the-sick-2/>

Mental Health Forum-August 3, 2022, 9 a.m.-noon at the Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center, The Cardinals' Great Hall, 2900 Noblestown Rd., Pittsburgh PA 15205. This free workshop will examine how Catholic parishes nationwide are instituting ministries to support individuals and families struggling with mental health issues. The event is presented by Catholic Charities and the Health and Well-being Ministry. To register contact Jack Shaw: 412-508-5383 or shaw.jack@verizon.net

Auditions for the 2022-2023 Diocesan Choir season will soon be held. The choir, under the direction of Fr. Jim Chepponis, Music Director for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, sings for the major diocesan events at St. Paul Cathedral throughout the year. Currently there are openings in the soprano, alto, tenor and bass sections. In addition to being good singers, potential members must be capable sight-readers due to a limited rehearsal schedule, and at least 18 years of age. Rehearsals are held at St. John Capistran Church, 1610 McMillan Road, in Upper St. Clair. **Audition times may be scheduled by calling Doris Anne at 412-953-4480 before August 5.**

Come for a **retreat with Immaculée Ilibagiza, Rwandan American author and survivor of the Rwandan genocide.** This retreat includes Immaculée's witness of the power of prayer, miracles of the Rosary, and inspirational music. No one will leave this retreat the same as when they came. The retreat takes place November 4-5 at St. Alexis Church of St Aidan Parish. The cost to attend is \$57. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.immaculee.com/collections/retreats/products/wexford-pa-retreat-november-4-5-2022-with-immaculee>.