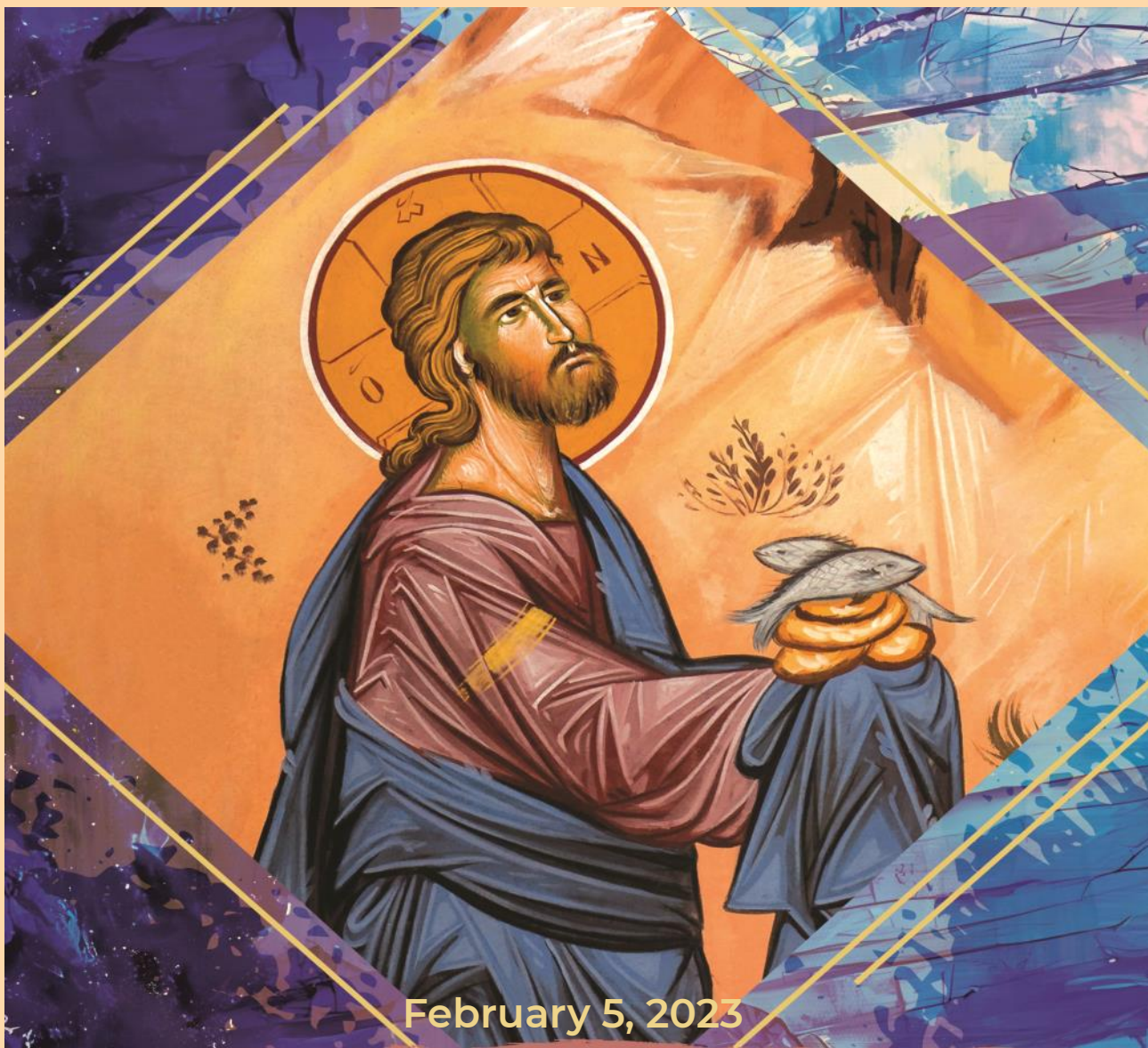




Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.



February 5, 2023

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." - Mt 5:16

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The other day I was visiting my sister and she told me to be careful at the intersection of Beadling and Washington Roads. It is a busy intersection, and one that at certain times of the day is very busy, both with cars and pedestrians. Kids walking home from the high school, remember this is Mt. Lebanon so no buses, tend to cross the street without looking. So, my sister said to make eye contact with the pedestrian before you pull out on to the road. The kids usually have ear buds in, listening to music. So

much of the technology today is so cool, but sometimes it also separates us or distances us from reality.

I think the Readings for this week remind us of what is real and provide a remedy for the solipsism of our world today. I had to slip that word in there. Solipsism. It means that we think that the sun revolves around us. It is a fancy way to say that we are caught up in a false narrative that everything is about us. What the Readings spell out for us is the reality of who we are, why we are here, and who or what we need to be concerned about.

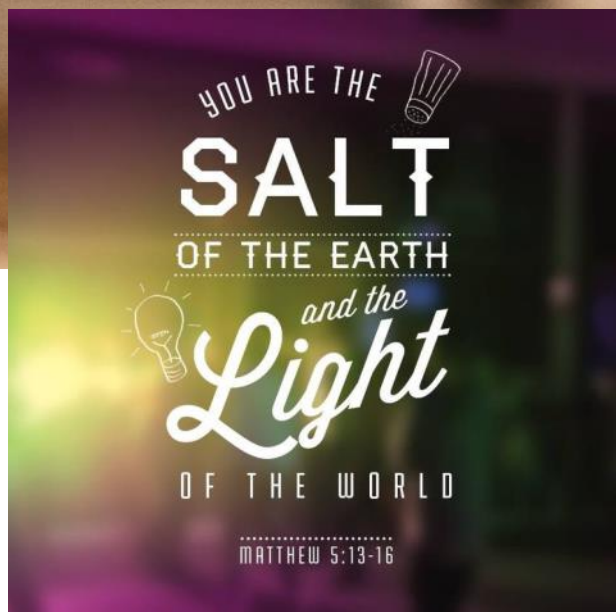
In the Gospel for today, Jesus calls his followers "salt" and "light." The thing about salt and light is that neither of them are for themselves. Everyone loves a little salt, but would you sit down and eat a bowl of salt? No way! But that isn't what salt is for. Salt is about what it is put on or in. It brings out the flavor of the other or preserves the other from spoiling. Salt is not solipsistic. Salt is in fact, ancillary. That is, it is in service of the other. The same thing goes with light. Light doesn't light itself and then just appreciate it's own radiance. No. Light is used not for itself, but for others, so that they might be able to see or be warmed. Light is ancillary, not solipsistic.

The First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm tell the same story. We are not here to be all about ourselves. If we are not all about ourselves but are about others, "light will rise for you in the darkness," says Isaiah in the First Reading and "his horn shall be exalted in glory" says the Psalm.

So, we are called to be ancillary rather than solipsistic. To be for others rather than ourselves. We have two great examples of how we were made to live. After Mary received the message from the Angel Gabriel, in Luke 1: 38 Mary says; "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord." The Latin word for "handmaid" is ancilla, which is the root of the word, ancillary. Mary says she is the Lord's servant! She is not all about her, she is all about the Lord and what the Lord is doing. She is an approachable model for us, because she is one of us. She is what we were made to be. A person for others. The Second Reading shows us the greatest model. "Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified." We are made to be about others. To not be for ourselves. To not be solipsistic. But this is not too burdensome because we have a God who is all about us! The Creator of the world died on the Cross for us. If anyone has the right to be solipsistic it is the One who actually created the sun, but He isn't. Our Lord is ancillary. He came not for Himself, but to serve and to save those whom He loves!

This week let's hear the Lord's challenge. Whatever ear buds you wear in your life, I mean that metaphorically and really, let's take them out. You were not made just for yourself. Be a person for others. Be ancillary. Be salt. Be light.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





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Facebook Page

CONFESSION

SCHEDULE

Saturdays

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



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Time | Location | Intention | Requested By |
|--|---------------|------------|---|--|
| Saturday, February 4 | 4:00 PM Vigil | St. Mary | Dale Karenbauer | Marge & Deb |
| | 5:30 PM Vigil | St. Joseph | Edith Brazier | Traggiai Family |
| Sunday, February 5 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 AM | St. Joseph | Dean Phillippi | Family |
| | 8:30 AM | St. John | Sr. Mary Urban Handte | James & Hazel Green Family |
| | 10:00 AM | St. Mary | For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi | |
| | 11:00 AM | St. Joseph | Vincent Green Sr. | Family |
| Monday, February 6 St. Paul Miki and Compan- ions, Martyrs | 8:00 AM | St. Mary | Herman Joseph Marino | Lorraine Heagy |
| Tuesday, February 7 | 8:00 AM | St. John | Lois Davanzati | Pete & Paula Eury |
| Wednesday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Jose- phine Bakhita, Virgin | 9:00 AM | St. Joseph | Donna & Martin Sasse | Mary Kay & Barbara |
| Thursday, February 9 | 8:00 AM | St. Mary | Aunt Suze Kramer | Fr. Bob Ahlin |
| Friday, February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin | 9:00 AM | St. Joseph | Sick Parishioners | Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish |
| Saturday, February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes | 9:00 AM | St. Joseph | David Cole | The Dellarosa Family |
| | 4:00 PM Vigil | St. Mary | Tim Lindstrom | Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish |
| | 5:30 PM Vigil | St. Joseph | Virginia Ruediger, James Ruediger | Family |
| Sunday, February 12 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:00 AM | St. Joseph | Helen Kriley | Theresa & Ron Thompson |
| | 8:30 AM | St. John | Ronald D. Cypher | Steve & Donna Birckbichler |
| | 10:00 AM | St. Mary | Rodney Scott | Bernie & Dess Schnur |
| | 11:00 AM | St. Joseph | Robert Tomaszewski | Pam & John Tomaszewski |



REMEMBER in your prayers

Emilia Schaffner
Vivien Drewencki
Jim Boldy
Betty Neff
Germaine Kaiser
Gina Stutz
Jim & Sharon
Vince Ritzert
Judith Convery
Marilyn DiGiacomo
Loretta Schnur

Nick Kerr
David Selfridge
Marek Wabazewski
Jim Edwards
Laneice Olesnevich
Mary Lou Beilstein
Aria Joy Olson
Eugene Bergbigler Jr.
Pearl Kocher
Maxine Yonosko
Renee Verostek
Marge Karenbauer
Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap

Pray for Our Military, Especially ...

Jacob Medley
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.

Charlene J. Zotter

Wilbert "Sonny" Whalen

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



Please continue to pray for the following
babies our parishes have "spiritually adopted":

*Hannah, Savannah Marie, Lilliana Rose, Olive,
Charlie, Suzanna Marie, John, Joy,
Hannah, Zander, Angel, Sophia, Grace,
Edward, Chris, Satinka, Stacy and Molly*

Prayer cards can be found in the church entrances. Spiritual
Adoption Certificates are available as well if you wish to "adopt",
name and pray for a pre-born child and their family. The Pledge
(to pray) Card can be returned in the
collection basket.

Thank you for your continued support
of the Walking With Moms initiative.



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7,
8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-
6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c/Mk 6:53-
56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5,
6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps
104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30/Mk 7:14-
23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2,
3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/
Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-
4abc, 5-6, 12-13/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-
2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-
10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28,
33-34a, 37

Our parish has created a
Flocknote Group of "Pray-ers"
so that when the office re-
ceives a prayer request, we can
contact everyone easily. If you
are interested in being part of
this ministry or would
like to add someone
to the prayers, please
call the office.



Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – JANUARY 29, 2023

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| Offertory - Mass..... | \$8,811.00 |
| Offertory - Online | \$2,093.10 |
| Total Offertory | \$10,904.10 |

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

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|--|---------------------|
| Parish Share (PSP) | \$30.00 |
| Parish Share - Online..... | \$225.00 |
| Total Parish Share | \$255.00 |
| *2022/2023 Parish Share YTD | \$169,557.82 |
| 2022 Parish Share Goal..... | \$130,796.00 |

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Marian Guild Food Bank | \$50.00 |
| St. Anthony/DePaul Schools | \$638.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary..... | \$45.00 |
| Christmas Offering..... | \$30.00 |
| Christmas Charities | \$10.00 |

* Parish Share now runs on a calendar year.
Current total reflects to date total as we do not yet have the 2023 goal. Numbers will be adjusted at that time.

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

The Second Collection Today is the Monthly Collection for the Parish Share Program

FISH FRY

The annual fish fry at St. Mary in Herman will begin on Friday, February 17th and continue every Friday through March 31st. It will be a carry-out only set up. Menu, cost and further details to follow soon! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office.



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI MONTHLY SENIOR POT-LUCK LUNCH

Come join us for some camaraderie and conversation while enjoying lunch on **Wednesday, February 8, 2023 from 12:30 – 2:30pm at St. Joseph Hall.** Men and Women 55+ of St. Francis of Assisi parish are welcome to join other seniors in our parish community for our monthly Pot-Luck Lunch. Bring a dish to share (hot or cold – sweet or savory - use your imagination) that serves 10-12. Beverages and table service will be provided. Hope you'll join us!!



Ministry Scheduler Pro

Attention All St. Francis Liturgical Ministers:

Beginning the weekend of February 11-12, the liturgical minister schedule for all churches of St. Francis will be created using **Ministry Scheduler Pro**. St. Mary has been using this program for a while. Information about the software and the newest schedule have been mailed to the homes of all ministers.

One of the great benefits this program offers is the option to volunteer or fill in at any of the churches in the parish. Volunteers are set up in the program to serve at the church they are currently serving, but you can expand your settings to include other churches within St. Francis. If you are unable to serve on the weekend you are scheduled, you can go into the program via a computer, tablet or smartphone and request a substitute. This will send an email asking for someone to fill your spot. If you do not have online capability, please call Barb at the office and she will make whatever changes you need.

We ask for your patience during this transition. If you have any problems or questions, please contact Barb at 724-352-2149 x204 or barb@saintfrancisparish.net. Thank you to those volunteers who have given their time and talents, to this point, in creating the schedules for lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and altar servers. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.



St. Francis Parish Knights of Columbus would like to thank everyone who came to January's pancake breakfast, especially those who donated to the Special Blood Drive where

30 Units were collected!

Our next breakfast - Sunday February 19th

Where - St. Joseph Church Hall

Times - 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Menu will include a wide variety of pancakes, sliced ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, tea, and coffee!

Best breakfast around - anywhere!!!!

Give us a try, bring a friend, you'll be glad you did!



Funeral Meal Committee Meeting at St. Joseph Hall

We are looking for **volunteers to help serve a catered (already prepared) meal** to family and friends after their loved one's funeral. Not available to help at every meal? No problem, come when you can. To re-establish the committee, we are asking anyone interested in this ministry to attend a meeting on **Thursday, February 16th at 6 pm in the cafe at St. Joseph Hall, Cabot.** If you are unable to attend the meeting, but want to help with this ministry, call Darlene Geibel at 724-352-3216 or email: [geibel313\[@\]aol.com](mailto:geibel313[@]aol.com) to let her know of your interest. Please consider this very worthwhile ministry that provides additional support to family and friends during their time of bereavement. God's peace be with you.

St. Francis and St. Clare Parishes will be participating in a parish-wide survey!

Out of twenty parishes in the diocese, our parishes have the unique opportunity to receive intensive, hands-on accompaniment from the Catholic Leadership Institute to help us develop a pastoral plan. The first step is participation in a survey so we can better understand our parish needs. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link **starting Ash Wednesday, February 22 through March 31st** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr. Matt and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy, you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located in the vestibules of each church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at either parish office. If dropping off outside of office hours, please use the boxes available beside the office door. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Angie Robb at (724) 352-2149 ext. 208.

Thank you for helping with this important project!

We are updating our parish database!
(Please print legibly)

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sharing
CHRIST
a seven-week mission

The St. Francis & St. Clare of Assisi Evangelization Team are excited to present the next session of the *ChristLife Series*, *sharingChrist*, a *Seven Week Journey*. Each weekly session includes four components: prayer,

video teaching, small group discussion, and practical applications. The sessions are free and include a delicious meal each week. Sessions begin on **Monday, February 13th, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at St. John Hall. The remainder of the sessions will follow **weekly on Tuesdays** (February 21st through March 28th), same time & place. Newcomers are welcome! It does not matter if you were unable to attend the previous sessions in the *ChristLife Series*, we would love to have you join us for *sharingChrist*! Please let us know if you plan on attending by February 12th.

Contact Angie Robb at 724-352-2149 ext. 208, [angela\[@\]saintfrancisparish.net](mailto:angela[@]saintfrancisparish.net)

Let's Talk!

Come and Chat with Fr. Matt... and Friends!

Casual conversation in a relaxing atmosphere for ages 21-50ish.

Wednesday, February 15 from 6:30-8PM at the Fieldhouse Restaurant - 911 N. Pike Rd., Cabot. No R.S.V. P required.

We have been meeting for a couple of months and have enjoyed seeing friendships form while munching on snacks and sharing in different discussions.

Come and join us!

Just a friendly reminder, if you have moved, changed your phone number (eliminated your home phone), or have a new preferred email address, please let us know! Fill out the form to the left and return in the collection or to the office. Feel free to call the office if you prefer. Thanks for helping us stay up to date!





Children's Faith Formation

February 2023



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| 5 | PreK- 5 Edge 6-8PM Confirmation Class 6-8PM |
| 6 | CGS II @ St. Joseph 6-7:30PM |
| 12 | PreK- 5 Youth Mass 11AM |
| 13 | CGS II @ St. Joseph 6-7:30PM |
| 19 | PreK- 5 Edge 6-8PM |
| 20 | CGS II @ St. Joseph 6-7:30PM |
| 26 | OFF Empowering God's Children PreK-2: 9:15AM 3-5: 12:15PM 6-8: 6-7:30PM |
| 23 | CGS II @ St. Joseph 6-7:30PM |
| 26 | First Communion Parent Meeting 7PM |
| 27 | OFF |
| 28 | Children's Adoration 6:30PM St. Joseph Church |



DID YOU KNOW?



The linen cloth used by the celebrant for wiping the chalice after each communicant drinks from it is called a **PURIFICATOR**.



St. Francis continues to collect non-perishable food items for The Cabot Food Bank year round. They are now also requesting diapers and baby foods to help support their new parent resource closet. All donations may be placed in the **shopping cart** in the back of St. Joseph. Thank you always for your continued support.

Men's Evening with Father Matt

Saturday, February 11th

at St. Wendelin Church/Hall

All men are invited and encouraged to bring any (male) guests you wish to invite, to an evening with Fr. Matt. Join us for the 4pm Mass at St. Wendelin (if you can), followed by dinner and refreshments at 5:15pm in the hall.

Please call the St. Clare office to register so we may better prepare (724-445-3713).

Sponsored by St. Clare Knights of Columbus.
There is no cost to participants.

Adoration

of the

Most Blessed Sacrament

Explaining Adoration to the Children

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:30 PM

St. Joseph Church

All parishioners are invited to join us for Adoration as the children learn about this powerful way to experience the true presence of Jesus.

Let us prepare our hearts this Lent for our Lord's Passion and Resurrection.



My Dear Children,
Come keep me company
for a little while.
Talk to Me and tell Me
what is in your heart.
I am with you in a very special way.
I will take you and hold you.
I am truly your heavenly Lord.

Love,
Jesus

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



From Feb. 22nd – April 2nd, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:
Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or
Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com

- **20,829 babies saved**
- **247 abortion workers converted**
- **132 abortion centers closed!**

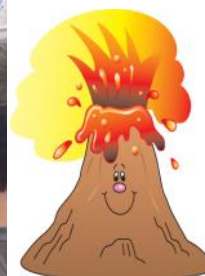
Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Feb. 21st at 6:30 pm, followed by a candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood! All Christians are welcome to participate!

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Students in the yellow & blue classes at St. Joseph Pre-school learned all about the letter V last week. Particularly about volcanoes! The students made a volcano craft and completed a volcano science experiment!



V is for VOLCANO



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**, February 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - 2:30 to 3:30pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG. information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net
 We have come to know and to believe in the love God has for us. -1 John 4:16



Have you heard about **The Chosen**, the hit TV series about the life of Jesus as seen through the eyes of his disciples? Lauded by both seminary professors and priests, lay people, Catholics and Protestants alike, the show is based firmly on the Bible with well-considered fictional elements. Millions of people have said their faith has grown through watching the series. We'd like to offer a chance for you to **view The Chosen series on Friday nights at Abba's House, in Saxonburg**. Each one hour episode will start at 7 pm, followed by discussion. Next scheduled dates are February 10 and 17, and then after Lent on April 14. Contact Dan and Deb Fritz at 724-352-0751 for more information, or just show up!

The CHOSEN



INTERCEDE



May Catholic parish communities strive to provide compassionate, tangible support to expectant moms needing assistance.

PRAY

Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be

REFLECT

In *Evangelium vitae (The Gospel of Life)*, Pope John Paul II applauds the daily heroism of mothers who selflessly devote themselves to their children. This modern-day saint also highlights the unfortunate reality that “these heroic women do not always find support in the world around them.” He goes on to say, “On the contrary, the cultural models frequently promoted and broadcast by the media do not encourage motherhood. In the name of progress and modernity the values of fidelity, chastity, sacrifice, to which a host of Christian wives and mothers have borne and continue to bear outstanding witness, are presented as obsolete” (EV 86).

A culture that fails to truly value motherhood naturally becomes hostile to the gift of new life. When the Church compassionately serves mothers, it witnesses to the beauty of human life. There is a great need for real, tangible assistance for expectant mothers. Christ calls us to serve those most alone and in need. In a world that often turns it back on mothers who sacrifice so much of themselves, may we, the Church’s members, rise to help mothers in need of assistance and support.

ACT (choose one)

- Do you regularly enjoy a meal out during the week? Or do you typically stop to get a cup of coffee each morning? Give up one of these small pleasures this week. Use the money you saved to make a donation to a local pregnancy center, food pantry, or charity that provides assistance to mothers in need.
- Pray the “Prayer for Pregnant Mothers” (walkingwithmoms.com/prayer-for-pregnant-mothers) throughout the next month. Consider adding it to your morning or evening prayers each day.
- Offer some other sacrifice, prayer, or act of penance that you feel called to do for the featured intention.

ONE STEP FURTHER

Join the Church’s effort to serve pregnant and parenting women in need called, *Walking with Moms in Need*. Take the pledge to prayerfully support pregnant women in your community: www.walkingwithmoms.com.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Holy Father was thrilled to hear about the effort to support women facing unexpected or difficult pregnancies through *Walking with Moms in Need*. Read more about Pope Francis’ response to this exciting initiative at walkingwithmoms.com/national-vigil-homily.