



# Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi

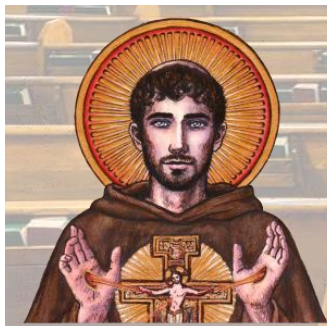


February 9, 2025

*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday*  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." - Lk 5:5





## Saint Francis of Assisi



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# ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
<b>Saturday, February 8</b> St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Marlene Price	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Wanda Riemer	Mitch and Loretta Lutynsky
<b>Sunday, February 9</b>  <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  World Marriage Day	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Helen Kriley	Dennis & Joyce Kriley
	8:30 AM	St. John	Christopher Green	Mom, Dad, Aunts and Uncles
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Dave Karenbauer	Co-worker
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Denny Geary	Mark Pesci
<b>Monday, February 10</b> St. Scholastica, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Judy Convery	Charlotte
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b> Our Lady of Lourdes	8:00 AM	St. John	Shirley A. Gallagher	George Gallagher
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Wayne Watson	Lawton Family
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Marge Karenbauer	Deb & Family
<b>Friday, February 14</b> Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; Valentine's Day	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Rich Weleski	Perry & Debbie Dawson
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Living & Deceased of the Alfred & Mary Spohn Family	Family
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Kristin Martin	Steve Huncheck
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Corrine Schnur	Lawton Family
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>  <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Chris Green	Friends
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Bob Ruediger	Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Gary Croney	Al & Joan DePew

# ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
<b>Saturday, February 8</b>  St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tracy Weiland	Nancy Kradle
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Sid Callihan	Anna Marie
<b>Sunday, February 9</b>  <b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  World Marriage Day	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Vincent P. Ritzert, for the repose of his Soul	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Harold & Rita Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Earl Saeler Jr.	Family
<b>Monday, February 10</b>	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
<b>Tuesday, February 11</b>	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	Elaine Ritzert
<b>Wednesday, February 12</b>	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bert Green	Bob & Joyce Geibel
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Irma L. Potchak	Dee & Marlin Minor
<b>Thursday, February 13</b>	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	Sue Fraley
<b>Friday, February 14</b>	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Leo Benson	Maxine & Family
<b>Saturday, February 15</b>	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Esther Stephenson	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Robert Zanella	His Wife, Joyce
<b>Sunday, February 16</b>  <b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Howard Reges	Mark & Kim Cowan and Family
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Bill Liberto Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tracy Weiland	Marion & Robert Kepple Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Stella Smith	Bev Wesley



# MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few years ago, during the time when everything was shut down and we all spent a lot of time at home, I watched a ton of Marvel movies. There are great characters in these movies. Captain America, the Hulk, Thor, Captain Marvel, and many more. My favorite Marvel character is Peter Quill, also known as Star Lord. I think the reason that I like this character so much is because he is both heroic and really funny. He has a swagger to him, but he is also humble. There is a moment at the end of the first Guardians of the Galaxy movie where everything seems lost. Evil seems to have won. But then, suddenly, Peter and his crew, in a very funny way, defeat the bad guy and save the world. Peter, in this last desperate moment, realizes that he is more than just a funny guy trying to do good. He is more than he, or anyone else, thought he was.

When I was a sophomore in college, barely seeing the field on Saturdays, my coaches called me in and asked me to play a position, fullback, that I had never played. I was stunned. That wasn't who I was. My coaches told me to think about it and ask my dad what he thought. My dad said, "play whatever they ask you to play."



In the Readings for this week, we meet three people who thought that they knew who they were. Isaiah, Paul and Peter. When asked to challenge their beliefs about themselves, none of the three thought that what they were being asked to become was possible. They were sinners. They were unworthy. In this they were correct. But there was another person involved; the one asking them.

There are two things going on in each of these cases. First, what Isaiah, Paul and Peter didn't realize at the moment that God first asks them, is that God was going to provide for them, and what God would provide, His Grace, would be enough. Second, God knew them better than they knew themselves. God saw something in Isaiah that told Him that Isaiah could be the greatest and most prolific prophet the world would see until the time of John the Baptist. God saw that Paul, who was fighting so violently against His Church, could fight heroically on behalf of the Faith, and become the Faith's greatest and most prolific teacher. God saw that Peter, a hard worker, a team player, a humble man, with strong but imperfect faith, could become the leader, the Rock upon which He built His Church.

What do you think God thinks of you? If you are very certain, I encourage you to question that. I would bet that some of us are a lot more than we think we are, and some of us are a little less than we think that we are, but what matters most is what God knows we are. Like Isaiah, Paul and Peter, let's be humble about this before God. Let God tell you who you are. Let's also let God tell us what we can do. Things might seem like too much for us, but what we learn in the Readings today is that it is not all up to us. If we are open to it, God's Grace will be with us, whatever we face, and God's Grace will be sufficient. It will be enough.

It isn't often that we actually ask ourselves the question, "Who am I?" Ask it this week, but not just to yourself, ask it of God. I think that you are going to find, like Peter Quill in the Guardians movie did, and like Isaiah, Paul and Peter did, that you aren't exactly who you think you are. God knows you better than you know yourself so trust His answer. Ask yourself another question; "What am I supposed to do?" God may ask you to do something really difficult, much more difficult than playing fullback! You may not think that you can do it. Do whatever God asks of you. You don't have to run away from hardship. You aren't alone.

God will give you the Grace that you need to do it.

Peace and Love,  
Fr. Matt



## REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Mark Clouse  
Rose Hinch  
Gail Scott  
Roy Bergbigler  
Caitlin Trettel  
Ron, Debbie, Judy,  
Cathy and Nicole  
William Weiland  
Colette Bowser  
Camden Miller  
Mary Lee Rosenbauer  
Gavin  
D.R.  
Baby Owen  
Clyde Altman  
Lou Heasley  
David Russell  
Les Bauer  
Joe Beilstein  
Eliza O'Donnell  
Finley Skiff  
Shelly Double-Barnhart  
Gary Black  
Ian McElroy  
Ann Annarella  
Robert Clouse  
Abby Koenig  
Jerry Ruediger  
Dick Curry  
Killian Eakman  
George Kepple  
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Shawn Nolan  
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Danny Krapf  
Hayes Markle  
Thomas Wetzel Sr.  
Bus & Joanie Neigh  
Lisa Cammisa  
Robert Riemer  
Jane Schafer  
Marcus dosSantos  
Kathy Steighner  
Bobbi Adley  
Mindy Floro  
Angie O'Mahoney  
Jim Lorenz  
Donna Green  
Chrissie Wilcox  
Linda Heagy

Ed Moore  
Joe Moser  
Jeannie White  
Helen Marie Hartle  
Shirley McCoy  
Donna M.  
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Lucy Duffy  
Jessie Black  
Laura & Family  
Patricia Ryan  
Leonard Dombroski  
Bernadette Conerty  
Mason Martin  
Jim Bowser  
Larry Karenbauer  
Dave Maley  
Jennifer Perkins  
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Madalyn Rose Geibel  
Jim Bergbigler  
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Carter T. Williams

To add or remove intentions from the combined prayer list, or the Military list, please contact either parish office.

## Weekly Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF  
**FEBRUARY 9, 2025**

**Sunday:** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

**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:** Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26

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Pray for Our Military, Especially . . .

Jacob Medley  
Matthew  
McCandless  
Russell Bauer  
Jimmy Adley  
Jon Clark  
Evan French  
Simon Geibel

Brian Kusner  
Hayden Iman  
Landon Hines  
Jonah Bartholic  
Daniel Sheehan  
Amanda Skidmore  
Jeremy (JJ) Dawson







Prayers for comfort & peace to the family & friends of the recently departed,  
*from St. Francis Parish:*

**Patricia Mrozinski**

May they rest in the peace and glory  
of the Risen Christ.



Warm wishes and blessings to those recently  
baptized *at St. Francis Parish,*

**Colson James Datz**

*son of Spencer Datz & Samantha Shuler*

Welcome to our faith community!



First time parents are required to take a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to having their child baptized. St. Francis and St. Clare parishes offer 2 different options for classes.

**Zoom Baptismal Prep Class:** Please sign up at least a week prior to the class by contacting Barb at 724-445-3713 x4 or email [barb@saintclareparish.com](mailto:barb@saintclareparish.com). Classes are at 6 pm on the following dates: **April 7, August 4, and October 6.**

**In-Person Baptismal Prep Class:** Classes are held in the hall cafe at St. Joseph Church in Cabot. Classes are held at 6 pm on the **first Thursday of every other month beginning in March 2025.** To register, please contact Linda at 724-352-2149 X220 or [linda@saintfrancisparish.net](mailto:linda@saintfrancisparish.net).

**Please Note, there are NO Confessions  
at Mater Dolorosa or St. John on  
Saturday, February 15th.**



We want to wish **Vince Houpt** a **Happy Retirement** and a huge **THANK YOU** for his many years of Music Ministry at St. Clare of Assisi Parish. We already miss you in your ministry role but wish you every happiness in this new chapter. **Thank you Vince!**

**Steve Dunn and the Music staff of St Francis of Assisi & St Clare of Assisi would like to extend our THANKS to all who participated in the Christmas Concert!**



It was a great success thanks to your involvement! An extra note of thanks to the Christian Mothers, Marian Guild, and all who volunteered to make and serve the refreshments following the concert.

**If you would to participate in the music program in any way, please reach out to Steve or any member of the music leadership team.**

### Attention ALL Liturgical Ministers

The schedule for March through May will be created in the middle of February. If you have dates that you are unable to serve, please update your Ministry Scheduler Pro profile or contact Barb **by Monday, February 10th** at the St. Francis office (x204) or by email [barb@saintfrancisparish.net](mailto:barb@saintfrancisparish.net).



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# Parish Giving

## ST. FRANCIS PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Offertory - Mass .....	\$10,626.00
Offertory - Online .....	\$5,062.05
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$15,688.05</b>

### PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$7,629.01
2025 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$15,143.62
<b>2025 Parish Appeal Goal.....</b>	<b>\$123,427.50</b>
2024 Parish Appeal .....	\$135,414.08
<b>2024 Parish Appeal Goal .....</b>	<b>\$118,154.00</b>

### MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Solemnity of Mary .....	\$30.20
St. Vincent DePaul .....	\$20.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$1,070.00
Cabot Food Bank.....	\$10.00
Utility/Energy Fund .....	\$16.51

## ST. CLARE PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Offertory - Mass .....	\$7,341.00
Offertory - Online .....	\$1,053.00
<b>Total Offertory .....</b>	<b>\$8,394.00</b>

### PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$780.00
2025 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$2,095.00
<b>2025 Parish Appeal Goal.....</b>	<b>\$70,830.00</b>
2024 Total Parish Appeal .....	\$51,195.40
<b>2024 Parish Appeal Goal .....</b>	<b>\$64,547.00</b>

### MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$270.00
School Support .....	\$989.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$5.00

Thank you for your continued support of  
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The next monthly **Marian Guild** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 12th** at **6:30 pm** in the **St. John church hall**. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.



The next **St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch** is **Wednesday, February 12th** at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm. Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship! All are welcome!

**Saint Francis** Parish will provide the community dinner at St. Paul in Butler on **Tuesday, February 11th. We are asking for donations of cookies for dessert** for approxi-



mately 200 dinners. No nuts or peanut butter please to avoid any allergies. Cookie donations may be dropped off at St. Mary Church office by 11:30am or St. Joseph Church office by 1pm on February 11th. If you would like to help in any way with the dinner please call Cheryl Weiland or Barb Boltz at the parish office.



St. Joseph Council (St. Francis) of the **Knights of Columbus** would like to **thank** everyone that attended our **January Pancake Breakfast and Blood Drive. 26 pints of blood were donated**, that is fantastic, thank you to all who donated! Your support is very much appreciated and allows us to sponsor all of our yearly activities for the Parish and Community.

Our **next Breakfast** is **Sunday February 16th** at **St. Joseph Church Hall in Cabot 8 AM – 1 PM**

Eat-In or Carry-Out

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

Best breakfast around - anywhere!!!!

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



## FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

**SAVE THE DATE**

The first **St. Francis Fish Fry** at **St. Mary in Herman** is **February 28th!**



# Get Your Tickets for A Nite at the Races Saturday, March 1, 2025



**Doors open -6:15 p.m.**

**Buffet -6:45 p.m.**

**Post Time -7:30 p.m.**

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is sponsoring this social event, full of fun, fellowship and exciting races.

The theme is Mardi Gras, since

March 5th begins the season of Lent.

**Tickets are available at the St. Joseph, Cabot location after the Saturday 5:30pm, and Sunday 8 and 11 am Masses until sellout.**

**A \$20 Ticket includes:** Admission, Buffet, Beverages, Beer, Wine or (BYOB), Snacks and Surprises.

You can **purchase and name a horse** (\$10)

-Winning horse pays \$40.

**Jockeys can also be purchased and named** (\$5).

-Winning jockey pays \$20.

**Profits** from the race nite will be used to offset the cost of a new stove for St. Joseph Hall and the current stove will be used at St. John Hall in Fenelton.

**Race Nite Features:** 50-50 Raffle -Basket Raffle- Envelope Game- Instant Bingo-Paint Stick game and more! **Reserve Seating** is available when you purchase your tickets. **Think about spending a fun evening with us. Get your tickets!**

**GIDDY UP, RACE FANS!**

**Winter is a great time for warming up the voice!** Please consider joining the **adult choir (ages 13 and up)** at St. Joseph, Cabot on **Sunday mornings at the 11 am Mass.**

You don't need to read music or have had voice lessons - our main object is to make a joyful noise to the Lord! Rehearsals are Wednesdays, from 6 to 7:30 pm. Children **ages 8 through 13 are welcome to join the youth choir** at St. Joseph Cabot. We have a lot of fun at rehearsals and sing at holidays and Youth Sundays. Rehearsal times will be determined when we have all the singers' schedules, and are only a half hour long.

**St. Joseph in Cabot is also looking for more cantors.** If you haven't done this before, Holly would be happy to train you. **Please contact Holly Puett** (call the St. Francis Parish Office) for more information or to join either choir.



**The Butler Area Marriage Preparation Retreat for the Spring of 2025 is scheduled for March 1st & March 8th** in Butler. All couples planning marriage can visit the St. Francis or St. Clare website for details and to download the registration form.



St. Francis of Assisi Christian Mothers and Women

Please join us on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> @ 10:00 AM** in the **CAFÉ at St. Joseph Hall (Cabot)** for our **first meeting of 2025!**

Pick up a pamphlet in the back of your church or contact the parish office for more information about the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women. **All women are welcome any time!**

## 2025 Meeting Dates

**Tues. Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM—St. Joseph (Cabot) Café**

**Tues. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> 10 AM—St. Joseph (Cabot) Café**

**Tues. Apr. 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM—St. Joseph (Cabot) Hall**

**Tues. May 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM—St. Mary School Hall**

**Tues. Jun. 17<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM—St. Joseph (Cabot) Hall**

**Tues. Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM—St. Mary School Hall**

**Tues. Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM—St. Joseph (Cabot) Hall**

**Nov. Holiday Luncheon TBD**



The **Elizabeth Ministry** will continue the **Foster Care Discussion**. Join us for any or all of the following sessions as we learn more about the system, the issues, and opportunities. Meetings will be **in the Cafe' at St. Joseph Church Hall in Cabot.**

ALL are invited even if you aren't planning to foster or adopt children. Learn how we and our Parishes can support children and families in need.

**Session 3: Thursday, February 13th, 12:30-2:30 pm**  
Identifying My Unique Role

**Session 4: Monday, February 24th, 10 am- 12 pm**  
Wrestling w/ Fear, Doubt & Uncertainty

**Session 5: Monday, March 3rd, 10 am-12 pm**  
Building a System of Support

**Session 6: Monday, March 10th, 10 am-12 pm**  
Taking My Next Step

## DID YOU KNOW?

### The Daily Examine

The Daily Examen is a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day in order to detect God's presence and discern his direction for us. The Examen is an ancient practice in the Church that can help us see God's hand at work in our whole experience. This is a version of the five-step Daily Examen that St. Ignatius practiced.

- ⇒ **Become aware of God's presence.**
- ⇒ **Review the day with gratitude.**
- ⇒ **Pay attention to your emotions.**
- ⇒ **Choose one feature of the day & pray from it.**
- ⇒ **Look toward tomorrow.**





# Children's Faith Formation



## St. Francis Parish

February 9: **OFF**

February 16: Elementary  
Middle School

February 23: Elementary  
Confirmation Retreat- Report  
Time: 10AM St. John Church  
Middle School (6 & 7<sup>th</sup> grades)

## St. Clare Parish

February 9: **OFF**

February 16: Elementary

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Confirmation Retreat Report  
Time: 10AM St. John Church  
Middle School (6 & 7<sup>th</sup> grades)

# Youth Group

Did you know that St. Francis & St. Clare have a combined youth group?!

Any youth in grades 9-12 interested in joining, please contact Sue or Patrick (emails below) to be added to our group text communication for upcoming events, typically 2 Sundays a month. Come and check it out, bring a friend!

[patrick@saintfrancisparish.net](mailto:patrick@saintfrancisparish.net)  
[sue@saintclareparish.com](mailto:sue@saintclareparish.com)

## Catholic Identity Program Family Link

### This Week's Virtue: **FORTITUDE**

Fortitude is the virtue that enables us to act bravely in the face of trouble and fear.



## St. Clare of Assisi Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week is:

### Teegen Wagner!

Teegen is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class this year. She has a brother Travas who is an altar server. Teegen has two dogs named Rusty and Coal. She enjoys competitive dance & Girl Scouts. She would like to be an Eagle Scout.

**Congratulations to the St. Clare Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week,**

**Teegen Wagner!!**



## St. Wendelin School Monthly 50/50 Raffle January Winners

**Winner:** Amy, Jeff and Ray Mitch  
Amount: \$503.50

**\$50 Winner** (sold winning ticket): Ray Mitch

**\$50 Winner** (sold 10 + books): Zach Davis

**\$100 Winner** (sold 25 + books): Pete G.

**Congratulations to all the winners!**

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO BOUGHT AND SOLD TICKETS TO HELP SUPPORT ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL!



## St. Wendelin School Bingo Night!

**February 21st** at St. Wendelin Church Hall

Doors Open at 6pm and **Bingo Starts at 7 pm.**

*Bingo, Concessions, 50/50, Winner Takes All!*

Cost \$20 for Triple Row Packet, \$10 Single Row Packet & \$5 for every additional Single Row Packet.  
\$10 Dinner Special- Chicken-a-la-King over Biscuits, Dessert, and Drink.



**Save the Date!**  
**St. Wendelin School's Designer Purse Bash**  
**Sunday, March 16th**  
**Details to follow!**





# SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL

Invites you to:

## STEP-UP DAY/REGISTRATION

Preschool through Eighth Grade for the 2025-2026 school year



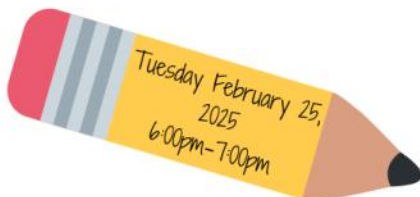
St. Wendelin School Offers:  
 Bussing from Butler, Karns City, Moniteau,  
 Knoch, and Armstrong School Districts  
 Up-to-date Technology including  
 Promethean Boards, iPads, and  
 Chromebooks  
 Highly Qualified Teaching Staff  
 Extra Curricular Activities  
 All-Day Kindergarten Program  
 Extended Day Program  
 Half-Day and All-Day Preschool Programs

St. Wendelin School Teachers  
 are inviting in-coming students to  
 participate in a class lesson with  
 their current grade level students  
 while parents receive and  
 complete information about  
 registration for the 2025-2026  
 school year.

Complete the following survey link to attend:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdFpWqqlHEJmBjgA8NkwbeyBb3wGkzcx03F5Hwco2FPcVaag/viewform?usp=header>

Or scan this code!



Can't make the Step Up Day? Join Us:

## EVENING OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION

Preschool through Eighth Grade for the 2025-2026 school year

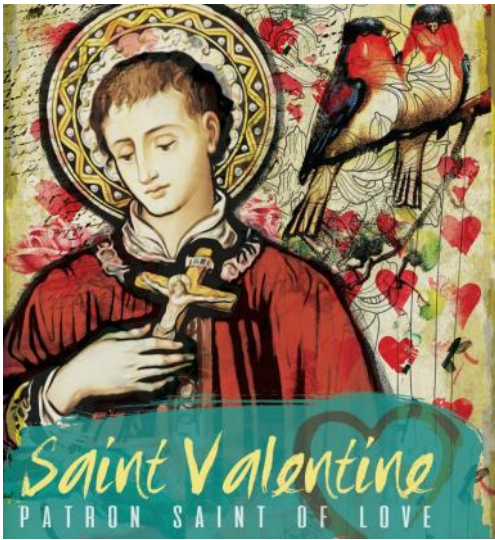
For either session you attend please bring a copy of your child's:  
 Birth Certificate, Health Records (immunizations), and Baptismal Certificate (if  
 applicable) since St. Wendelin School accepts all faiths.



[www.stwendelinschool.com](http://www.stwendelinschool.com)







**St. Joseph Preschool students celebrated Groundhog Day** with their own versions of Punxsutawney Phil & Phyllis! (Below) Bundle up! Six more weeks of Winter!



# ST. JOSEPH PRESCHOOL

## ENROLLING FOR FALL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

### 3&4 YEAR OLD CLASS TUES, THURS 9:00-11:30AM

### 4&5 YEAR OLD CLASS MON, WED 9:00-11:30AM TUES 12:30-3:00PM

**CONTACT: 724-352-0333**  
**STJOSEPHPRESCHOOL@SAINTFRANCISPARISH.NET**  
**315 STONEY HOLLOW RD.**  
**CABOT, PA 16023**

- SMALL CLASS SIZES WITH 1:1 INTERACTION
- CENTRALLY LOCATED TO FREEPORT AND KNOCH SCHOOL DISTRICTS





**Ask the Pastor**—Come to a series of discussions with pastors from different Christian traditions followed by a time for your questions. Sponsored by local pastors of the **Christian Leadership Network** in Partnership with Abba's House. Bring a friend who has never attended church or has been inactive for some time. **All are welcome.** Meetings are Friday evenings from **7–9 pm at Abba's House, 320 West Main St. Saxonburg, on the following dates: February 21st, and February 28th.**

**Single adults over the age of 21 are invited to join ASPIRE** (Adult Single People: Inspiring, Relating, Evolving) Ministry to **Celebrate Valentine's Day!** Join us for a light meal, line dancing (instruction provided, no partner needed), games, fellowship, and fun **on Friday evening, February 14, 2025. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.** All single adults (e.g., single, widowed, divorced) are welcome! **Saints John & Paul campus of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish is located at 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143.** We meet in the Upper Cardinal DiNardo Center (CDC). Please register at: <https://saintluke.net/aspire-events>. Please plan to attend and bring along a friend or two! Hope to meet you there!

**SOFTBALL & TENNIS PLAYERS WANTED for CO-ED Singles leagues.** Must be 21 or over. Softball is played in O'Hara Twp, Tennis at Moore Park in Brookline. The Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh is looking for players of all abilities. The group also offers dinners, spirituality events, trips, mini golf, canoeing, volleyball, cultural and many other great events. For more information or an application, visit: [www.cacpittsburgh.org](http://www.cacpittsburgh.org), or contact [CAC.Softball@yahoo.com](mailto:CAC.Softball@yahoo.com), or [Gary.Urbatis@verizon.net](mailto:Gary.Urbatis@verizon.net), or leave a message at 412-341-4070, option 4.

Faith, Hope, and Love . . . Are these present in your marriage? Have you given up hope that they can be? Living in a marriage that is missing faith, hope and love can be difficult. If you have given up hope that your marriage can improve, ask your spouse to consider attending a Retrouvaille program. **Retrouvaille is an international Christian-based ministry comprised of a weekend program, followed by post-weekend meetings and then ongoing monthly small group meetings.** If improving your marriage is important to you, take the action and contact us today.

**For more information about our upcoming Pittsburgh Retrouvaille program starting on Feb 14th,** call us at (412) 277-3434, email us at [3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org), or visit our website at [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

Join us for **"Six Steps to SANITY," a faith-based support group** adapted from the bestselling book, *"Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children"* by Allison Bottke, focusing on **addiction in families.** Sessions will be held **every Wednesday from February 19 to May 14, 2025, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Saints John and Paul Campus of Saint Luke the Evangelist Parish, with Zoom available.** Learn how enabling and codependency contribute to addiction and find healing and sanity through shared experiences and tools. This confidential and supportive environment welcomes anyone dealing with a loved one's substance abuse, offering 12 weeks of guidance and understanding. Don't suffer alone - join us and find solace among others who understand. Please contact Chico Ficerai at [Chico.Ficerai@gmail.com](mailto:Chico.Ficerai@gmail.com) with any questions.

**BINGO!** on **February 10th**, located at **Holy Sepulcher Campus**, 1304 E. Cruickshank Rd. Doors open at 6 pm, Bingo starts at 7 pm. 10 regular games and 3 specials. Snacks/drinks available! 18 or older to play. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

**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! **JOIN US FOR ROSARY & SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS—TUESDAYS: February 11th and 18th - 2 to 3 pm & February 25th - 7 to 8 pm.** at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.

**Magnificat Prayer Breakfast for Women-** Join us on Saturday, Feb. 15, 9 am-noon, for a prayer-filled breakfast at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp (different location from last meal). A delicious breakfast, praise and worship, music by Living Praise, fun, fellowship, the featured speaker is Pat Higginbotham. Registration is \$35. Register online at <https://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org/>.

**Bereavement Support**—If you have experienced the death of a loved one, All Saints Parish invites you to be part of a program—**GriefShare**—that offers support, conversation, and comfort. The group meets on **Wednesdays at 6pm at St. Peter in Butler** (meeting space in building just to the right of the church entrance) and explores different topics each week. You can join the group at any time and will still be able to participate in the full program. Contact Sue Cadwallader at [SCadwallader@AllSaintsButler.org](mailto:SCadwallader@AllSaintsButler.org) or 724-421-9340 or visit: <https://allsaintsbutler.org/pastoralcare-ministry>.

**GOSPA MISSIONS 1-DAY RETREAT: CALL TO CONVERSION -Saturday, MAY 17, 2025: Highfield Community Center** (229 Highfield Rd., Butler) Registration, Breakfast, & Confession begin at 7:30am. Join us for a faith-filled day of conversion, healing, and peace as we open our hearts to the Will of God in our lives. Join us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, religious store, lunch, & more! Speakers: Dave VanVickle, co-host of podcast "Every Knee Shall Bow"; Deacon John Ragan, serves at Saints Joachim and Anne Parish; Sister Rita Clare Yoches, T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, featured on EWTN; and Chris Reynolds, President of Gospa Missions & Abode for Children. **Sign Up Today** at [Gospa.org](http://Gospa.org) or call (724) 538-3171.



*Holy Spirit Parish's*  
**CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP**

The image shows a well-lit gift shop with various Catholic items on display, including religious art, candles, and small figurines. The shop is organized into sections, with items neatly arranged on shelves and tables.

**Tuesdays 10am-6pm**  
**Wednesdays 10am-3pm**

**Thursdays 10am-3pm**  
**Sundays 9am-Noon**

117 N. Beaver Street, New Castle, PA 16101 | 724.654.8851 | [hsplc.org/shop](http://hsplc.org/shop)