



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

E A S T E R S U N D A Y



A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Easter! When I was little my mom used to wake us up on Easter Sunday singing "Resurrexit Sicut Dixit! Alleluia!" Risen as He truly said! Alleluia! What a great memory and what a great message! Jesus is risen from the grave. He has saved us! But let me ask you this...do you need a savior?

Now I know that you are going to be all holy and pious and say yes of course I need a savior! It is the right thing to say, after all. But do you live like you need a savior? What I mean by that is, do you live your life depending on Jesus? Or do you go about your day depending on yourself?

Last week I heard a talk that Pope Francis gave in which he quoted Pope Benedict. The talk was on the 50th Anniversary of an important document in the history of the Church regarding the liturgy. Pope Benedict talked about God being the protagonist, which means the main character or the one doing the work, in the liturgy, the Mass. What He said was that very often we mistake who is actually doing the work at Mass. You see, the word "liturgy" means "work." Pope Benedict spoke about the mistake we make in thinking that we are the ones doing work for God when we come to Mass. We think that we come because God needs us to and we feel that we hurt God when we don't come. In actuality, the Holy Father said, it is God who is doing the work. When we don't show up, God isn't hurt that we have done some wrong to Him. God wants us to come because He has something wonderful for us! God gives us His Grace, His Very Life at every Mass. It is God doing the work. We are witnesses and beneficiaries of this work.

But Pope Benedict didn't stop there. He said that this is the way it is, this is the offer open to us, in every aspect of our lives. God is willing to be the protagonist in every part of our lives. He wants to be. God made us to have this relationship. God as the protagonist. Us as the witness and beneficiary.

You see, all that we have celebrated and remembered in the past few days of Holy Week, was done for you. Yes you! Even if you were the only human being left on Earth, God would have done this for you, because God doesn't love humanity in general. He loves humans. He loves each person. He loves you. You were in Jesus' heart as he struggled on the Way of the Cross. You were in His Heart as He hung on the Cross and His side was pierced. You. This is very personal to God. He does all of this to save you.

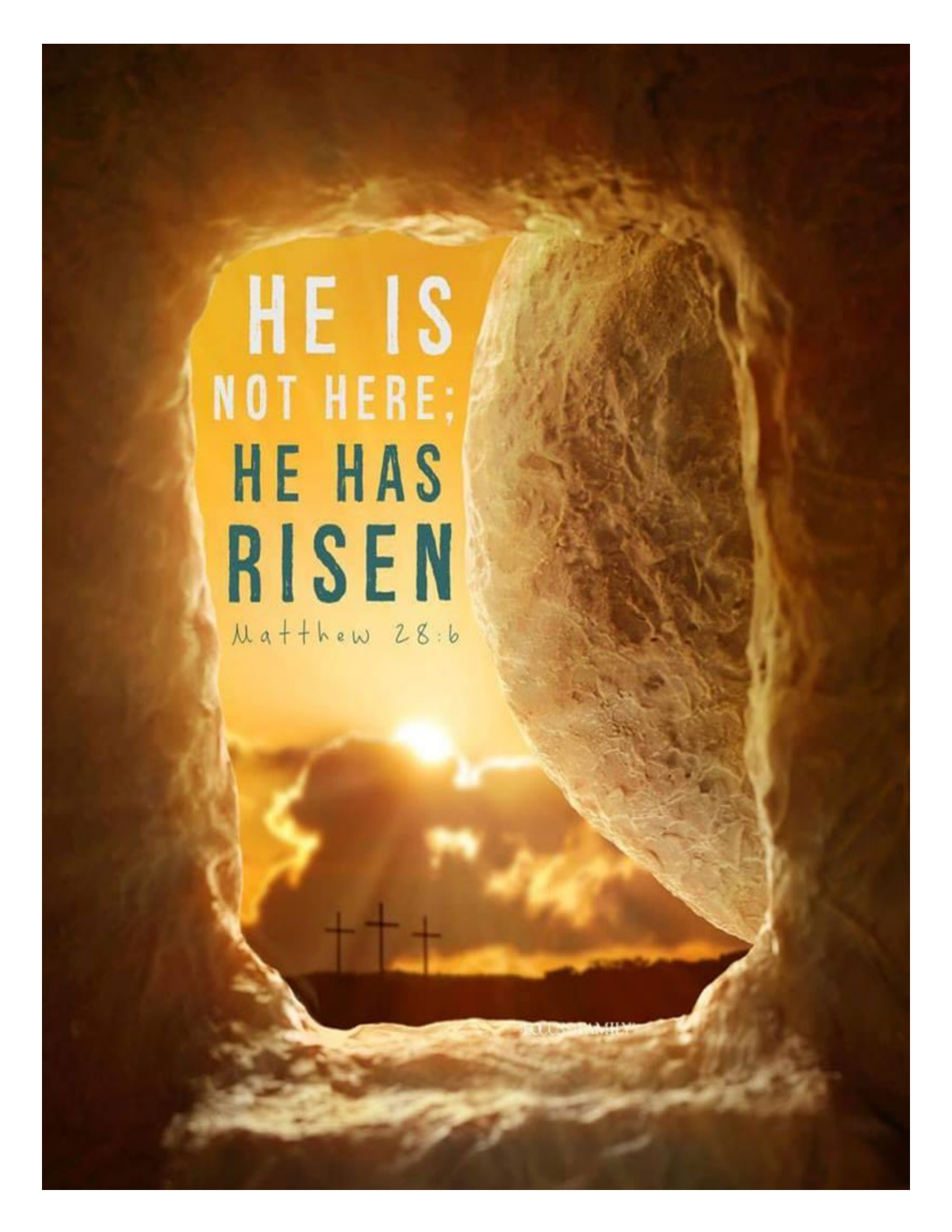
The power of this action is not exhausted. God wishes to bring this power into every part of your life. Jesus wants to be the protagonist in your life so that He can share the power of the Cross and Resurrection with you. Jesus as the protagonist, you and me as the witness and beneficiary. Doesn't that sound awesome? To me it sure does and in theory I'm all for it. But what about in practice? That brings us back to the question at the beginning. Do you live like you need a savior?

I very often live my day to day life as if everything was up to me. I look at my crazy schedule, and I know your schedules are even crazier, and I take a deep breath and say I guess I just have to do it. I doubt myself and I get anxious and overwhelmed but I soldier on. Jesus looks at me and says "Let me do that for you. Let me be your savior." Very often I say "No thanks I can do it myself." And I try and sometimes succeed, sometimes get crushed and I just think, "well this is just the way it is." But it doesn't have to be, if I would just let Jesus be the protagonist, let Him be my savior that day.

We all have hurts and know that we should forgive people who have hurt us. But they are such jerks! We either hold on to the grudge and let it eat us alive or we painfully try to forgive because Jesus said we should and we are told that it is the right thing to do. What if we turned to Jesus and just said "I can't forgive this person, can You do it for me?" And Jesus, who forgave the people who were in the very act of hurting and insulting Him, will say, "Yes, if you will let me. I'm good at forgiveness!" If we let Him be the protagonist, let Him do the work, let Him be the savior, we will witness and be the beneficiary of His work.

So Jesus is Risen! Risen as He truly said! Rejoice in this. But don't just look at this as the remembrance of something that happened in history. Jesus is Risen for you. For you right now. Whatever burden is on your shoulders, He is willing to take it on, to be the one to do the work. He wishes to be the protagonist in your life. Will you let Him? Will you live each moment, each relationship, each trial, like someone who needs a savior?

Peace, Love and Happy Easter,
Fr. Matt



**HE IS
NOT HERE;
HE HAS
RISEN**

Matthew 28:6

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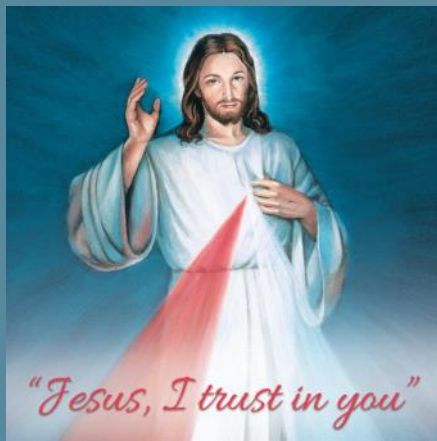
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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Holy Saturday, April 16	8:30 PM Easter Vigil	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
<div>Easter Sunday, April 17</div> 	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
Monday, April 18	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Sue Drescher	Sue Fraley
Tuesday, April 19	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Karen Rettig	Barb & Bob Karenbauer
Wednesday, April 20	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Speicher & Steighner Families	Speicher & Steighner Families
	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Mary & Raymond Kelly	Family
Thursday, April 21	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Evelyn Stutz	Vince & Elaine Santus
Friday, April 22	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	For the 50th Anniversary of Richard & Judy Kile	Family
Saturday, April 23	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Chester "Dutch" Bauer	Tom & Linda Cornetti
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Pat & Mary Jane Rodgers	Anna Marie Sherwin
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Sam Callihan Family	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Dee & Harold Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Madeline "Sis" Neff	Grace Sechler Family

Divine Mercy Sunday

is April 24th. Join us for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Novena. A novena is nine days of prayer in preparation of the celebration of a feast day. The Divine Mercy Novena began on Good Friday. Recitation of the novena will continue at 3:00 pm every day at Mater Dolorosa, through Saturday, April 23. Holy Hour and Exposition on Divine Mercy Sunday, will be at 3:00 pm at Mater Dolorosa.



"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw there from strength and refreshment and whatever grace they have need of in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death" (Diary, 1209). ~St. Faustina



Please note that the parish office is **closed on Easter Monday, April 18.**

Have a Blessed Easter.

Our little parishioners are the future, we hope that the *Kids' Bulletin* will be a fun way for them to engage and better understand the Gospel. Pick up the Kids' Bulletin in the back of church for your children to enjoy.



The next baptism preparation class for first time parents is May 2, 2022 at 6 pm via Zoom. Please call Barb at the office to register.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Wednesday

6:15pm-6:45pm | Mater Dolorosa

Saturday

11:00am-11:30am | Mater Dolorosa

11:00am-11:30am | St. Wendelin

11:45am-12:15pm | St. Joseph



WEEKLY READINGS

*FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 17, 2022*

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12 or, Lk 24:13-35

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31



PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

Due to the early submission date for the bulletin this week, collection totals for April 10 will be published next week.

St. Clare Parish Christian Mothers next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 19th**, at 6:30 pm in DePaul Hall (Lower level of St. Joseph Church). All women of the parish are encouraged to attend and learn more about the organization, new members are always welcome! Hope to see you there.

The Christian Mothers of St. Clare Parish will be hosting a **Mother-Daughter Banquet** on **Wednesday, May 4th at 6 pm.**

Because all ladies are someone's daughter, all are invited to attend. The location of the banquet will be determined by the response received. The menu is stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, orange-glazed carrots, garden salad, rolls and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 per adult. The children's menu is chicken tenders, mac 'n cheese, applesauce, rolls and dessert. The children's choice is offered at no cost. Please make reservations by calling or texting Norma Miller at (724) 496-6667. Please include the following: Name and phone number of the person making the reservation, name of each person attending and their menu selection (adult or child), name of others who you wish to be seated with you. The deadline for reservations is Monday, April 25th.



St. Clare Senior Potluck Lunch -The first monthly Senior Potluck Lunch will be at St. Joseph's DePaul Hall on Tuesday, May 10th at noon. Everyone is invited! You are welcome to bring a dish to share, but it is not necessary. Your company is the only requirement! Please limit the size of your dish to 10-12 servings. Only one dish per household is necessary. Please join us for good conversation and make some new friends.



40 Cans for 40 Days Food Drive

The Knights of Columbus are still collecting nonperishable food items for the St. Vincent de Paul food bank. Their goal is to collect at least 1000 pounds! Thank you for all your donations, and helping meet this goal!



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rejoice
AND BE
glad!
Psalms 118



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Catholic Identity Program

Family Link

This Week's Virtue: **COOPERATION**

Cooperation is working with others and with God's grace and the Holy Spirit to live as a community which works together and serves the mission of Jesus.



Save the Date for VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JUNE 20-24TH

9:30am-12:30pm

Kick off summer with a week of fun, faith, hope, and LOVE.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Please contact Mrs. Brown at dre@saintclareparish.com if you would like to help out!

This week's St. Wendelin
School Student of the Week is:

Aniysha Semple!

Aniysha started attending our school last year and is currently in Ms. Ahlgren's Third Grade Class. At school, she appreciates her Art Class because she has the opportunity to express herself. She also enjoys taking part in the Sign Language Club. Outside of school, Aniysha has fun playing video games, watching one of her favorite shows the "Cuphead Show", and spending time with her family. When she grows up, she hopes to become an Artist!

Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School
Student of the Week,

Aniysha Semple!

The Annual Deer Classic Is NEXT Saturday!

➔ *April 23, 2022, 12 -6 pm* at Happy Hunters ➔

Donation: \$25 per Raffle Ticket (Admission to Event)
Photo ID Required (Ages 11 and under \$5 at door)

For tickets call: 928-322-6903

Ticket includes: Food and Beverage, chance at 15 Guns,
\$2000 in cash prizes and a MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE!

Bring Any Size Rack & Have It Scored—Trophies on Display

All Day and Hourly 50/50 - Raffle Baskets

Additional Raffles during Event

Guns Purchased at Fenelon Firearms Inc.

Sponsored by St. Wendelin School



St. Wendelin School is continuing Open Enrollment for the 2022-23 school year for Grades PK-8. There is an information link on the school website at www.stwendelinschool.com, providing details on completing the registration forms. Registration forms are also available by calling

the St. Wendelin School Office at 724-285-4986. Please visit the school website to take a virtual tour. The St. Pope John Paul II STAR, Student Tuition Assistance Resource Program, will continue for the 2022-23 school year. This extraordinary program makes Catholic Education affordable for all families.



IN THE COMMUNITY

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: April 19th - 2:30 to 3:30pm

at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.

Tuesday, April 26th- 7 to 8pm – St. Joseph Church Cabot. For more information, email: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

St. Joseph High School will offer four summer camps in June: Coed Basketball for grades 1-5 from June 13-17, Material Science for grades 5-8 from June 20-23, Art Camp for students in grades 4-8 and Music Camp for grades K-3 from June 27-July 1. Details and registration can be found at SaintJosephHS.com. Questions? Contact Admissions Director, Shane Palumbo, by phone at 724-226-4932 or admissions@SaintJosephHS.com.

St Joseph High School is issuing an Earth Day Challenge for students in grades 6-8. Visit SaintJosephHS.com for details about the challenge and the registration form.

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. 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.

The Ark and The Dove is hosting our annual "Retreat for Moms" on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00am-4:00pm. All moms (and grandma's too!) are invited to attend this day of prayer and renewal. The retreat will include inspirational talks, Mass and Confession, lunch, fellowship, and special touches to bless you. Registration is \$75 per person. For more information, and to register, visit www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/moms.



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Mother's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

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St. Clare Parish Office

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BLESSED
Easter
TO ALL!

