



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

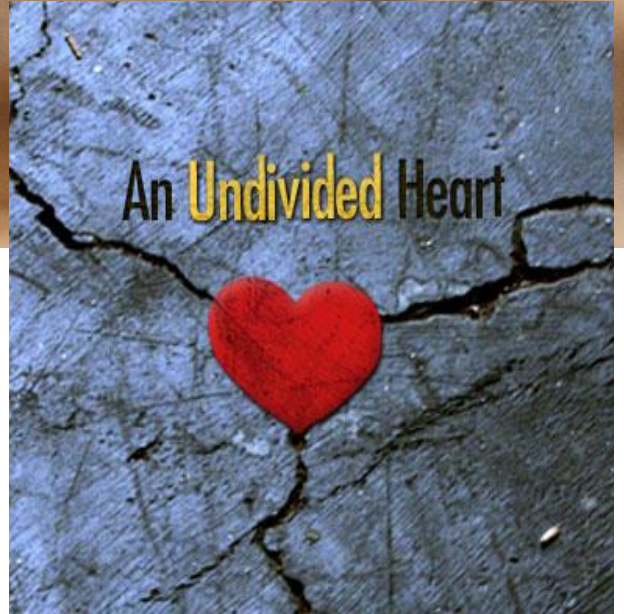


July 17, 2022

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is need of only one thing.”
- Lk 10:42

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel reading this week was my mom's least favorite Gospel passage. It is a story about two sisters, Martha and Mary, and the different ways that they respond to a surprise visit from Jesus. My mom disliked this reading because at first glance it seems to be saying that what Mary has decided to do, sit and talk with Jesus, is a better thing to do than what Martha decided to do, get up and serve Jesus. It is understandable that my mom wouldn't like this, because her life, like many of you, was spent doing countless hours of serving, cooking, cleaning, laundry. It never stopped. She did it out of love. But this passage seems to be saying that it would have been better if she hadn't done all that work, but rather sat and prayed, let her kids go hungry and her house dirty. But, is that really what this passage is saying?

It sure seems so. Jesus even explicitly says that Mary has chosen "the better part" right? Actually, that isn't completely true. I know that I have told you this before, but it is worth hearing again. St. Luke didn't write the Gospel in English; he wrote it in Greek. In the original Greek, the story says not that Mary has chosen "the better part" but that she has chosen "a good part." There is no judgement between the two regarding what they have chosen to do in response to Jesus coming to their house. Mary has chosen well. Martha has chosen well too, because Jesus was probably hungry and thirsty after walking and preaching all day.

None the less, Jesus does give a gentle rebuke to Martha when she complains to him about Mary. Notice that Jesus doesn't say, "don't tell me that." Jesus is fine listening to our complaints. What Jesus rebukes Martha about is what she is focused on. She is focused on her frustration with Mary and her heart is divided because of this.

Last Saturday, the Knights of Columbus from St. Clare Parish hosted a nice cook out for the men of the parish and I gave a little talk and we had some good conversation. One of the things we talked about was holiness. I shared that one of my seminary professors had defined holiness this way; he said that holiness equals wholeness. That holiness means having an undivided heart and being who each of us was made to be. With this understanding in mind, what Jesus is challenging Martha about is the holiness of her actions. Jesus is not saying that serving, cooking, and being hospitable is unholy. On the contrary, these most certainly can be holy things to do. But Martha, although doing something good and holy, has allowed her heart to be divided by her anger that her sister is not helping her. Her holy actions are drowned out by her divided focus, her divided heart.

So, what does this mean for us? To me, it all comes down to holiness and wholeness. We know that it is good to sit quietly with the Lord. We know that it is good to serve others. In fact, we know that both of these are essential to living an authentic life as a follower of Jesus. What Jesus is encouraging us to do today, in whatever way that we are being present to Him, is to be undivided in our hearts, like Abraham in the First Reading, who was undivided in his care for his visitors. To be undivided in our focus on Christ, like St. Paul in the Second Reading.

Martha and Mary both chose to do good and necessary things. Martha just let her focus slip from Jesus to herself and her frustration with what her sister wasn't doing. Martha let that divide her heart. Be on guard against this in your life. It can make perfectly holy things become less so.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt

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All Sacrament & Facilities Scheduling

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Contact Nicole

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Angelo Fello	Sue Fraley
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Edward "Ed" Parker	Family
Sunday, July 17 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tyler Barger	Salli O'Donnell
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Mrs. Tony Jo Schnell	Mom & Dad Neff
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Mary & Raymond Kelly	Family
Monday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Mary Louise O'Donnell	
Tuesday, July 19	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ann & Will Baptiste	Patty & Family
Wednesday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Veronica Morrow	Chad & Ashlee Hershberger and Family
Thursday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Dr. of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Madeline Neff	Thelda Geibel
Friday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Bill & Diana Neff	Bev Kushner
Saturday, July 23 St. Bridget, Religious	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Joe Stephenson	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Gertrude Flick	Mary Ann Mahaffey
Sunday, July 24 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Lois Hesidence	Quality Life Services
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Dan & Lillian Burns	Doc & Lori Karenbauer
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Karen Rettig	St. Clare Book Club
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Chester "Dutch" Bauer	

Eucharistic Ministers ©LPI

Bishop Zubik has lifted the restriction on sharing the Precious Blood of the Lord with the faithful. As we resume the practice of sharing the Blood of Christ, we are in need of additional Eucharistic Ministers. We are asking all previous Eucharistic Ministers to answer the call and volunteer once again for this important ministry. We are also welcoming anyone who may feel called to become a Eucharistic Minister to inquire about the process. Please contact Sue Fraley at the office if you are interested.



Are you or someone you know interested in the Catholic Faith? Planning is currently underway for our RCIA -Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults- that will begin this Fall. We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group setting to learn more about the Catholic faith and our parish community. For more information please call: Cathy Rodgers at 724-388-5207 or email: Cathyrodgers77@gmail.com

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".

*Walking 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

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
JULY 17, 2022*

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

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8//Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

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



PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS JULY 10, 2022

Offertory - Mass	\$,062.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,365.00
Total Offertory	\$7,427.00

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	\$150.00
Parish Share - Online.....	\$30.00
Total Parish Share	\$180.00
*2022 Parish Share YTD.....	\$43,967.00
2022 Parish Share Goal	\$68,160.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$75.00
Maintenance Fund Online....	\$215.00
School Support.....	\$86.00
School Support Online.....	\$50.00

***Parish Share now runs on a calendar year**

**Thank you for your continued support of
Ministries at Saint Clare of Assisi Parish!**



Just an FYI . . . Due to changes in the PA Games of Chance guidelines, any time the daily lottery number matches a number on a lotto calendar that was not sold, St. Clare is still required to award the prize. So as of July 1, 2022, if the daily lotto number doesn't match a sold calendar, a number will be drawn randomly from all sold calendar numbers and the prize for that date will be awarded to that person.



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

**Important numbers for Reporting Child Abuse
below:**

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator
Office: 412-456-3093
Hot Line: 1-888-808-1235
PA Childline: 1-800- 932-0313**



The Annual Saint Clare Picnic is August 21st!

Volunteer sign up sheets are available now. Please fill one out as soon as you can and return to the office or in the collection basket.

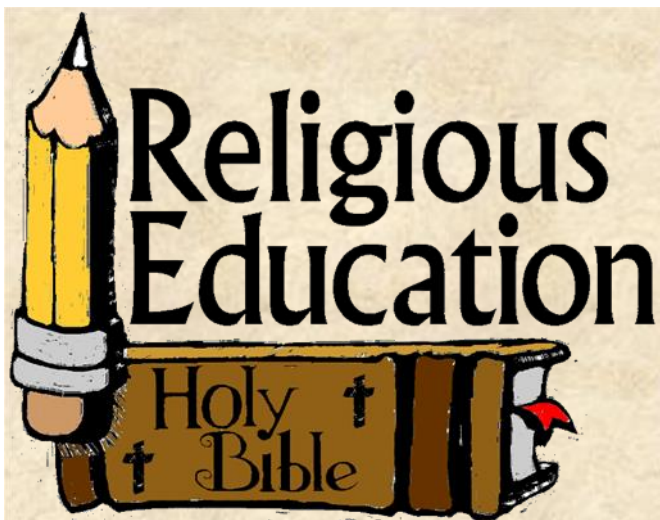
Raffle baskets and prizes can be dropped off at the office, call Nicole at the office if you need to make other arrangements. Many thanks to everyone who has donated so far!

Raffle tickets have been mailed out to every registered household. Completed tickets can be returned to the office. Additional tickets will also be available if you can sell more!



Attention all youth grades 9-12! Bring your friends and come on a tubing trip at Cook Forest! Full details will be in next week's bulletin, the trip will be the last week of July. Contact Sue Fraley if you are interested!



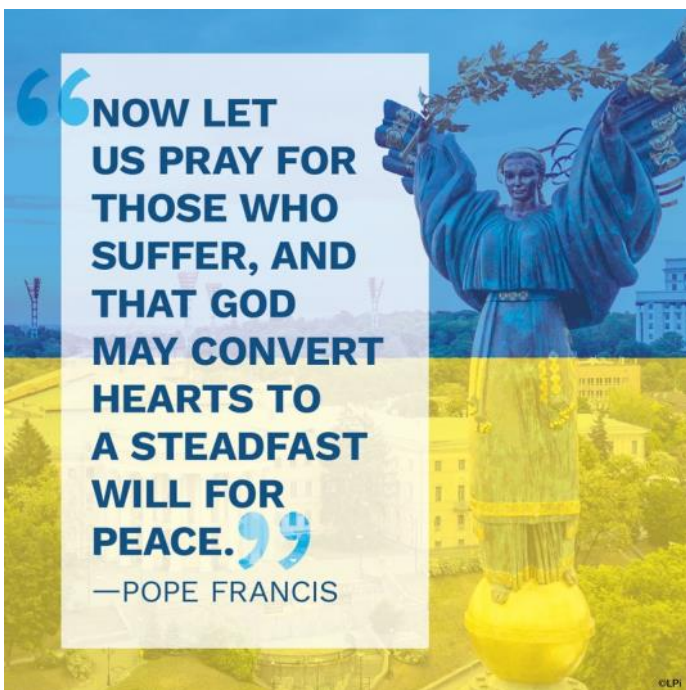


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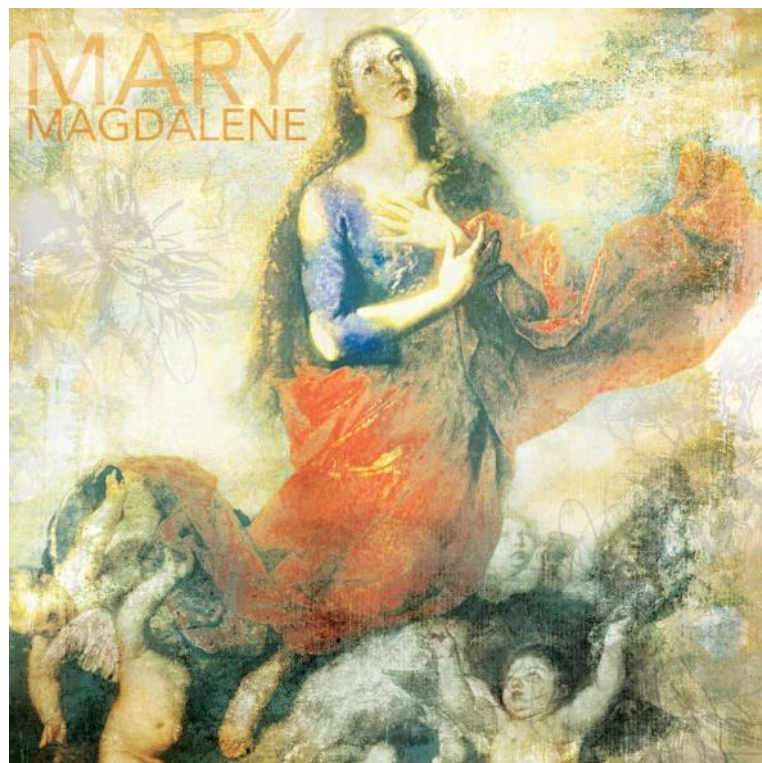
Join us as we work together to bring our children and students closer to Christ!

We need Catechists to join our Faith Formation Team. Please contact Mrs. Brown if you would like to learn more about how you can help the children of our church community grow closer to Christ.

Please submit Faith Formation registration forms to: St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, Pa 16025 Attn: Mrs. Brown



Please remember that none of our clergy or staff will ever email or text you asking for a favor, for gift cards, or cash. The best thing to do is delete any messages immediately. If you ever have any question on the validity of any communication from the parish, please call the office.



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This Week's Virtue: **REFLECTION**

Reflection is the capacity to contemplate the experiences of life and, through the cultivation of spiritual practices, to discern God's will for us.



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

Nev Shriver!

Nev will be entering the Third Grade at Saint Wendelin School this Fall! She has a little sister, named Iris, who is one year old.

Nev loves learning science and social studies at school. She is interested in dinosaurs, space, Egypt, and paranormal things like UFO's. Outside of school, Nev participates in horseback riding, gymnastics, and acro classes. When she grows up, Nev would like to be an archaeologist. Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,

Nev Shriver!

**Act as if
everything depended on you;
trust as if everything depended
on God.** —St. Ignatius of Loyola

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!



**STAR
STUDENT**

St. John Paul II
Student Tuition Assistance Resource

St. Francis of Assisi Parish RUMMAGE SALE

July 29--30 8 am--4 pm

St. John's Church Hall

(668 S. Clearfield Rd, Fenelton)

Donations of clean & saleable, new or gently used household & kitchen items, toys, jewelry, tools, linens, clothing, books, DVDs, accessories, and collectibles are appreciated. No furniture please. Donations May Be Dropped off at St.

John's Church Hall from July 18 - 27 from 10 am - 3 pm or by appointment: Dixie Mennor-724/991-1447



Save the date for the annual
**St. Francis of Assisi
Fall Festival on
September 11th at
St. Joseph in Cabot.**

St. Faustina Parish is hosting their 1st Annual Festival on July 22 & 23 from 5:30—9:00 pm, at the St. Christopher Church grounds (229 N. Franklin St., Prospect 16052). Lots of food! Plus basket raffle, flea market, kids games, games of chance and bingo! And join us for outdoor Mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm!



Check out the online version of the
Pittsburgh Catholic at www.diopitt.org

Holy Spirit
Retreat
AT THE ARK AND THE DOVE
August 27-28, 2022
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VIRTUAL: \$50

KATIE & TEDDY SWEENEY SR. ANA CHIARA FR. JOHN SWEENEY
FR. MIKE ACKERMAN FR. JOE FREEDY BRO. ROSS HENLEY

Mental Health Forum-August 3, 2022, 9 a.m.-noon at the Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center, The Cardinals' Great Hall, Pittsburgh. 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

Saint Genesius of Rome Theater Group presents "Champion at Tyburn," a play depicting the heroic story of Saint Edmund Campion. Journey through Elizabethan England in a spiritual battle to restore the Catholic Faith. Performances will be held at Saint Paul Seminary in the Bishop McDowell Auditorium 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 on Friday July 15 at 7:00pm and Saturday July 16 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person. For more information visit www.sgrtheatergroup.com or call 412-491-4415 or 724-933-783.

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>.

**BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK INVITES YOU
ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE**
**Basilica of the
National Shrine of
the Immaculate
Conception**
WASHINGTON D.C.
Saturday, October 8, 2022

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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. Pick up a blanket during our meeting, Tuesday mornings, St. Joseph Hall, Cabot, 9 - 11:30am, or call Suzanne Ekas and leave a message at 724.360.0027.

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

Saint Joseph High School seeks a Softball Coach. Contact SJHS Athletic Director Sally Ackerman for more information: sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com or 724-226-8044. SJHS is still enrolling grades 9-12 for this fall. Learn more about SJHS at SaintJosephHS.com.

Planning to Marry? Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least 6 months prior to the date of the intended marriage. A marriage preparation program is held twice a year in Butler. The next marriage preparation retreat will be held on two consecutive Saturdays, October 29 & November 5, 2022 at St. Michael Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. The next program is held in the Spring of 2023. The registration forms for both Fall and Spring are available on our parish website. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Weiland at 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.

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

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

Tickets are now available for the **St. Francis of Assisi Parish Ultimate Sports Raffle** at the RC Men's Club on September 24th. Tickets are available 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).

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 19th and 26th - 2:30 to 3:30pm

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

"The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal..." - Ezekiel 34:16

Information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

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/>

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.