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A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Just the other day one of our high school students asked me what my favorite music was when I was in high school and college. I immediately said "Pink Floyd." Then I thought a little and said, "...and U2." Then he asked if Bruce Springsteen was big when I was growing up and I thought "....Oh yeah and Bruce!" There was a lot of good music back in the day and honestly, I liked a lot of different music. It was hard to name just one.

In the Gospel today, Jesus seems to do a similar thing when asked which commandment was the greatest. He seems to say "the First Commandment is the greatest....oh and the Second Commandment too." But is that really what Jesus is saying? Is He saying that He can't choose one, because He likes both of these commandments the best? Actually, no. The Greek word in Matthew 22:39 is deutera. What is interesting about this word is that it doesn't merely mean "the second one" as we translate it, as if Jesus is saying "and here is another good one." Deutera implies a direct connection to the First Commandment. So, Jesus isn't saying that these two are the most important. The connection inferred by the word deutera tells us that if we truly love God with all of our heart, mind and soul, then it necessarily follows that we will love our neighbor as ourself.

It makes sense. If you have hatred in your heart for someone, then that is part of your heart that you are not sharing with God. God wants all of your heart. All of your soul. All of your mind. Actually, God commands that we give Him all of this. God is so good to us though, that He gives us a very tangible way of gauging whether we are following His command. Think about it. If I asked you if you were following the First Commandment, it might be hard to answer. I think I am...I don't worship any other gods...I go to church...I pray every day... This is all very good and wonderful stuff. But Jesus says to us today, here is how you can tell; Do you love your neighbor? We might say, "Well, my neighbor is mean to me or my neighbor lives a lifestyle I don't agree with or my neighbor is this or that..." Stop. If you do not love your neighbor, you are not loving Me with your whole heart, soul and mind. Period. That is a pretty helpful gauge I'd say. Pretty clear. With this as the gauge, how are you doing at following the First Commandment?

If you aren't doing so well based on this gauge, I think that the Lord gives us something to think about that might be helpful. The Gospel says that we should love our neighbor as ourself. Let me ask you this; How well do you love yourself? Are you good to yourself? Are you compassionate and forgiving of yourself? Do you do things, eat things, drink things that are really good for you? I'm not talking about drinking kale smoothies! I just mean, are you good to your body? How do you feel when you wake up?

One of my professors in seminary taught us that our first neighbor is ourself. You can't expect to be good to your neighbors, forgiving and compassionate to them, if you are not first good to yourself. That is something worth thinking about.

Today Jesus reminds us of the command to love God with all of our heart, soul and mind. He reminds us that the Second Commandment isn't just another good commandment but is actually a practical way to gauge how well we are doing with the First. Let's take this challenge seriously this week. How well are you fulfilling this command? If you need to make some changes, start by asking how well you are loving yourself. You are your first neighbor.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need ...



Rosemarie Gall Zarnick Ron Kriess Fr. Rick Thompson Kandi Nassy Larry Karenbauer Steven Shultz Mason Martin Audie Smith Mark McBride Lena Jane Steiner

Sandy Burns Bill Smith Sharon Golobish Justin S. Madalyn Rose Geibel Jim Bergbigler Virginia Briski Fred Green Carter T. Williams Ada Skelly Donna Green Vince Ritzert Dean Morrow Madeline McCloskey Pearl Kocher





The Mass Intention Book for 2024 is now available.

To schedule intentions please contact Nicole at the office by phone, email, or stop in during office hours.





WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF **OCTOBER 29, 2023**

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34 -40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and

4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/ Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

CONFESSION **SCHEDULE** Wednesday 6:15pm-6:45pm Mater Dolorosa Saturday 11:00am-11:30am MaterDolorosa 11:00am-11:30am St. Wendelin

11:45am-12:15pm



St. Joseph

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday,	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	John & Mary Lucas	Family
October 28 Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	Bernard & Diana Rumbaugh
Sunday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pat Graham	Ruth & Chuck Rodgers Families
October 29	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tyler Barger	Barger Family
30th Sunday	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Anna Daugherty	Family
in Ordinary Time	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Bernie Waltman	Bev Wesley
Monday, October 30	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	John & Vicki Jackson and Kay Double
Tuesday, October 31 All Hallow's Eve	7:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Kusick	Bill & Nanette Weibel
Wednesday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Patty Carben	Joe Carben
November 1	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	John & Anna Tomsey	Family
All Saints Day	7:00 PM	St. Joseph	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Thursday, November 2	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Jane Angert	Tim & Lori Welter and Family
All Souls' Day	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of St. Clare Who Have Died in the Past Year	
Friday, November 3 St. Martin de Porres, Religious	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Catherine Littell	Sue Fraley
Saturday,	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Francis J. Gabby Weiland	Doris Weiland
November 4 St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Joe Baker	Pam & Family
Sunday, November 5	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Descendants (and their families) of Carl & Josephine Hesidenz	
31st Sunday	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
in Ordinary Time National Vocation Awareness Week	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Living & Deceased Members of The Christian Mothers & Women	
Daylight Saving Time Ends	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Deb Williams	Jeff & Nikki Coyle



\$64,547.00

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS OCTOBER 22, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$5,954.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,047.00
Total Offertory	\$7,001.00
PARISH APPEAL	
Parish Appeal	\$140.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date	\$43,325.50

2023 Parish Appeal Goal

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS	
Maintenance Fund	\$90.00
School Support	\$70.00
All Saints Day	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$1,178.00

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

The St Clare Christian Mothers & Women will be inducting new members at the 7pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa on Wednesday, November 8th. The group's monthly meeting will follow the Mass in Biller Hall. Any ladies interested in joining the group, please call or text Norma Miller at 724-496-6667.





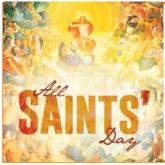
The next St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch will be on Wednesday, November 8th, at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm.

Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship!



Save the Date for the **Christian** Mothers and Women Christmas Party on Sunday, December 3rd at 12 noon in DePaul Hall at St. Joseph N.O.

More details to follow soon!



All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1st. It is a Holy Day of Obliga**tion**. Please see available Mass times on the Mass intention page. **The Parish** Office will be closed on Wednesday in observance.



Much help is needed to make the Turkey Dinner a success for our school children! Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated. Sign up to volunteer or donate on the Sign Up Genius Link on the Parish website or paper forms are available in the back of each church. We appreciate all of your help!

St. Clare Parish 2024 Lottery Calendars are still available! The cost is \$20 each. Calendars are available in the back of each church. Money can be turned in with the completed stub from the calendar when sold. Ticket stubs and payment can be mailed or dropped off at the Administrative Office, dropped in the collection basket or in the lock boxes located at each church. Contact the office with any questions!



St. Clare continues to collect nonperishable ANNED food items for the Petroleum Valley Food Cupboard. Boxes are located in the back of each church for donations. Thank you for **QRIV** your continued support!



The holidays are quickly approaching! Please take note of the upcoming early submission deadlines for the bulletin below. If you have any questions or to submit bulletin information, contact Jenn at

communications@saintclareparish.com.

Bulletin Date

November 19th November 26th December 10th December 17th December 24th December 31st

Information Due (by 5 pm)

Thursday, November 9th Wednesday, November 15th Friday, December 1st Friday, December 8th Wednesday, December 13th Thursday. December 21st

The Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous Pancake Breakfast next Sunday, November 5th, at St. Wendelin Hall from 8:00 am

until 12:30 pm. Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast. We look forward to seeing everyone!



First Quarter Financial Report for St. Clare Parish

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(Quarter-1 2023/2024)

OPERATING REVENUE:

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Offertory Collections	111,765
Donations & Bequests	5,097
Fundraising	9,047
Campaign Income	22
Other Income	31,688
	157,619
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	101,076
Operations & Maintenance	26,182
Liturgical & Rectory	25,272
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	12,313
Property & Liability Insurance	11,921
Social/ Outreach/ Other	7,104
	183,868
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(26,249)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2023

ASSETS:

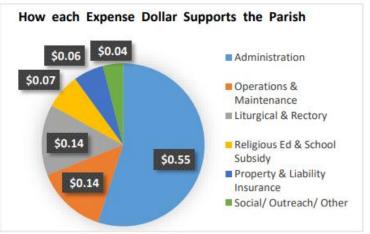
Unrestricted Funds:

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)

Cash	33,248
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	355,314
	388,562
Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	79,018
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	504
Parish Endowment Investment	3,585,685
Other Investments	(70,224)
	3,594,983
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	1,529
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	(2,444)





A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc. Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive Administration:

Staff, Office Supplies/Equipment, Management Fee Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies Religious Ed & School Subsidy:

Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant <u>Liturgical & Rectory</u>:

Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000

Net Third Party Collections:

e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence

The first quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024 at St. Clare Parish produced an operating deficit. This is expected, for St. Clare Parish as the distributions from Ritzert Fund are not included in the operating revenues. When, comparing the same quarter from the previous fiscal year to the current fiscal year first quarter, St. Clare saw an increase in both collections and fundraising. This is promising for the current fiscal year. Thank you to all Parishioners for your continued support of St. Clare Parish.

Children's Faith Formation 2023





5- CFF Grades K-8 **12- OFF**

15- Children and Family Adoration

6:30 pm St. Wendelin Church

19- CFF Grades K-8

Confirmation Rite of Intent at 10:30 am Mass at St. Wendelin

26-OFF



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

Cody Mackrell!

Cody is in the 5 th grade class this year. He says that his family owns horses and make hay on their farm. In his free time, Cody enjoys riding horse, and doing laundry. He also enjoys making cakes, brownies and cookies. When he gets older, Cody would like to be a professional horse trainer. Congratulations to this week's St. Clare of Assisi Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week,

DID YOU KNOW?

The "Oh My Jesus"
Rosary Prayer

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Our Lady spoke these words to the children of Fatima on July 13th, 1917, during the third of the six visits she would pay them. After saying these things, she showed them a terrifying vision of Hell. After this vision, she spoke of God's desire to establish devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She spoke of what would happen in the world if her requests were not heeded

and of the final triumph of her Immaculate Heart. She then gave the children the prayer we know so well, instructing them to recite it after each decade of the Rosary:

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

Guided Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament for Families

Let us lead our children to a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We will honor Christ's presence in this devotion of the Blessed Sacrament. Wednesday, Nov. 15th

Wednesday, Nov. 15th from 6:30- 7 PM at St. Wendelin Church



All are welcome!

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving

All are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving **today**, **October 29, 2023** at **2:00 PM** at **St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Herman**, in gratitude for the 150 years of the Province of St. Augustine, especially for the fraternal life and ministry of the Friars of the Province in Butler County, PA (1876 – Present). Provincial Minister, Robert Marva, OFM Cap. will be the Mass celebrant and Scott Seethaler, OFM Cap. will be the Homilist.



A reception will follow at the Herman Firehall. All are welcome to attend. (If you did not RSVP, please note that you are still welcome to attend.)



"Hope is always possible. To those who care for the sick, the scene of the Cross provides a way of understanding that even when it seems that there is nothing more to do there remains much to do, because 'remaining' by the side of the sick is a sign of love and of the hope that it contains. Healed by Jesus, we become men and women called to proclaim his healing power and provide care for our neighbors, until the very end." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "The Witness of the Good Samaritan: Palliative Care and Hospice"

Catholic Identity Program Family Link This Week's Virtue: HONOR



Honor is the recognition of human dignity we offer by showing respect for other people, their names and reputations.

is hosting Coach George Mihalik, from Slippery Rock University, at their next Athletes for Christ event on Sunday, November 5, in the St. Conrad double classroom (125 Buttercup Road, Butler) - from 6:30pm to 8pm. Coach Mahalik is the winningest coach in the university's history with 197 wins. High school students in grades 9-12, Catholic or not, parishioner or not, are invited to attend. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Note: Any adult 18 years old and older who would like

to attend as an adult assistant must obtain their safe environment clearances. Ouestions can be directed to Director of Evangelization, Tom



McConnell, at 724-482-2690 x 222 or TMcconnell@allsaintsbutler.org



Mark your calendars for the next St. Wendelin School Friday Night Bingo! November 17th

The All Saints Parish High School Youth Group





TURKEY DINNER

* Ham available upon request.

Hosted by the St. Clare Parish Sunday, November 12, 2023

11:30am - 6:00pm at St. Wendelin Church Hall

Adults: \$14.00

Children: \$7.00

Carry-Outs: \$14.00



Catholic Charities Wish List Collection

Catholic Charities of Pittsburgh is always in need of items to help them assist those in need. They now have Amazon Wish Lists for their Pregnancy & Parenting outreach and for their Hygiene needs. Visit the Catholic Charities page for both links to the Amazon Wish Lists: https://www.ccpgh.org/ways-to-give/kinddonations/amazon-wish-list.

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at Saint Michael the Archangel Church at 432 Center Ave. in Butler is open for continuous Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day from 9 am Tuesdays through Fridays at 4 pm. The night hours of 9 pm through 6 am is reserved for scheduled adorers only. If you want to become a regularly scheduled adorer or a substitute please call Pat Nocera at 724 287 6496 or Linda Spohn at 724 283 2555. Currently we need adorers for the following hours: Wed. 2 - 3 am and 5 - 6 pm, and Thurs. 2 - 3 pm and 8 - 9 pm. "In order to convert America and save the world what we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer." (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)



Bereavement Support

All Saints Parish invites

you to be part of a program-**GriefShare**-that offers support, conversation, and comfort. The group meets on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:30pm at St. Peter Hall in Butler 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 or 724-421-9340 for more information or go to Grief-Share.org to register.

Join us to help the underinsured and uninsured residents of Butler County and the surrounding communities. Concordia Lutheran Ministries is partnering with Remote Area Medical (RAM®), a major nonprofit provider of pop-up clinics delivering free, quality dental, vision, and medical care to those in need, to offer an absolutely FREE clinic in Butler. The clinic will run from Nov. 11-12 at the Butler Intermediate High School (551 Fairground Hill Rd, Butler, PA 16001). All medical, dental and vision services at the clinic are free, and no ID or insurance is required. All services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis. All are welcome.

How you can help: set up on Friday, Nov. 10 or take down on Sunday, Nov. 12. Volunteer as general support on Saturday, Nov. 11 or Sunday, Nov. 12 (no medical skills required). Volunteer in your medical field on Saturday, Nov. 11 or Sunday, Nov. 12. To volunteer, visit www.ramusa.org and select "Volunteer" at the top of the page and complete the registration form. Under the "Events & Assignments" header, select "USA: Pennsylvania" and "Butler, PA 2023: Butler, Pennsylvania" as the Event.

If you have questions about the clinic, please contact RAM Butler Community Host Leader and Concordia Visiting Nurses Physical Therapist Lynn McKinnis, PT, DPT, OCS at Imck@zoominternet.net or 724-496-2504.

The Respect Life Committee at St. Francis has opened a medical equipment and supply room on the St. Mary campus in Herman, in the former convent. If you or a loved one is in need of any specific durable medical equipment or supplies, please reach out to Cil Love at 724-822-0614 or by email, outreach@saintfrancisparish.net. If you have any new, or clean gently used equipment that you would like to donate, please contact Cil as well.

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, October 31st - 2-3 pm, November 7th, 14th and 21st - 2 - 3 pm, and November 28th - 7-8pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W MAIN ST, SAX-**ONBURG**. For information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net.

Most Precious Blood Of Jesus RESPECT LIFE GROUP RE-SPECT LIFE CONFERENCE, Saturday, November 18, 2023, 9.00AM to 6:00PM. All are invited to hear speakers and get educated on pro-life issues! Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish, 3250 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, 15212.

The 2023 Joan of Arc Ministries Women's Conference, GLO-RY, November 11, 2023 at North Catholic High School. Join us for a day of amazing speakers, community with powerful women, and transformative prayer. Speakers will include Leticia Ochoa Adams (author, Our Lady of Hot Messes), Sr. Monica Spates, TOR, Lillian Fallon (author, Theology of Style) and Mrs. Heidi Potter. We are blessed to offer Eucharistic Adoration, confession, a quiet chapel for personal prayer, a time of prayer devoted to Our Lady, and a 4:00pm Vigil Mass. Early bird ticket price of only \$55 includes breakfast and lunch. Details and registration at www.joanofarcministries.com.

Catholic Singles Semi-Formal Christmas Dinner Dance Hosted by the Catholic Alumni Club of Pittsburgh on Saturday December 9th, 2023, 5:30 - 10:30 pm at "The Fez" (2313 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001). Visit https:// www.cacpittsburgh.org/cacdinnerdance for pricing and additional information. Questions, text or email Karen Sakaluk at (843) 384-1176 or ksakaluk1216@gmail.com.

ASPIRE -Single Catholic Ministry Event- November 10th, 6:30 pm -a talk by Deacon Tony Giordano titled "Surviving the Holidays as a Single Adult", at Sts John & Paul Catholic Church (St. Luke the Evangelist Parish) 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley, PA 15143 Please RSVP @ https://saintluke.net/aspire.

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, as well as crocheted shawls, and a nice selection of breast cancer support blankets. If you would like to arrange to pick up a blanket, please call Suzanne Ekas and leave a message at 724.360.0027.