



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN YOUR MIDST,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU WITH GLADNESS,
AND RENEW YOU IN HIS LOVE.

—ZEPHANIAH 3:17





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A Message from Fr. Matt

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There is a seminary in Washington DC that has an image of a pregnant Blessed Virgin Mary on the pulpit. It is so beautiful. It is fitting too because the Word of God that is proclaimed from that pulpit is filled with the living God, just as Mary is in the image. I don't know if people always did this, but these days, whenever I see a photo on Instagram or Facebook, or get a Christmas Card and there is a mom who is expecting, she always seems to have her hand on the baby in her belly. Mary is doing the same thing in the image on that pulpit. Those moms in the pictures always seem to have looks of joy on their faces. Mary looks filled with joy too.

At St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, there is a statue of the Blessed Mother that is very different. I think that I have told you before about this statue. When I was in school, the new chapel had just been completed. One of the last touches was the statue of Mary. It had been made specifically for our chapel and we were so excited to see it. When it came, I was surprised. Mary looked bulky and older. She had her right hand on her cheek. We dubbed her "Our Lady of the toothache"! What I didn't realize was that this statue was based on the image of Mary in the San Damiano Cross, the same cross from which Christ spoke to St. Francis. The same cross which hung in the church that St. Clare and her sisters lived, in Assisi. What I missed at first, when I was so focused on her right hand, seemingly soothing a sore tooth, was what her left hand was doing. She was pointing to Jesus on the Cross!

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word, a command really, that means "rejoice." It is important to note that this is an imperative, a command from the Lord. We are not told today that it would be good if we rejoiced, we are commanded to do so. But what if our situation in life makes it hard to rejoice? This can be a stressful time of year. Are we really supposed to "rejoice always" as St. Paul says in the Second Reading? If so, how?

In each of our Readings for this week, the same answer is given. In the First Reading, the Prophet Isaiah says "I rejoice heartily in the Lord." In the Responsorial Psalm we hear the words of Our Lady; "my spirit rejoices in God my savior." In the Second Reading, St. Paul says that rejoicing, praying and giving thanks is "the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." In the Gospel, John the Baptist rejoices not in his own success but in "the one who is coming after me."

The two statues of which I spoke earlier carry the same message. In both, Mary points to the reason for her joy. Neither is focused on herself. Both point to Jesus. This is the common message of each of the readings as well. Look to Jesus. He is the reason for joy. Not our lives, not our successes. Jesus. If we would respond to the command to rejoice by pointing at our lives and asking "How can we? Look at what is going on!" God would say to us, hey pal, you're pointing at the wrong thing! Point to Jesus. Look to Jesus. Hand your worries to Jesus. Thank Jesus for all that He has done. Praise Him. Don't be trapped in the prison of self concern. Let Jesus be concerned for you. You just look to Him and rejoice!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Laura Johnson
Chris
Wayne Pennington
Dick Preston
Breanna Tomsey
Sue Ellen Carr
Joseph McCloskey
Jayden Albright
Rosemarie Gall Zarnick
Ron Kriess
Fr. Rick Thompson
Kandi Nassy
Larry Karenbauer

Steven Shultz
Mason Martin
Mark McBride
Lena Jane Steiner
Sandy Burns
Bill Smith
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Fred Green
Carter T. Williams
Ada Skelly
Donna Green
Vince Ritzert
Dean Morrow
Madeline McCloskey
Pearl Kocher



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 17, 2023

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48,
49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-
24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,
18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3
-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-
4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-
18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6
-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-
5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



Prayers for comfort and peace to the family
& friends of those our parish has lost.

Jody Dunmyre

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



Marriage Blessings

Congratulations to . . .

Sydnee Markle & Tyler Markilinski

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Clare Parish on December 9, 2023*

May God Bless your marriage!

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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 MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, December 16	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Madeline Neff	Children
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Robert Zanella	Family
Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patricia Liberto	Bean Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	John T. Price & Family	Bill & Elaine Kusick and Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Mabel Weiland	Ruth & Chuck Rodgers and Families
Monday, December 18	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
Tuesday, December 19	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Mason Martin & Family	Tony & Roberta
Wednesday, December 20	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Earl Saeler Jr.	Family
	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Veronica Morrow	
Thursday, December 21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Poor Souls in Purgatory	Bev & Vic Serafine
Friday, December 22	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Joseph Littell	Sue Fraley
Saturday, December 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Erdman Brauchle	Donna Stephenson
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Sherwin	Anna Marie Sherwin
Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	John Cook	Barry & Karen Porter
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Mason Martin & Family	Tony & Roberta
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tom Dunn	Bob & Norma Miller
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Clare Mitch	George Rodgers

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 3, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$8,347.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,232.00
Total Offertory	\$9,579.00

PARISH APPEAL

Parish Appeal	\$560.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date.....	\$45,816.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$457.00
School Support	\$673.00
All Saints Day.....	\$10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$31.00
Immaculate Conception	\$51.00
Christmas Offering	\$90.00
Christmas Children's Charities	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS DECEMBER 10, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$7,560.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,665.00
Total Offertory	\$9,225.00

PARISH APPEAL

Parish Appeal	\$646.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date.....	\$46,462.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$276.00
School Support	\$185.00
All Saints Day.....	\$10.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$335.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,537.00
Christmas Offering	\$170.00
Christmas Children's Charities	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$85.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$10.00
Bishop's Education Fund.....	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$10.00

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

If you selected a tag from the **Giving Tree for residents of Quality Life Services in Chicora**, please return the wrapped gifts to the **St. Clare office by Monday, December 18th**. Thanks for your generosity.



St. Joseph, North Oakland will decorate for Christmas after the 9:30 am Mass, December 17th. Since the 4th Sunday of Advent is Sunday, December 24th, the Advent Wreath will remain until after the 9:30 am Mass. After the 9:30 am Mass on December 24th, the flowers, Mary, and Joseph will be placed in the church. If you have any questions, contact the parish office.



Wednesday Evening Mass Time Change

Effective January 3, 2024, the Wednesday evening Mass at Mater Dolorosa will change from 7 pm to 6 pm. Confession time will only be held on

Wednesdays during Lent and Advent. Dates and times will be listed in the bulletin closer to Lent. Confession times on Saturdays will remain unchanged; Mater Dolorosa and St. Wendelin from 11 am to 11:30 am, and St. Joseph in North Oakland from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm, and by appointment. Wednesday evening Adoration with Benediction will also be scheduled during Lent and Advent.

St. Wendelin hosts the **Community Dinner at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, December 19th**. Volunteers are needed from 3-6:30 pm to pack and distribute the carry out meals. If you are **interested in volunteering and/or can offer desserts**, call or text Gina Beaver at 724-991-7967.



St. Clare Parish 2024 Lottery Calendars are still available! The cost is \$20 each. Grab yours at the Parish Office this week, a perfect stocking stuffer! Contact the office with any questions!



St. Francis Parish is seeking an organist/choir director to play at St. Joseph Church in Cabot. Resumes may be sent to St. Francis Parish, 315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA 16023, Attn. Barb Boltz or emailed to office@saintfrancisparish.net.

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Fun Facts about Advent



- ★ Advent always begins four Sundays before Christmas, on the Sunday closest to the feast of St Andrew the Apostle (November 30th).
- ★ Advent continues until December 24th.
- ★ Advent is the beginning of the liturgical calendar year. Advent has been the beginning of the church year since the 900's.
- ★ If Christmas Eve is on a Sunday (this year) it is also the fourth Sunday of Advent. Christmas Eve officially begins at sundown when it falls on a Sunday.
- ★ Advent is a time of prayer and confession. A time for preparation and anticipation of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

A reminder to any student participating in the Children's Choir for Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary, the last practice is **December 17th from 2:00-3:30 pm at St. Mary's church. Mass is on December 24th at 6:00pm.**



All are invited to **Evening Prayer & Benediction** to celebrate the third Sunday of Advent on **December 17th at 5pm at St. Mary** in Herman



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	Information Due (by 5 pm)
December 24th	Wednesday, December 13th
December 31st	Thursday, December 21st

Pick up a copy of the Kids' Bulletin for your children to enjoy!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023

SAINT CLARE PARISH

Solemnity of Christmas The Nativity of the Lord

December 24 - 4:00 pm at Saint Wendelin
 December 24 - 4:30 pm at Mater Dolorosa
 December 24 - 7:00 pm at Saint Joseph (N.O.)
 December 24 - Midnight at St. Wendelin
 December 25 - 8:00 am at Mater Dolorosa
 December 25 - 10:00 am at Saint Wendelin

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1 - 9:00 am at Mater Dolorosa
Not a day of obligation

SAINT FRANCIS PARISH

Solemnity of Christmas The Nativity of the Lord

December 24 - 4:00 pm at Saint Joseph (Cabot)
 December 24 - 6:00 pm at Saint Mary
 December 24 - 7:00 pm at Saint John
 December 24 - 10:00 pm at Saint Joseph (Cabot)
 December 24 - 10:00 pm at Saint Mary
 December 25 - 8:00 am at Saint John
 December 25 - 10:00 am at Saint Mary
 December 25 - 10:00 am at Saint Joseph (Cabot)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

January 1 - 9:00 am at Saint Mary
Not a day of obligation

Join St. Francis & St. Clare Parishes on Friday, January 19, 2024, on a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, D.C.

Sign-Up Now! A sign up sheet is posted in each church. There is also a sign-up sheet for *Prayer Supporters*, those who cannot personally attend.

There will be two departure locations to choose from, **St. Joseph, North Oakland and St. Mary in Herman**. Two drop off locations in DC are available, attend the Rally or go to the Basilica for Mass before the March. **Pick up the flyer in church** for more details about the itinerary, costs, permission forms, and what to bring. School Permission Request forms are available. Donations payable to "St. Francis of Assisi Parish" are gladly accepted! Questions, please contact Cil Love (724-822-0614).



MARCH FOR LIFE



TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Children's Faith Formation 2023



17- **CFF** Grades K-8

Confirmation Class w/ Sponsors 6:30PM

24- **OFF**

31- **OFF**



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: JOY

Joy is the pure gift of God's grace and happiness.

It is beyond human seeking or what we can imagine for ourselves.



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

Haley Crouch!

Haley is in the 6th grade class this year. She has a sister named Mikayla. They enjoy going to amusement parks for vacation. She enjoys playing softball and drawing. When she gets older, Haley would like to be a pet groomer or veterinarian.



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

Haley Crouch!

Mark your calendars for the next
St. Wendelin School Friday Night Bingo!
January 26th & February 16th!



EITC TAX Credit Program to benefit

School Choice- We have information of available Tax Credits for Qualified donors who can make a 2 year donation on behalf of our Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship Program. Recently the State of PA through the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has increased the Education Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program by 25 million statewide. Donors can specify St. Wendelin to receive the aid through there donation. For more information, please contact the Stewardship Office at 412-456-3085.

REVERSE RAFFLE

supporting St. Wendelin School advertising and advancement

Saturday, February 3, 2024

6:00 PM at St. Wendelin Hall

Doors open @ 5:00 pm

Donation:
\$20.00

*Dinner
Pull Tabs
50/50
Chinese Auction
Basket Raffle*

**ONE LUCKY
WINNER OF
\$1,500!**

**WINNER ON
EVERY 10th
TICKET PULLED!**

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE:
724-285-4986



Thank you to the ladies of the Marian Guild who hosted a beautiful and delicious Christmas luncheon for the staff of St. Francis & St. Clare. It was much appreciated, thank you so much!

Pictured Left to Right: Shirley Kennedy-Keller, Linda Birch, Jen Thornton, Dixie Mennor and Leetta Christie (Missing from the photo, Vicki Cornetti).

The **Respect Life Committee at St. Francis** has opened a **medical equipment and supply room** on the St. Mary campus, 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 us as well. Below are some items currently available. Contact us if you have a need on the list or not!



Shower Chairs
Walkers
Canes
Crutches
Shoulder Sling/Cushion
Leg Brace
Wrist Splint
Gauze Bandages &
Sponges

Exercise Strap &
Weighted Wrap for Leg /
Arm
ABD Pad
Cotton-tipped Applicators
Surgical Tape
Positioning Cushions &
Straps

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.



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Just a friendly reminder...Fr. Matt, nor any of our priests, or staff will **EVER** contact you via text or email asking for funds or gift cards for any reason! If you receive any texts or emails like this, please ignore or delete. If you ever question any correspondence, please contact the office.



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.

Calling for Donations for Pittsburgh Catholic Magazine.

Pittsburgh Catholic magazine delivers the good news of Jesus and His work in Pittsburgh to people throughout the diocese. Issues of the magazine are mailed to all who are registered at their parish, as well as many charities. Additionally, all issues are made available online. Your donations make spreading His Good News possible. Donations can be made by visiting <https://diopitt.org/pittsburgh-catholic-donate>.



THE PINK

"Shepherd's Candle"

IN ADVENT SYMBOLIZES

Joy!

Christmas Blues Mass- A Light of Hope Within the Longest Nights of the Year, Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm Mass. Preceding Mass: 6 pm Adoration, 6:30 pm Rosary. After Mass: 7:50 pm Short Presentation, 8 pm Closing Prayers. Saint Jude Parish at Saint Raphael Church, 1154 Chislett St. Pittsburgh PA 15206 (Morningside/Highland Park Area). Even people who love Christmas can experience the "Blues."

A Blue Christmas Mass recognizes the sadness and loneliness felt during the holidays due to the loss of a loved one, of a job, of physical or mental health, or feelings of anxiety and depression due to various reasons affecting people.

All Are Welcome. This evening offers a ray of hope in the midst of life's darkest moments. A quiet time to prayerfully express feelings and find a sense of calm and peace. A time to be who you are at this moment in your life with people who care! Come join us during this time of the dark Winter Solstice for Prayers, Music, & Reflections of Hope. Come for all or part of the evening.



"Encounter with Jesus!"

A NIGHT OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration, music, prayer, & priests hearing confessions.
Prepare for Christmas - Sit quietly with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

"Receive the divine rays of His grace, His love, and His peace."
(Pope Paul VI)

Tuesday

St. Conrad Church
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

December 19th

All Saints Parish- All are Welcome!

The Sweet Gremlin, LLC is hosting 2 **Pierogi Classes!** Join us for a fun evening learning how to make your own potato and cheese pierogi! Each participant will be provided a recipe card and receive step by step instructions for 2 dozen pierogi. All ingredients will be provided. **January 10, 2024 6-9 pm at St. Joseph Hall in Cabot** or **January 25, 2024 6-9 pm at Mater Dolorosa Hall in Chicora.** The cost is \$50, seating will be limited. Be sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot. Classes will be taught by Jennifer McConnell & Julie Patrick. Participants will need to bring their own potato peeler, rolling pin, apron, and container to take home their pierogi. **Register at www.thesweetgremlin.com/classes**

Oakland Twp. Oneida Valley VFC is hosting an All You Can Eat Breakfast on December 17th from 8am to 1 pm at the firehall, 301 Oneida Valley Rd, Butler. Menu includes pancakes, French toast, eggs, bacon, sausage, toast, cheesy potatoes, biscuits and gravy, all for \$12!

Bus Drivers are urgently needed to transport residents at the **Concordia's Haven Apartments in Cabot to St. Joseph Church for the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturdays (4:30 – 7:00 pm).** A small transport bus is provided. ANY help is appreciated! Please contact Neal Trimble at 724-448-8916 (cell) or 724-353-2506 (home) to volunteer or for more information.

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)

Calling All Single Catholics, age 21 and OVER - Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the **Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh.** They offer a variety of different activities including dinners, spiritual enrichment, cultural, mini golf, hikes, biking, community service, volleyball, sports leagues, trips, and many other great events. For more information, visit their website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, search [meetup.com](https://www.meetup.com) for Catholic Singles of Greater Pittsburgh, email CAC-PghMembership@gmail.com or call 412-341-4070.

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 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 information or go to GriefShare.org to register.

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, December 19th – 7 to 8pm** **No gathering on Dec. 26th** **ABBA'S HOUSE, SAXONBURG.** For information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

HUNTERS SHARING THE HARVEST donated 19,308 pounds (77,232 servings) of venison to **Butler County food providers** last year. Your harvest or a monetary donation would be very welcome. **Food Providers accepting venison:** Katie's Kitchen - Butler, Luther's Table - Butler, Moniteau Food Pantry - West Sunbury, Petroleum Valley Food Cupboard, St. Andrew's Community Dinners - Butler, St. Vincent DePaul - Butler, Family Life Ministries - Butler, First Methodist - Butler, Salvation Army - Butler, Helping Hands - N. Main Church of God - Butler, Grapevine Center - Butler, Plus 1 Ministries - Butler, Covenant Food Cupboard - Butler, Pioneer Pantry BC3-Butler. **Meat Processors preparing the venison for these groups** - Shuler's Butcher Shop - Herman - 724-321-1769, Bim's Boloney - N.Washington/Petrolia - 724-894-2569, McKruit's Meat Packing - Cabot - 724-352-2988, Welter's Meat Shop - Chicora - 724-282-7071. **For more information visit sharedeer.org or contact Tom Rossman, Butler Co. Coordinator - 724-283-0449**