



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



January 14, 2024

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-36



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A Message from Fr. Matt

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today in the First Reading and in the Gospel, we hear the stories of people who were good listeners. Samuel in the First Reading and Andrew and another disciple in the Gospel, realize that they have been called by God. Simon Peter is called by Andrew. Each of them was busy with their life's work, but each of them showed themselves to be good listeners. *The Word Among Us* magazine had a neat reflection about Samuel and what we can learn from him. In my prayer, I came up with slightly different ideas about what can be learned from Samuel, but I wanted to give them credit for putting that seed in my head. I think Samuel's example can help us both in our prayer life and in our daily lives as we interact with each other. So, what does it take to be a good listener?

In the First Reading, Samuel gives us a template, a model, for becoming a good listener. First, Samuel believes that someone worth listening to is speaking to him. At first, he thinks that it is Eli speaking to him. After the third time Samuel's name is called and he goes to Eli, Eli realizes what is going on. Eli tells Samuel that the Lord is the one calling him. When Samuel is called again, he responds to the Lord. But let us not miss the fact that each time that his name is called, Samuel responds. Don't let the fact that Samuel thought it was his mentor Eli when it was the Lord, distract you from the fact that each time he was called, Samuel responded, because whether it was Eli or the Lord, Samuel knew that someone worth listening to was talking to him. This is the first step in being a good listener, respecting the one speaking to you and believing that they have something worthwhile to say.



The second step can be found in the words that Samuel uses to respond. Samuel calls the one speaking to him "Lord" and calls himself "servant." Samuel is humble. So often what keeps us from listening is the narrative running through our minds. Most often it is a narrative that is about us, what people think of us, how people have responded to us, what we have done today and all that we have to do tomorrow. We make ourselves deaf to others by putting ourselves in a prison of self-concern. We are what is most important. Our story. Our needs. Our fears. But honestly, that is not real. It is just something that we do to ourselves. At least I do it sometimes. Sometimes I think that I would respond to that voice, if I did at all, with something like, "Whoever is calling my name, I have a ton going on." Samuel doesn't do this. He is devoid of ego. He is not concerned for himself, but concerned that he listens and responds to the one speaking. He is humble and so, he can listen.

The last step is that Samuel makes a concerted effort to open his ears and listen. Let's not forget that last part! There is so much noise in the world. I can't get used to the way that people try to listen to so many things at once. When you are watching the Steelers this weekend, look around the room if you are with other people. The game will be on but so will people's phones and sometimes their phones will be playing music or voices from a video. Depending on how old the people are that you are watching with, there may be sounds coming from three or four different sources at once! I'm getting old, I know! But that is so hard for me. I can't concentrate on anything when that is going on. If we want to be good listeners, we have to make a concerted effort, like Samuel, to listen.

Being a good listener is an important life skill. It is an even more important skill to learn in our spiritual lives. Whether just with other people, or in our relationship with God, if we are going to be good listeners, we would do well to follow Samuel's example. Believe that someone worth listening to is speaking to you. Do not be trapped in a prison of self-concern, but be humble before the one speaking to you. Make a concerted effort to listen. There is so much noise in the world. There is so much noise in our hearts and in our minds. By following Samuel's example, we can make some space so that we can hear the other voice. There are people who have good things to tell us. God has good things to tell us, in fact He calls each of us to "come and see" just as He did the first Disciples. Follow Samuel's lead. Believe that the other has something good to say, humble yourself and focus on them, make the effort to focus and listen.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Jeff Coyle
Carol Hall
Diane Stahoviak
Randy Freehling
Laura Johnson
Chris Young
Wayne Pennington
Dick Preston
Breanna Tomsey
Sue Ellen Carr
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WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4
7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,
16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-
22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

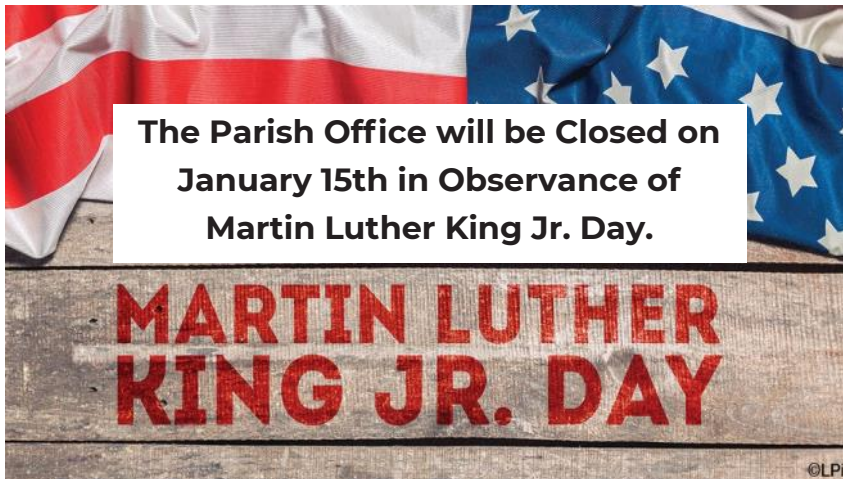
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-
51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps
56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6
and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-
27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-
5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14
-20



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!



A Reminder, moving forward, the **Wednesday evening Mass at Mater Dolorosa will be at 6 pm.** Confession and benediction will only be held on Wednesdays during Lent and Advent.



New or expecting parents, the next Baptism Preparation class is **Monday, February 5th at 6 pm** via zoom. Please contact Barb at the office to register.

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays

11:00am-11:30am Mater Dolorosa

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

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

Appointments available upon request.
Contact the parish office.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, January 13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Betty & Shane Hohn
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	Brenda
Sunday, January 14 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Callihan	Fred & Martha Callihan and Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Jean Laskey	Walt
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Linda Slater	Stacy, Lance, and Olivia
Monday, January 15 Martin Luther King Day	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
Tuesday, January 16	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Helen Fello	Sue Fraley
Wednesday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pat Graham	Sheri Gibson
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat & Mary Jeanne Rodgers	
Thursday, January 18	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Patty Huff	Karen & Kerry McClanahan
Friday, January 19	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Ruthy Schiebel	Bob & Norma Miller
Saturday, January 20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Pearl Kocher
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Pearl Ritzert	Lil Baptiste
Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pat Graham	Patty David
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Denny Foust	Shirley & Pud Craig
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	In Thanksgiving for Tony & Roberta	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Clare Green	Family

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS -JANUARY 7, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$5,746.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,405.00
Total Offertory	\$7,151.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$0
2024 Parish Appeal to Date...	\$0
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$48,622.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$381.00
School Support	\$939.00
Christmas Offering	\$250.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$126.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$20.00

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



A special collection will take place on

**January 20 &
January 21**

at all weekend masses and through Faith Direct to support

DePaul School for
Hearing and Speech &
St. Anthony School Programs



JANUARY

Children's Faith Formation 2024

14-	OFF	
21-	CFF-	Elementary Middle School
24-	First Communion Parent Meeting	
	7PM St. Joseph Church	
28-	CFF-	Elementary Middle School

Valentine's Day

LUNCHEON

All adults are invited to attend a
Valentine's Day Luncheon
on Sunday, February 11th at 11:30 AM
at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph Church, N.O.)
 The cost is \$15.00/Per Person.
 Menu to be determined.
Please RSVP by Sunday, February 5th, to
 Martha Birch at the office (724) 445-3713 ext. 5.
 Please leave your name or names of those
 attending and phone number.

Join St. Francis & St. Clare Parishes this 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

Come and experience Eucharistic Adoration

Jesus, the Bread of Life will be on our altar, come and adore him!

Monday, January 22nd

at St. Joseph, Cabot,

6:30-7:00 pm

AND

Tuesday, January 23rd

at St. Wendelin

6:30-7:00 pm



**Everyone is
welcome to this
Holy Half Hour!**

Join us for a Valentine's Day Cookie Decorating Class with The Sweet Gremlin!

The class will be at **Mater Dolorosa Hall in Chicora, on Thursday, February 8th, 6-8pm!** Cost is \$40.

In this step-by-step instructed class, you will be decorating 6 cookies with royal icing and one of the cookies will include a personal photo of your choice. Photos can be emailed to, thesweetgremlin@gmail.com or brought to the class. All supplies will be provided along with a box to take home your cookies. Seating will be limited and preregistration is required. If you are a registered member of the St. Clare Christian Mothers, you will receive a \$10 rebate on your registration fee that evening. Light refreshments will be served. The last day to register is Wednesday, January 31st. Sign up online at www.thesweetgremlin.com or call 724-766-2673. (You may also call Norma Miller at 724-496-6667 for information.)



DID YOU KNOW?

Why Did Our Lord Choose to be Baptized?

Jesus obviously had no need of baptism. He wasn't a sinner. So why be baptized?

As Jesus goes into the waters of the Jordan to receive this baptism, He is identifying Himself with sinners, taking our sins upon Himself, and submerging Himself—in our place—into the waters of purification. His rising up shows the new life that He will gain for us.



Our Lord rises from the waters of the Jordan as He would rise from the tomb three years later, glorified and victorious. At the Baptism, we see the heavens opened and the Trinity manifested: the Father proclaims the identity of His Son—"This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased"—a proclamation which, Pope Benedict says, foreshadows the Resurrection.



Additional Christmas Flower Donations 2023

In Memory of . . .

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**"The time is always right
to do what is right."**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

Bentley Birchard!

Bentley is currently in Ms. Monteleone's Third Grade Class this school year. Bentley has two younger siblings that attend our school as well. His favorite subject in school is mathematics because he thinks it is fun to do. Bentley participates in the school outdoor club because he gets to do things, he enjoys with his school friends. Outside of school Bentley enjoys playing Minecraft, fishing, and riding bikes. He also enjoys learning about farming and wood carving. When Bentley grows up, he would like to become an actor!

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

Bentley Birchard!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: RESPECT

Respect means treating others as you want to be treated. Respect is recognizing and responding to the God-given dignity of each person.



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 at 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 Benches
Walkers
Canes
Crutches
Wheelchairs
Couch Cane
Bed Rail
Bed Pads
Bedside Commodes
Toilet seat Riser
Leg Brace
Wrist Splint

Plastic Foot Boot
Ankle Air Cast
Knee Stabilizer
Masks / Gloves
Exercise Strap &
Weighted Wrap for
Leg / Arm
Lg Ice Bag w/ Strap
Nebulizer Pump/Hose
Blood Pressure Monitor
Pulse Ox Monitors
Gauze Bandages
Sponges
ABD Pads
Cotton-tip Applicators
Catheter Supplies
Positioning Cushions
Shoulder Sling/Cushion
Surgical Tape
Elastic Bandages



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*

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\$1,500!**

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**St. Wendelin School Bingo is Friday,
January 26th at the St. Wendelin Hall.**

Doors open at 6pm & Bingo starts at 7pm
There will be: Bingo, Concessions, 50/50, and a
Winner Take All Special -Cost will be \$20 for a
triple row packet, \$10 per single row packet, and
\$5 per every additional single row packet. The
dinner special will be \$10 and includes: Meatball
Hoagie, Chips, Salad, dessert and a beverage.
Mark your calendars for the next Friday Night
Bingos, February 16th and March 15th

**St. Wendelin School
"ALL THINGS YETI RAFFLE"**

Donated By: The Brighter Side LLC

Drawing will be held Saturday, April 27th at
end of the Deer Classic. Donation per ticket:
\$10. Tickets can be bought from a St. Wen-
delin Student, or you can purchase tickets
online (picture of ticket emailed to you) at:
<https://square.link/u/7slid119>

or Scan QR Code:



**The raffle
includes over
\$1000 in YETI
Merchandise
(items pictured)
to include: Hat,
65 Hard Cooler,
24 Roadie Cooler, Beverage Bucket, 2 Ice
Packs, 2 – 6oz Stackable Cups, 2 – 25 oz Water
Bottles, 1 – 20oz Tumbler, 1 – 16 oz Pint, 2 – 10oz
Wine Tumblers**



*Online sales end at midnight, Friday, April 12,
2024. Tickets will also be available at the Deer
Classic on April 27th.

**2024 Deer Classic Sportsman's Raffle
Sponsored by St. Wendelin School
Saturday, April 27, 2024
Noon – 6 pm**

Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club
676 Chicora Fenelton Rd, Fenelton
Donation: \$25 per Raffle Ticket
Ticket is admission to the Event-
Photo ID Required
(Ages 11 and under \$5 at the door)
First ticket pulled at 12:15 pm

Online ticket sales:
<https://square.link/u/Bg9WBRwy>

Or Scan QR Code
Tickets will be scanned
and emailed to buyer
unless asked otherwise.



Raffle Ticket includes:
Food & Beverage and chance to win
one of 25 prizes, including the
MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE!
Bring Any Size Rack & See What It
Scores - Local Trophies on Display
All Day and Hourly 50/50 - Raffle Bas-
kets – Additional Raffles during Event



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behalf of our Scholastic Opportunity Scholarship
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Women's Retreat Restored

An invitation for your feminine heart to encounter
the Beloved



February 9-10, 2024

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Marriage can become an emotional roller coaster when one or both couples want to stop the ride and get off. However, the Catholic Church has always held the sanctity of marriage in the highest esteem and reminds us it is a lifetime commitment. But before you decide whether to continue living in an emotional desert or chuck the marriage entirely, ask your spouse to attend a **Retrouvaille weekend** with you. It might be the spark you need to get your relationship going again, and it has worked for many other couples. The next Pittsburgh program is scheduled to start on **February 16**. Please call contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at helpourmarriage.org

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 for Catholic Singles of Greater Pittsburgh, email CACPghMembership@gmail.com or call 412-341-4070.

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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, January 16th - 2 - 3pm, and January 30th - 7 to 8pm** *No gathering on Jan 23rd* ABBA'S HOUSE, SAXONBURG. Information: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

Oakland Twp. Oneida Valley VFC is hosting an All You Can Eat Breakfast on January 21st 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!

Planning to Marry? Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest at least six 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, March 2 and March 9, 2024** at St. Michael the Archangel Church hall. You must attend both Saturday sessions. The registration form is available on our parish website. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Weiland at 724-991-2639 or cweiland@zoominternet.net.

Please join **St. Joseph High School's Latin Department** for our annual **Latin mass on Thursday, January 25 at 7:00pm at Blessed Sacrament Church**. This will not be a traditional Latin mass, but rather, a standard novus ordo mass with the mass prayed and recited using the ecclesiastical Latin pronunciation. It will be celebrated by alumni **Bishop Larry Kulick**, and a reception with cookies and refreshments will follow.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The Beginning Experience® Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey. Join us **Saturday, February 10, 2024 from 8:45am - 4:00pm at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Avenue, West View, PA 15229**. Fee is \$30.00 (lunch included). Register by February 3rd at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

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.