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A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters

In the fall of my first year in college I played in a game versus Dartmouth. It was a freshman game, not varsity, so it was on a Friday in the late afternoon. My dad had to do a surgery on Friday morning and then he and my mom drove up after. It took almost 7 hours for them to get to my game. They got there a few minutes after kick off and after our first series on offense. I saw them walk into the stadium because not very many people were there for a freshman game. I saw them take their seats. I didn't wave because that wouldn't have been cool. There was a change of possession and I ran out and lined up. The outside linebacker opposite me had been talking a lot in the first series and I had talked back to him. He was a jerk. The first play that my parents saw, I lit the linebacker up and got in his face a little. Words were exchanged and he said something that I didn't like so, I punched him in the face! This is a stupid thing to do in football because the other guy has a helmet and facemask so I didn't hurt him and I could have broken my hand. I didn't break my hand luckily, but I did get a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty and I got thrown out of the game! My parents drove for 7 hours and saw one play before I got thrown out. As I stood on the sideline, I looked up and made eye contact with my dad. His face was not happy. Neither was my mom's. We were planning on going out for dinner after with some of my teammates and their families who had made the trip as well. After the game, I thought I was going to get an earful. I felt so stupid. But my mom and dad, although not happy that I had done what I had done, didn't grumble or complain. They had a few hours with me and they wanted it to be a good time. They made sure my hand was okay and that I understood that what I had done was wrong, but they didn't hang a guilt trip on me, even though I deserved one. What was most important was that they were there for me. They showed me great love and we had a great time. They had decided that this was what was most important and they didn't let the other stuff get in the way.

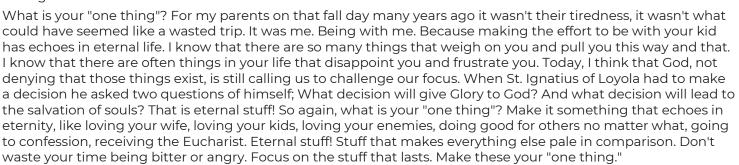
There was an ad campaign in the last few years and I don't know what it was about, but I remember the tag line. "What's your 'one thing?" It was meant to challenge us, I think, to focus on the one thing that is most important in our lives and to not get hung up, as we often do, on the other stuff of life. In the Readings for this week, we find

people who are challenged to choose their "one thing." In the First Reading, Jonah is sent by God to the great city of Nineveh to preach repentance. Jonah himself had earlier been challenged to make following the Lord his "one thing." He resisted but eventually came around with the help of a big fish! Now it is Nineveh's turn. What is most important? Their present comfort? Keeping things the way that they always had been doing them? Or following the Lord, who had seen the way that they were living and was asking them to change? Nineveh chose to make pleasing God their "one thing" and they were saved.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul is warning the Corinthians that time is running out. The stuff that they think is so important does not last. Paul is encouraging the Corinthians to focus on eternal things rather than the passing things of this world; to make their relationship with God their "one thing."

In the Gospel, Jesus gives the same message of repentance that Jonah gave and encourages focusing on the eternal, the Kingdom

of Heaven, as Paul did. He calls Simon and Andrew. Then James and John. Immediately these four make a decision. The stuff that seemed the most important a minute ago had now changed. Their "one thing" became following Jesus.



Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need . . .



Jean Geibel Christine Cessna Jessie Black Jeff Coyle Carol Hall Diane Stahoviak Randy Freehling Laura Johnson Chris Young 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 Bill Smith Sharon Golobish Madalyn Rose Geibel Jim Bergbigler Virginia Briski Fred Green Carter T. Williams Ada Skellv Donna Green Vince Ritzert Dean Morrow Madeline McCloskey

Pearl Kocher



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

Richard Lipnichan Deborah Kepple

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



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.



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

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

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21

-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps

24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-

5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-

22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-

2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturdays

11:00am-11:30am MaterDolorosa

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 20	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Pearl Kocher
St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Pearl Ritzert	Lil Baptiste
Sunday	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pat Graham	Patty David
Sunday, January 21	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Denny Foust	Shirley & Pud Craig
3rd Sunday	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	In Thanksgiving for Tony & Roberta	Family
in Ordinary Time	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Clare Green	Family
Monday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Callihan	Brenda Callihan
Tuesday, January 23 St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Clare Mitch	Kathy & Larry Geibel
Wednesday,	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Raymond & Mary Kelley	*
January 24 St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Thursday, January 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	In Celebration of Tony Neff's 93rd Birthday	Family
Friday, January 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Ruthy Schiebel	Kathy & Larry Baptiste
Saturday, January 27	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Bayer	Mary & Children
St. Angela Merici, Virgin	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Herbert & Mary Ritzert	Family
Sunday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
January 28	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Pearl Ritzert	Susan & Tim Bain
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tom Snyder	Keith & Melissa Snyder
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Cora Carbin	Tom & Faye



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - JANUARY 14, 2023

Total Offertory	\$6,477.00
Offertory - Online	\$840.00
Offertory - Mass	\$5,637.00

PARISH APPEAL

2023 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
2023 Parish Appeal to Date	\$48,622.50
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date	\$110.00
Weekly Parish Appeal	\$110.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$305.00
School Support	\$45.00
Christmas Offering	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$30.00

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



Please Note... Due to the continued scam messages that people are receiving, we will no longer be publishing personal email addresses or phone numbers in the bulletin. If there is an event or request advertised and you need more information or the contact information for someone involved in that particular event or ministry, please contact the parish office directly for more information or the contact person's information. Thank you and sorry for any inconvenience.



Children's Faith Formation 2024

21-**CFF-** Elementary Middle School

24-**First Communion Parent Meeting**

7PM St. Joseph Church

28-**CFF-** Elementary

Middle School

Valentine's Day LUNCHEOŇ

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.



Please be aware that inclement weather may at times prompt the cancellation of weekday Masses (Monday - Friday). Parishioners will be notified of any cancellations via Flocknote. Flocknote is a tool that the parish uses to send

information via email or text message to our parishioners notifying them of important updates, upcoming events, prayer requests (if you sign up for that option), and more. If you have not signed up in the past, please follow the steps below. For additional information or assistance, please contact the office.

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OR CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AT:

saintclareofassisiparish.flocknote.com



St. Clare continues to collect nonperishable FANNED 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!

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!

The parish is in search of a volunteer who will tend to the laundering and care of the communion

cloths at St. Wendelin. If you would like to help, please contact the parish office for details. We would like to thank Lisa Putney for taking care of the cloths for many years!



Saint Wendelin School is hosting a thank you for our parishioners at St. Wendelin Church Hall immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass at Saint Wendelin Church on

Sunday, January 28, 2024.

"Muffin to do but Appreciate You!"

is our way of thanking St. Clare of Assisi Parish Members & Volunteers for their continued support of our school.

Chinese Auction Basket Tickets will be on sale during the Social.

This is also the opening day for the Scholastic Book Fair being held in the School Building from 11:30-1PM. All are welcome to shop!

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

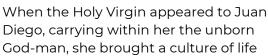
The class will be at Mater Dolorosa Hall in Chicora, on Thursday, February 8th, 6-8pm! Cost is \$40.

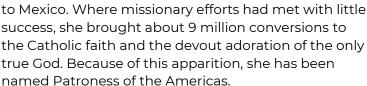
In this step-by-step instructed class, you will be decorating 6 cookies with

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHO IS THE PATRONESS OF THE UNBORN? Our Lady of Guadalupe is the patroness of unborn babies.





In our own times, we have seen the Culture of Death rise again in America. When the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Roe vs. Wade, it created a loophole which was quickly monopolized. Pro-abortionists cried out that abortion was now legal, and for the next fifty years life has been held as cheaply in our culture as it was in the Aztec religion.

The Patroness of the Americas, however, has triumphed. Last year, the Supreme Court ended the wholesale "legal" abortion torrent: the first step in restoring respect and gratitude for Life—a Culture of Life—to America.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn and of the Americas, will continue to lead us in the defense of Life. We just have to be faithful.

The parish has obtained a few new Advent wreaths. Pictured are two of the older ones that are no longer needed and in search of new homes. If anyone is interested in either of them, please call the office!

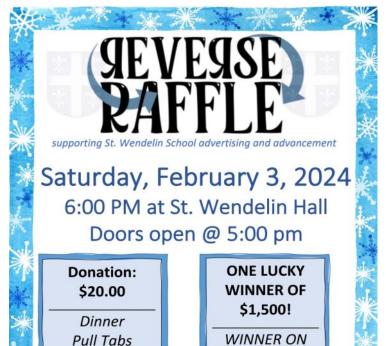




This week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week is: Everett Branchen!

Everett is a Preschooler at Saint Wendelin School. Everett attends the full-day Preschool program and this is his second year. Everett has an older sibling, Wesley, who attends 1st grade at Saint Wendelin's. His mom, Ms. Monteleone, is also the 3rd grade teacher at our school. Everett's favorite things to do at school are centers and playing at recess. In his free time Everett likes to play with his toys, particularly his Transformers. Everett was selected as the Student of the Week because he is always a cheerleader for the other students in the classroom. Everett helps students write their name by telling them how each letter is formed. Everett encourages them to do their best and celebrates their victories, no matter how small! When he grows up, Everett would like to become a teacher, just like his mom! Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School student of the Week.

Everett Branchen!



50/50

Chinese Auction

Basket Raffle

EVERY 10th

TICKET PULLED!

FOR TICKETS, PLEASE CONTACT THE

SCHOOL OFFICE: 724-285-4986

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

Friendship is the warm feeling between two or more people. It means to show love, care, respect, and kindness towards others.



St. Wendelin School Designer Purse Bash Saturday, March 23rd

at St. Wendelin Hall Doors open at 6:00 pm Donation \$30.00

Includes: Chance to win one of 14 Designer Purses, Light Dinner, Dessert and Beverage.

BYOB & BYOS (snacks)

Bring extra bucks for the Basket Raffle, 50/50, Side Raffles, Rip Tickets, and the 100 Bag Game!

Ticket required for entrance, winners need not be present.

Tickets available from any school family or contact Nicole at the office.

Business sponsorships are available. Please contact Nicole at the office if interested in promoting your business at this popular sell-out event!



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. Wendelin 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 Tumber, 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 Baskets – Additional Raffles during Event



SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL



Welcomes You To An OPEN HOUSE!

Join us to wrap up
Catholic Schools Week
by visiting our school prior to the
4:00pm Alumni Mass!

For all Preschool- 8th Grade Current Families, Prospective Families, and Alumni





From Feb. 14th – **March 24**th, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:

Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com

• 24,211 babies saved • 256 abortion workers converted • 148 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Feb. 13th at 6 pm, followed by a <u>Eucharistic Procession</u> to Planned Parenthood led by His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid. All Christians are welcome to participate! This is a free event.

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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!

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**, **January 30th, 7 -8pm *No gathering on Jan 23rd*** ABBA'S HOUSE, SAXONBURG.

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.

ence® 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). Registerat www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com by February 3rd or call Kim at 412-352-2653.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The Beginning Experi-



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