



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



February 4, 2024

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38



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A Message from Fr. Matt

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I have been texting a lot the last few days with two of the young men from our parish. They are both in the Army. They are in New Mexico right now but in just a few days they will deploy to Africa. The place that they are going is right by the area where there have been drone strikes and ships attacked. It is kind of scary and intense. They are good guys. They've been reading their Bibles and praying a lot. They are excited but I think also a little nervous. Sometimes, when they ask me what is going on in my life, it seems boring or less consequential than what they are doing. Don't get me wrong, I know that being a priest is an important job. It is just the day-to-day stuff, signing my name a hundred times, scheduling Masses, listening to complaints about things, and complaining about things myself, doesn't seem to matter as much. It doesn't seem as consequential. Have you ever felt this way? You look at your life, your day-to-day life, and think, what does this matter? You cook and get little thanks. You clean and they mess it up right away. You run people here and there and off they go to do something fun and you just have to wait to pick them up again.

Job felt this. Job talks about it in the First Reading for today. His life was drudgery. He did the best he could. He wasn't feeling well. He got no thanks for what he was doing. He was feeling restless and hopeless. He began to think, what does my life matter? Who cares about it? Peter's mother-in-law probably felt it at times too. I think all parents probably do at times. But let me tell you about one day that Peter's mother-in-law didn't question if anybody cared; a day when she knew she mattered. It is the day that we hear about in today's Gospel. She was sick. She had probably taken care of so many sick kids in her life. Would anyone take care of her? Yes! Jesus would. I love what she does after Jesus heals her. The Scripture says, "she waited on them." She didn't go out and preach. She didn't stand on the roof and yell to the crowd. She did her stuff. She did what she would do day-to-day, because that was what she did and Jesus coming to her, caring that she was sick and healing her, let her know that she mattered. Her stuff mattered. The stuff she does matters.

Jesus likes doing this. After His Resurrection when some disciples were on the road to Emmaus, Jesus appears to them, but they are so caught up in the worries of their own lives that they don't even recognize Him. He asks them "what are you guys talking about as you walk along?" They reply by asking if Jesus doesn't know about all the things that have just happened in Jerusalem. At this point Jesus could have been mad. He could have called them out for running away from Jerusalem. But He doesn't. He says one of my favorite lines in Scripture. He says "What things?"

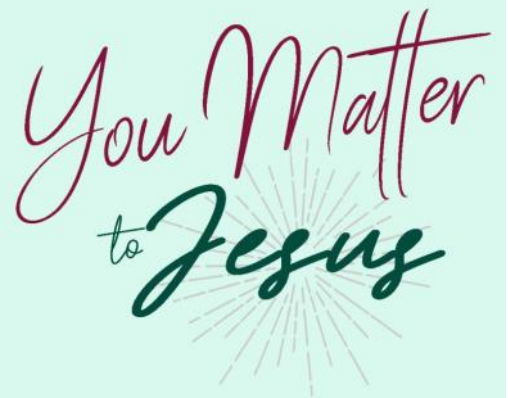
I love that so much because it means that Jesus cares. The stuff of our life that seems mundane or a drudgery or makes us feel abandoned or lost, this stuff matters to Jesus!

In our Gospel today, Peter says to Jesus "everyone is looking for you." I am not sure a truer sentence was ever written. Everyone is looking for Jesus, some people just don't know it. Job was looking for Jesus. He was looking for someone to give his life meaning, to show him that all the stuff and "what things" of his life mattered. I am looking for Jesus, when I am stuck doing mundane things or when I face someone's anger or don't seem to matter. You are looking for Jesus. You may not realize it, but you are. You are and I am because Jesus is the only one who can give us true meaning. Jesus is the only one who loves us and all the stuff we have to do every day, perfectly. We matter to Jesus. Our stuff matters to Jesus. He loves our everyday stuff.

He wants to share in it. He wants to be a part of our signing checks and paying bills and doing laundry and doing the dishes. He wants to be with you as you pick up and drop off. He wants to be a part of you when you are so tired when you just get home from work and the dog or the kids need something. He loves that stuff. He can make that stuff meaningful. Invite Him into it and let Him.

Not all of us are going to deploy overseas but each and every one of us is doing stuff that is meaningful and important every day. I know it doesn't always feel that way. I know you don't get thanked for what you do very often but believe it. Jesus thinks that you matter. What you do matters. It matters to Him because you matter to Him. Invite Jesus into the drudgery that can be everyday life. Let Him show you how much you matter.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



You Matter
to Jesus

Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Dana Cornibe
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Christine Cessna
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Carol Hall
Diane Stahoviak
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Dick Preston
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Joseph McCloskey
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Larry Karenbauer
Steven Shultz
Mason Martin
Lena Jane Steiner
Bill Smith
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
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Ada Skelly
Donna Green
Vince Ritzert
Dean Morrow
Madeline McCloskey
Pearl Kocher



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

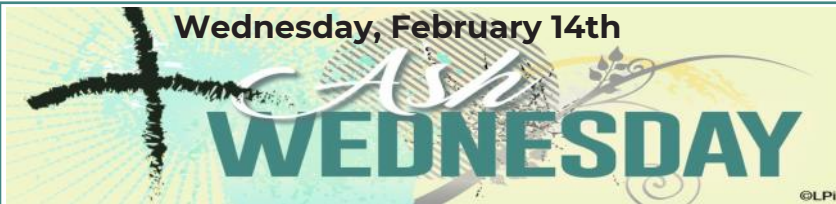
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

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



St. Clare Parish

7:00 am- St. Wendelin- Mass & Distribution of Ashes
10:00 am- St. Wendelin- School Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 pm- Mater Dolorosa- Mass & Distribution of Ashes
4:00 pm- Mater Dolorosa- Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes
5:30 pm- St. Wendelin- Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm- St. Joseph N.O.- Mass & Distribution of Ashes

St. Francis Parish

8:00 am- St. John- Mass & Distribution of Ashes
9:00 am- St. Joseph, Cabot- Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 pm- St. Joseph, Cabot- Liturgy & Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm- St. Joseph, Cabot- Mass & Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm- St. Mary- Mass & Distribution of Ashes



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!



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.

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, February 3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Debbie Kepple	Vince Kriley & Mary Ann Mohan
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Gertrude Flick	Donna & Mike Callihan
Sunday, February 4 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bernard Waltman	Richard & Louann Lucas
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Denny Foust	Lis & Doug Williams and Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Jim Kushner	Ron Ball
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Bert Green	Pearl & Family
Monday, February 5 St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Tuesday, February 6 St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Dick Day	Cindy & John Reddick
Wednesday, February 7	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Lee Christie	RJ & Nicole Karenbauer and Family
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Jody Dunmyre	Bernie & Dianne Rumbaugh
Thursday, February 8 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	John Cook	Carol Tomasovic
Friday, February 9	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Ruthy Schiebel	Saint Clare Christian Mothers & Women
Saturday, February 10 St. Scholastica, Virgin	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Bob O'Donnell	Larry & Cathie
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Pearl Ritzert	Bill & Rosemary McGrady
Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Callihan	Bob & Missy Easley and Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Harold & Rita Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder and Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Ed & Francis Tomsey	Family

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS -JANUARY 28, 2023

Offertory - Mass	\$8,230.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,068.00
Total Offertory	\$9,298.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$105.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date...	\$535.00
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.....	\$190.00
School Support	\$45.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$111.00

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

**The Second Collection Today is for
School Support**

Want to experience revival?



The National Eucharistic Revival is a momentous, three-year initiative that will bear fruit for years to come. A 7-session video series called *Jesus and the Eucharist* has been created specifically for the Year of Parish Revival. This study is being offered at St. Clare and St. Francis Parishes on Mondays, beginning **Monday, February 12th**. The same content will be discussed at the morning and evening sessions. You can come to either one. The morning session will be held at **Mater Dolorosa Hall from 10:15 am-11:45 am**. The evening session will be held at **St. Joseph Hall in Cabot from 6:30 – 8:00 pm**. For more information or to register, please contact Sue Fraley at sue@saintclareparish.com or (724) 445-3713 ext. 3103 or Angie Robb at (724) 352-2149 ext. 208 or angela@saintfrancisparish.net

Children's Faith Formation 2024



- 4- CFF- Elementary**
Middle School
- 11- OFF**
- 18- CFF- Elementary**
Confirmation Retreat 10:15AM
Middle School (Grades 6 & 7)
- 24- First Reconciliation 9AM St. Wendelin**
- 25- CFF- Elementary**
Middle School

We are still in need of a volunteer who will tend to the laundering and care of the communion cloths at St. Wendelin. It's a fairly easy task to do at home, if you can help, please contact the parish office for details.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting their famous **Pancake Breakfast today, February 4th at St. Joseph, North Oakland (DePaul Hall) from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.** We look forward to seeing you there.



The next **St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch is Wednesday, February 7th**, at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm. (The first Wednesday in February, since the second Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.) Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship!

Valentine's Day LUNCHEON

LAST DAY TO RSVP



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.) \$15.00 per person, Dinner includes Roast Beef & Stuffed Chicken breast with mashed potatoes and gravy, noodles, green beans, salad and dessert. **Please RSVP by Sunday, February 4th**, to Martha Birch at the office (724) 445-3713 ext. 5. Please leave your name or names of those attending and phone number.



GETTING TO THE HEART OF LENT

Monday, Feb. 12th - 6:00pm
St. Wendelin Church Hall

Families are invited to an Evening of Mardi Gras Fun and Activities to prepare our homes for Lent.

Dinner will be provided!

Wear all the green, gold & purple you have!



St. Francis Parish
68th Annual Fish Fry
Saint Mary of the Assumption School
in Herman

Every Friday:

February 9th-March 22nd, 3 - 6 PM
All Dinners \$15.00

Carry-Out Only (Option To Eat Carry-Out Meal Inside) No Drive-Through

MENU:

Pan Fried or Baked Cod Loin,
green beans, cole slaw, bread, des-
sert, spanish rice, french fries,
macaroni & cheese

No Substitutions

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, February 7th @ 7:00 pm at St. Wendelin. Please come and learn some new music and sing some old classic favorites. We are preparing for the Easter Season and more. We hope you can join us on Wednesdays!



We are preparing a **cantor workshop for Saturday, February 17th @ 9 am at St. Wendelin.** If you've ever wanted to explore cantor ministry, this is a wonderful opportunity to learn the basics of singing Psalms and leading the congregation. We will work on diction, vocal technique, and presentation. The workshop will include the opportunity to sing and receive constructive and gentle feedback and build and improve your ministry.



Do you **play a musical instrument and want to share your gift at Mass?** We are looking for **instrumentalists of all kinds** (guitar, percussion, bass, violin, horn, etc.) to enhance our music and worship team at St. Clare Parish.



Please contact Steve Dunn with questions or for more information!

St. Clare & St. Francis Parishes with Nature of Fire

Parish-Wide Evangelization

Save the dates!



FEB 28

Speaker & Catered Dinner
at St. Wendelin

MAR 18

Lenten Mission Night One
at St. John

MAR 19

Lenten Mission Night Two
at St. Joseph in Oakland

MAR 20

Lenten Mission Night Three
at Mater Dolorosa

All are welcome & everything is free!

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

Enslee Smith

Enslee is in the kindergarten class this year. She has one Sister, Lettie and one brother, MaCoy. Enslee likes to play with her brother and sister. She has a gymnastics bar that she likes to play on. When she gets older, Enslee would like to be a teacher.

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



THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

Mark your calendars for the next Friday
Night Bingos, February 16th and March 15th!



*Discover the profound impact of
giving on the heart and mind.*

Text JOINJOY to 84576 to receive
inspirational texts in February and March.



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.

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue:

MERCY

Mercy is caring
for the needs of
people's minds,
hearts, and lives.
It means to share in
God's forgiveness
and love.



SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL
Step-Up Day/ Registration
Preschool through Eighth Grades
for the 2024-2025 School Year
Monday, February 26, 2024 9-11 am

St. Wendelin School Teachers are inviting incoming students to participate in a class lesson with their current grade level students while parents receive and complete information about registration for the 2024-2025 school year. Busing is available for the surrounding districts, Full Day Kindergarten Program, Advanced Technologies, Highly Qualified Teaching Staff, and Extra Curricular Activities.

**EVENING OPEN
HOUSE/
REGISTRATION
for the 2024-25
School Year**

Monday, February 26, 2024 6-7 pm

**For either session you attend: Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, health records (immunizations), and baptismal certificate (if applicable) St. Wendelin School accepts all faiths.*





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 "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>



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 Fenelon Rd, Fenelon

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





Lenten Baby Bottle "Change a Life" Drive

This year's Drive will benefit
Little Lamb Resale.

At Little Lamb, the answer to a crisis pregnancy is to eliminate the crisis & celebrate Mom & Baby. They sell adorable thrift clothing (Maternity & Birth- 2T) in a boutique setting in the city. But shop volunteers do so much more! They connect moms in need to life affirming organizations that support parenting with free resources...

- *They provide every Mother-to-be a Free Maternity Outfit... and Free Diapers and Wipes to Needy Parents, too...
- *Just doors from where abortions are done in our city, they offer a warm, inviting spot for pro-lifers to help women and families choose life...
- *They partner with clients of Catholic Charities, Birthright, the Red Door and others to serve immediate needs for clothing and diapers...
- *... & they also give each child who stops in a Free Book...

LLR is a Project of the National Women's Coalition for Life, a Tax- Exempt 501(c) 3 Private Foundation.

Due to the steep rent, LLR is in need of donations so that they can continue to minister to the needs of families and be a home-base for pro-life efforts in the heart of the city. Please grab a bottle in your church entrance and fill it with coins, cash or a check payable to *National Women's Coalition for Life*. Another option is to give a one-time or recurring donation online at www.tinyurl.com/Lambspgh. Thank you for helping to "Change a Life" by supporting this Drive!

You're Invited to a Nite at the Races!

Saturday, February 10th at St. Joseph Hall in Cabot
Doors open 6:15 pm, Buffet at 6:45 pm,
Post Time 7:30 pm

Saint Francis of Assisi Parish is sponsoring this social event, full of fun, fellowship and exciting races. The theme is Mardi Gras, since February 14 begins the season of Lent. Tickets are available after all 3 Masses at the St. Joseph, Cabot location this weekend or by calling Karyn (call the parish office for contact number).

A \$25 Ticket includes: Admission, Buffet, Beverages, Beer, Wine or (BYOB), Snacks and Surprises.

Race Nite Features: 50-50 Raffle - Basket Raffle - Envelope Game - Instant Bingo, Paint Stick game and more. **Reserve Seating** is available when you purchase your tickets.

Option- **You can sponsor a HORSE (\$10).** You get to name your horse. If your horse wins, your return is \$40. Option- **You can sponsor a JOCKEY (\$5 or 3/\$10)** You get to name your jockey. If your jockey wins, your return is \$20. Winner need not be present.

Think about spending a fun evening with us. Get your tickets!



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 on **Tuesdays, February, February 6th, 13th and 20th - 2:00 to 3:00pm & February 27th - 7 to 8pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.** For more information, email: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Who was Saint Blaise?

Feast Day: February 3rd

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebastea and a doctor. He is recorded as helping with patients suffering from ailments of the throat.

He is believed to begin as a healer then, eventually, became a "physician of souls. People often turned to Saint Blaise for healing miracles.

A Blessing of the Throats ceremony is held every February 3 in Germany. Saint Blaise is often depicted holding two crossed candles in his hand.



From Feb. 14th – March 24th, 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 or visit www.40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh.

KICK-OFF MASS & EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION-
Tuesday, February 13th at 6pm at Epiphany Church, Divine Mercy Parish, Church of the Epiphany Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-Join us for a kick-off Mass followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood led by His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid. All Christians are welcome to participate!