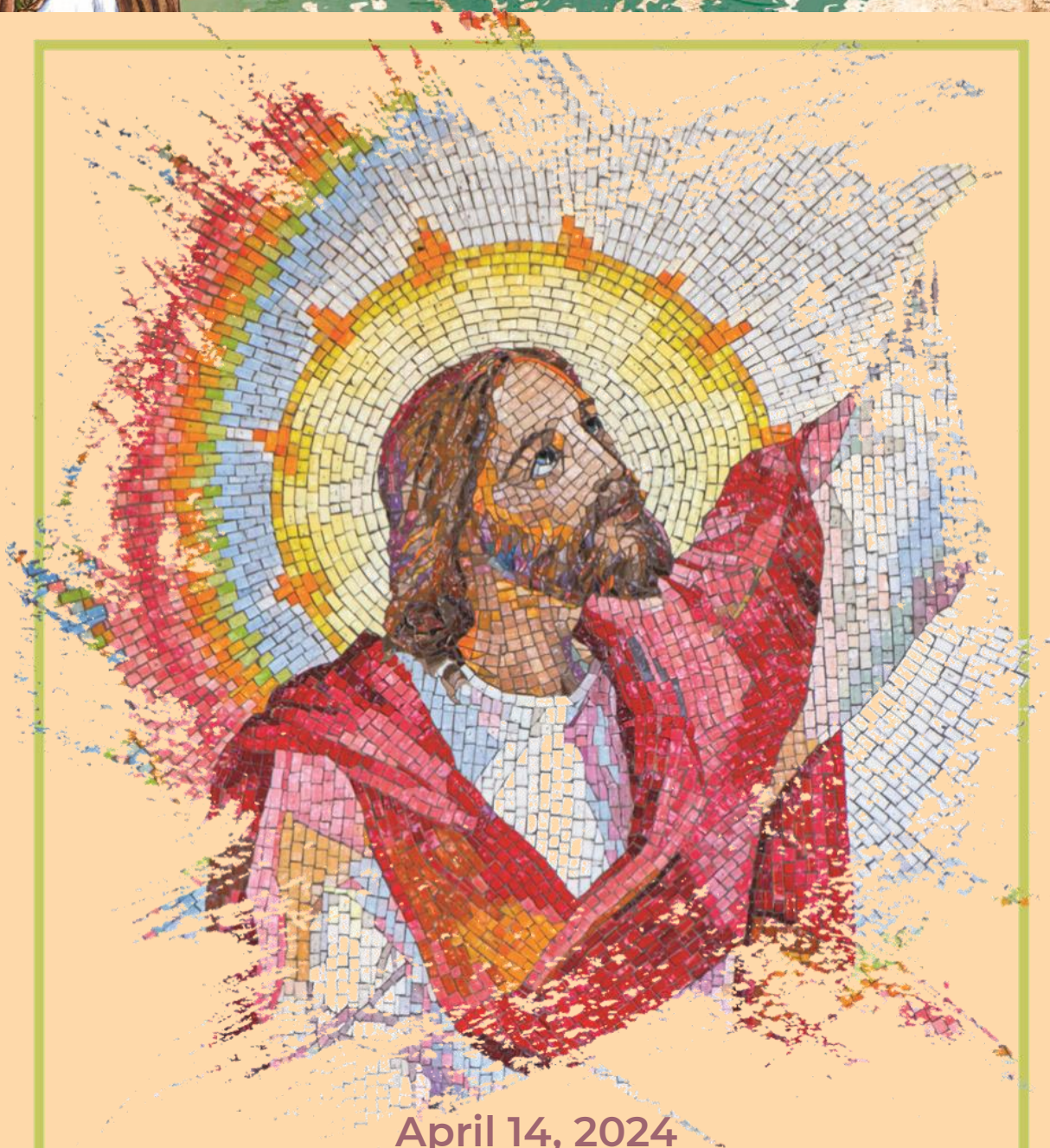




Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



April 14, 2024

"EVERYTHING WRITTEN ABOUT ME IN THE LAW
OF MOSES AND IN THE PROPHETS AND PSALMS
MUST BE FULFILLED." —LK 24:44

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



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Chicora, PA 16025

ST. WENDELIN

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724-323-0033, cpca@cpca-pgh.org

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MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Earlier this week a lot of people in our area got to see a total eclipse of the sun. I didn't go anywhere to see it and I didn't have the glasses so I just sat outside with my back to the sun and watched the shadows. It was cool but nothing like what people who traveled into the "path of totality" saw. I talked to a couple of people who did this and they said that it was awe inspiring. We heard all of these warnings to not look directly at the sun. I thought that this was something we'd know just by common sense but I guess it was a good warning to make, just to be safe.

In the Readings for this week we are given kind of the opposite warning or challenge. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter speaks plainly and forcefully. "The author of life you put to death." Wow. I'm sure there were people there who were offended at Peter's bluntness. I am sure that they had all kinds of thoughts about how it wasn't really them who put Jesus to death, really it was Pilate, right? Or maybe that they didn't really realize that this was going to happen. Or maybe if Jesus had been more clear about who He was or maybe if their leaders hadn't lead them astray. Peter pretty much grabs them by the shoulders and says "stop it." He wants them to look directly at what they had done. Own up to it. Take responsibility for it. Peter knows how important it is to look their failure in the face. Because he'd had to do this himself and he knew that only when they took ownership of their failure, only once they had owned up to it, could they receive forgiveness.

It might sound kind of depressing that we are being told to own up to our failures and our sins. But understand, the Lord does not want us to stop there. We are indeed encouraged to know our sinfulness, but only so that we can be forgiven and set our focus on the Lord. The Responsorial Psalm seems perfect for this week of the eclipse; "Lord let your face shine on us." The psalm tells us what the Lord wants us to have in our lives. Relief from distress. Wonder and awe. Gladness in our hearts. Peaceful sleep. Security. All of these wonderful things will be ours when we can gaze upon the face of the Lord. These are what the Lord came to give us. He comes not to condemn but redeem. He comes to be, as we hear in the Second Reading from the First Letter of John, expiation from our sins.

Jesus suffered, died and rose again to set us free. But if we don't know what we need freed from, or if we excuse ourselves of any wrongdoing, there is no way that we can receive this freedom. We would be like me, sitting outside with my back to the sun, just looking at the changing shadows. That's not the show! That's not where the wonder and awe are. This week, realize that you and I live in the path of totality for salvation. It is here, right here and offered to us. Peter speaks from experience. Be real. Look directly at and take ownership of your faults and failings. But don't stop there. Be hopeful. Only sinners need a savior. I need a savior. I know you guys are all holy, but I bet maybe you do too. Let's not miss out on this amazing opportunity. Let's be real. Let's own up. Let's turn all of that stuff over to Jesus and let Him save us, so that we can turn our chairs and look directly at the Son!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need . . .



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Roberta Neff
Maryann Fennell
Pearl Green
Gloria Andrews
Tracey Weiland
Karol Halin
Kathy Steighner
Lexi Macurak
Stephanie Sellers
Cheryl Brown
Steve Birckbichler
Jean Geibel
Christine Cessna
Jessie Black
Carol Hall
Diane Stahoviak
Randy Freehling
Chris Young

Wayne Pennington
Dick Preston
Sue Ellen Carr
Joseph McCloskey
Jayden Albright
Rosemarie Gall Zarnick
Fr. Rick Thompson
Larry Karenbauer
Steven Shultz
Mason Martin
Lena Jane Steiner
Bill Smith
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Fred Green
Carter T. Williams
Ada Skelly
Dean Morrow
Madeline McCloskey
Pearl Kocher



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF
APRIL 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Marriage Blessings

Congratulations to . . .

Leah Bowden & Michael Wagner

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Clare Parish on April 6, 2024*

May God Bless your marriage!



The 10:30am Mass at St. Wendelin next Sunday, April 21st will be the Faith Formation Children's Mass and may be extra crowded.

Please Note the following upcoming cancellations

Masses:

Tuesday, April 23rd - No 8 am Mass at St. Wendelin
Wednesday, April 24th - No 6 pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa
Tuesday, April 30th - No 8 am Mass at St. Wendelin

No Confessions:

April 20th-Mater Dolorosa, 11 am
April 20th-St. John, 12 pm
April 24th - Mater Dolorosa, 11 am
April 24th - St. Joseph/NO - 11:45 am



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.

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

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, April 13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Father John Haney	Larry & Cathie
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Callihan	Sid & Elaine
3rd Sunday of Easter, April 14	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Cecelia Reges	Mark Cowan Family
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Jimmie Graham	Fred & Martha Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Phillip & Rose Kusick and Family	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Gino Pascazi	Sheri, Maria, and Gino
Monday, April 15	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Hazel Burns	Family
Tuesday, April 16	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Yvonne Orloski	Pearl Kocher
Wednesday, April 17	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Charles & Helen Lackey	Tomsey Family
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Joseph Berteotti	Family
Thursday, April 18	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Patty Carben	The Carben Family
Friday, April 19	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Val Jean MacKrell	Ron & Carlie Saeler
Saturday, April 20	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Kolton Young	Charles & Joan Spaulding
4th Sunday of Easter, April 21	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Jimmie Graham	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Dee & Harold Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Emma & Clyde Bresnahan	Children



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –APRIL 7, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$7,499.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,483.00
Total Offertory	\$8,982.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$1,305.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date...	\$20,870.00
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$64,547.00
2023 Parish Appeal Total.....	\$48,622.50
2023 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund.....	\$307.00
School Support	\$856.00
Human Development.....	\$10.00
Holy Thursday	\$70.00
Holy Land	\$75.00
Easter.....	\$430.00

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

The **St Clare Christian Mothers & Women** are hosting a **Hoagie Sale & Ice cream Social** in **Billar Hall at Mater Dolorosa** on **Saturday, April 13th**, following the 5:30pm Mass. Assorted 12 inch hoagies made by Sprinkle's Neighborhood Market will be available for \$8. You are welcome to eat your hoagie there! Join us for free ice cream, toppings, drinks and social time!



(Any remaining hoagies will be sold Sunday following the 8:15 am Mass at Mater Dolorosa and the 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph) Thank you for your continued support and please join us for some fellowship!



Just a reminder, if you have a baby bottle from the **Lenten Change a Life Drive**, please return it to the back of church, empty or full, so that they can be saved for next year's drive. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING OUR
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2024 Children's Faith Formation

- 14- CFF- Elementary
Middle School
- 20- **First Communion Practice 9AM**
Mater Dolorosa
- 21- CFF- Elementary
Middle School



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Honor or Remember Your Mother with

Mother's Day Candles at the Altar



Quality Glass Candle

Your candle will be placed at the church requested and lit at the Altar for all Mother's Day weekend Masses.

Candles may be taken home after Sunday's last Mass.

Your Name: _____

Phone: _____

Circle Location:

Mater Dolorosa St. Joseph St. Wendelin

Mother's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

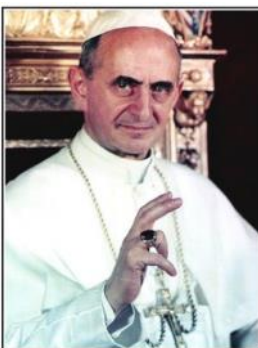
I have enclosed \$5.00 for each Mother's Day Candle. Please place in the offertory by April 28, 2024, or mail (postmarked by April 26, 2024) to St. Clare Parish Office, 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025. Forms received after the due date are not guaranteed due to candle inventory.

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

Melanie Isaacs!

Melanie is in the 8th grade class this year. Her family owns a horse ranch with 30 horses. They breed, raise and train horses. Melanie enjoys riding horses and showing them in the summer. When she gets older, Melanie would like to be an equine chiropractor and dentist.

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



The Eucharistic mystery stands at the heart and center of the liturgy since it is the fount of life by which we are cleansed and strengthened to live not for ourselves but for God and to be united in love among ourselves.

— Pope Paul VI —

AZ QUOTES

DID YOU KNOW?

What does the name "Jerusalem" mean?

Jerusalem comes from the Hebrew *ir* (city) and *salem* (peace). City of Peace. In light of the city's turbulent history, the name seems oddly chosen. Acclaimed theologian Scott Hahn reminds us: We are led to contemplate a greater reality: a heavenly Jerusalem—the true holy city and the capital of God's new creation—that is symbolized by the earthly city but not identified with it.. —Catholic Bible Dictionary

The earthly "City of peace," where the Church was founded, symbolizes the heavenly "City of peace," where Christ will reign in glory and peace forever among His saints.



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: COOPERATION

Cooperation is working with others and with God's grace and the Holy Spirit to live as a community which works together and serves the mission of Jesus.



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

Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club

Donation: \$25 -Ticket is admission to the Event-
Photo ID Required (Ages 11 & under \$5 at the door)

First ticket pulled at 12:15 pm

Online ticket sales: <https://square.link/u/Bg9WBRwy>
Raffle Ticket includes: Food & Beverage and chance to win one of 25 prizes, including the MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE! All Day and Hourly 50/50 - Raffle Baskets – Additional Raffles during Event
Bring Any Size Rack & See What It Scores
Local Trophies on Display

**St. Wendelin School ALL THINGS YETI RAFFLE
Includes over \$1000 in YETI Merchandise!**

Drawing will be held at end of the Deer Classic. Donation \$10 per ticket. Tickets available from a St. Wendelin Student, or purchase tickets online at: <https://square.link/u/7slid119> Tickets will also be available at the Deer Classic!



Mark your calendars for the next St. Wendelin School Friday Night Bingo, May 3rd!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone has the right to be safe and treated with dignity and respect. Unfortunately, too many people; children, adults and elderly, are victims of abuse. One person is too many! At least 1 in 7 children have experienced neglect or abuse this past year and most children know their abuser. This is a problem that we ALL can learn more about. Please pick up helpful resource material in the church entrances. Learn to recognize signs of abuse and ways to minimize opportunities for abuse. Talk with your children about boundaries and internet risks. Learn what to do if you suspect abuse or risky behaviors.

Pinwheels are a sign of the fun, carefree, and innocent life that all children deserve. Pick up a coloring page with instructions to make your own pinwheel! The last Sunday of April is Blue Sunday. Wear blue and pray for victims of abuse and those who rescue them.

Perhaps there is more WE can do, as a community, to recognize and prevent abuse. If you would like to assist with this effort, please join our Respect Life Ministry - Abuse Prevention Committee by contacting Cil at outreach@saintfrancisparish.net.



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH
NIGHT**

APRIL 14	ST. MARY YOUTH ROOM
5:30p - 8:00p	steveh@saintfrancisparish.net

**FAITH, FRIENDS,
FOOD, & FUN!**

Nature of Fire
EVANGELIZATION

High School Youth Group MISSION TRIP

Dates: June 16 -21, 2024
Location: Dover, Delaware

Informational meeting will be held on
**Tuesday, April 16 from 7-8pm at the Marian
Hall at St. Mary's Herman**

*Our High School Youth Group students will be selling
hoagies after masses on April 20 and 21 to fundraise
for their trip!*

contact Stephen - steveh@saintfrancisparish.net

in partnership with



**HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP
KICK OFF**

FOOD TRUCK	BOUNCE HOUSE
OLYMPICS	AND MORE !

APRIL 28
1 - 3 pm
at St. Wendelin

STEVEH@SAINTFRANCISPARISH.NET

Nature of Fire
EVANGELIZATION

MOM'S MORNING PRAYER



Mothers of all ages & stages are invited to join us for a simple morning of fellowship and prayer with other moms.

Preschool children are welcome to attend.



THURSDAYS

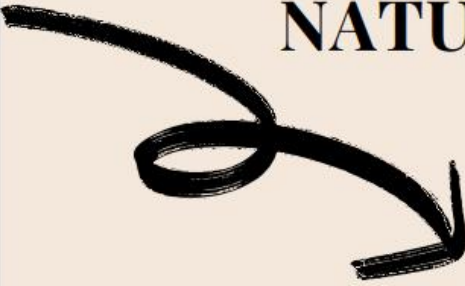
MAY 9TH
JUNE 6TH

9:30-10:30AM
ST. MARY'S
MARIAN HALL



Don't miss our next St. Francis & St. Clare parish wide event!

NATURE OF FIRE PRESENTS



FROM

Rebel

TO RELIGIOUS

WITH

Sister Marie Fidelis



Wednesday, April 24th

6:30pm - Dinner

Talk to follow

St. Mary Church Hall



The **Marian Guild** invites all women from St. Francis & St. Clare to the eighth annual **Ladies Day Tea** on **May 11th at 12:00 pm** at **St. John** hall in Fenelton. Reservations are required no later than May 6th, please call the St. Francis Parish office {724-352-2149} to RSVP to Jen Thornton. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Snacks, drinks and lunch provided, as well as games and fellowship. Please join us!



National Eucharistic Congress

INDIANAPOLIS
JULY 17 - 21, 2024

From July 17 through 21 of this year the faithful from across the United States will gather at the **National Eucharistic Congress** in Indianapolis to celebrate our faith in the *Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament*.

Please consider attending this joyous and faith-filled gathering that will help us to proclaim our love for and faith in Jesus substantially present in the Holy Eucharist. Come and be informed and inspired to bring many people back to Mass and full participation in the life of our parishes and diocese. Please go to the diocesan webpage for more information and to register: <https://diopitt.org/eucharistic-revival>.

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 April 16th - 2 to 3 pm & April 23rd - 7 to 8pm (No gathering on the 30th) at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST, SAXONBURG.** For information, email: pato-maszewski@zoominternet.net

Hungry for more? Drawn to prayer? Nudged by Our Lady of Mount Carmel or other Carmelite Saints? **The O.C.D.S. Community of the Holy Spirit** meets once a month in Kittanning, Pa and invites you to look deeper into the Carmelite Charisms. Email Sue at ocd-spa06@gmail.com for more information on attending a meeting.



The Ark and The Dove Retreat Center (Gibsonia, Pa) is hosting a **Holy Spirit Retreat from April 19-21, 2024**. Participants can register for overnight registration (\$150), commuter registration (\$100), or virtual registration (\$50). We invite you to attend and experience a deeper encounter with the Holy Spirit. Space is limited, so register today, visit our website www.thearkandthedoveworldwide.org/HolySpirit. Speakers include Fr. John Mary, OSB, Sr. Joan, DLJC, Fr. John Sweeney, Sr. Marie Fidelis, DLJC, Sr. Rita, DLJC, and more!

CLASSICS FOR A CAUSE:

ALS CHARITY JAM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ALS ASSOCIATION

JOIN US AS WE ENJOY LISTENING AND DANCING TO THE GREATEST HITS OF THE 60S, 70S, AND 80S, WHILE RAISING FUNDS FOR THE ALS ASSOCIATION.

WHEN: APRIL 27TH, 2024
6PM-10PM
BAND PLAYS AT 7PM

WHERE: THE MONARCH VEIL
495 MONROE ROAD,
SARVER 16055

LIVE MUSIC BY:

THE 56 EAST BAND

Scan QR code or email
alscharitybenefit@gmail.com
for more information

In memory of Denny Geary

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 the St. Francis office, 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.

FORMED NEW COURSE! Mental Health in Parish Ministry

When someone is struggling with their mental health, do you know how to minister to them? Mental Health concerns exist and are prevalent in every community your parish serves. 1 in 5 adults experience mental health concerns, and 1 in 6 teens (age 12-17) reported a Major Depressive Episode in 2020. From the elderly to the youth, families, and singles, wealthy and impoverished, people face more mental health concerns than ever. As a minister, what is your role? What should you do? What is helpful? What is harmful?



Don't guess, and don't avoid it! Silence is a breeding ground for shame. **Sister Josephine Garrett**, a licensed **Catholic counselor and therapist** will provide answers to these questions. Embrace your parishioners, family, self, and colleagues with love, compassion, and truth. You will walk away from this course with a plan of action to best receive God's people in the most challenging moments of their life. **If you haven't yet signed up for FORMED, follow the steps below, it's simple & FREE!**

- ⇒Go to: Formed.org/signup
- ⇒Enter: Zip code 16025
- ⇒Select: *I belong to a parish*
- ⇒Click: *St. Clare and St. Francis Parish*
- ⇒Enter: Your email and You're In!

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. Meetings are every **Wednesday, 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.