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## Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

O Lord Jesus Christ Who, before ascending into Heaven, did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, to perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me:

\*The Spirit of Wisdom, that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal.

\*The Spirit of Understanding, to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth.

\*The Spirit of Counsel, that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven.

\*The Spirit of Fortitude, that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation.

\*The Spirit of Knowledge, that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints.

\*The Spirit of Piety, that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable.

\*The Spirit of Fear, that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Your true disciples and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.

## Praying for those in need ...



Paul Flick Shawn Phillips **Pud Craig** John Williams Roberta Neff Maryann Fennell Pearl Green Gloria Andrews Tracy 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 Skellv Dean Morrow Madeline McCloskey Pearl Kocher



Warm wishes and blessings to those recently baptized in our parish.

## Zoey Marie Feith

daughter of Zachary & Haley Feith

Welcome to our faith community!

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.



#### WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2024

**Sunday: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a,

10b-11a, 23/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-

9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3

and 8/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom

8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

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## **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By	
Saturday, May 18	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Patty Fair	
St. John I, Pope and Martyr; Armed Forces Day	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Jimmie Graham	Anna Marie Sherwin	
	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Living & Deceased of the Carl & Josephine Hesidenz Family	*	
Pentecost Sunday	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
May 19	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tom Snyder	Keith & Melissa Snyder	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Ralph & Margaret Nebel	Family	
Monday, May 20 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family	
Tuesday, May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Karen Rettig	Pat Brody & Daughters	
Wednesday, May 22	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Father Richard Karenbauer	Liam Stanley	
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	For Healing of Mind, Body, and Spirit		
Thursday, May 23	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Father McCleary	Saint Clare Christian Mothers & Women	
Friday, May 24	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Jim Steighner	Larry & Kathy	
Saturday, May 25  St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family	
St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi, Virgin	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Don Wise	Joyce Zanella	
Sunday,	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ethelreda Welter	Duane, Phyllis, Kelly and Julie O'Donnell	
May 26	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Lou & Shirley Heitlinger	Fred & Martha Callihan	
The Most Holy Trinity	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Viola Mae Boltz	Kim & Henry Williams and Family	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	*	



#### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS -MAY 12, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$7,387.00
Offertory - Online	\$910.00
Total Offertory	\$8,297.00

#### **PARISH APPEAL**

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$495.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date	\$26,184.00
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	\$125.00
School Support	\$265.00
Easter	\$10.00
Feast of the Ascension	\$1,351.00
Catholic Relief	\$45.00

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

**Today's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services** 

## **AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

Coming this July . . . one unified St. Clare & St. Francis parish bulletin! On July 21st, the parish bulletin will be a little bigger and will include all of the important parish information for both St. Francis & St. Clare! Now is the time for businesses and organizations throughout our communities to take advantage of advertising in our new joint bulletin! Your ad will now be distributed in 6 locations at 2 parishes, as well as both parish websites! Sue Novosel from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our bulletins in the coming weeks.



Please contact Sue to learn more, 724-831-0975 or 800-477-4574 x6318.

Spring is here and we are asking for volunteers to help beautify the grounds at St. Wendelin. Anyone interested in caring for a plot of flowers at St. Wendelin, please contact the office.



#### Anointing Mass: Healing of Mind, **Body, and Spirit**

All are welcome at a special Mass on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm at Mater Dolorosa Church, during which we will bring to God the prayers, needs, and hopes of those



experiencing mental health challenges as well as those who care for them. We will also gather to offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for healing of mind, body, and spirit. The sacrament is for:

- •Those who are facing serious mental or physical illness, including substance use disorders
- •Those preparing for serious surgery
- •Those suffering from the effects of old age

Seating will be in every other pew to allow the priests room to anoint those in need. No RSVPs are required. We will gather in thanks for God's healing presence and for the goodness found in the care and support of those who accompany people living with these challenges.

#### Deepen your love of the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Revival calls every Catholic across the United States to rekindle the fire of love and devotion for the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. This revival launched on the Feast of Corpus Christi, 2022. We continue to



work toward the first National Eucharistic Congress in the United States in almost fifty years. From July 17-21, 2024, thousands of Catholics will journey on pilgrimage to Indianapolis to personally encounter Jesus in the Eucharist and be sent back out into their parishes and communities. For more information on the Eucharistic Revival, insights and events, visit www.diopitt.org.

To continue this iourney, once again **on the Feast of** Corpus Christi, June 2, 2024, our parishes will be holding a **Walk or Ride Eucharistic Procession** that will include all 6 churches in Saint Clare and Saint Francis parishes. The procession will begin following the 11:00am Mass at St. Joseph in Cabot on Sunday June 2 and will finish at St. Wendelin.

Please see upcoming bulletins for more details.

St. Clare parishioners at St. Wendelin will host the **Community Dinner at** St. Paul in Butler, on Tuesday, June **18th**. Volunteers are needed and we are accepting donations of desserts. Workers will pack and distribute the



carry out meals from 3-6:30pm on June 18. If you are interested in volunteering or can offer desserts, contact Gina (contact office) by Friday, June 14. Arrangements can be made for dessert drop off. Confirmation Candidates for 2025 - this is a great opportunity to earn service hours! Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries in proximity to downtown Butler.



Mark your calendars now, the Annual St. Clare Parish Picnic at St. Wendelin is Sunday, August 18, 2024!

Picnic letters with raffle tickets will be sent out to every registered parishioner/ family soon. Sold raffle tickets can be returned to the office, put in the offertory basket at any Mass, or brought to the picnic. More tickets are available at the office if you would like more to sell.

We are asking for raffle baskets, prizes and donations for our always amazing basket raffle! Items can be dropped off at the office anytime now! If you have any questions or need to make donation drop off arrangements, please contact Nicole 724-445-3713. Stay tuned for more details!

We would like to thank all who participated in the Lenten Baby Bottle "Change a Life" **Drive!** Both Parishes participated and in total we gave a donation of **\$4,912.63** to the **Little Lamb Resale Shop**! Thank you for your generosity and enabling Little



Lamb to be there for the needs of the families in the Pittsburgh areas and for the efforts of our pro-life community.

Any veterans interested in performing "The Empty Chair Ceremony" at the 4 pm Mass on Saturday, May 25th or the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, May 26th at St. Wendelin, contact Rick Newell {call the office for his contact number} for details.

"JESUS FEEDS US WITH HIMSELF, AND, WITH THE MOST TENDER COURTESY, DOES IT BY MEANS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT. THE PRECIOUS FOOD OF ALL TRUE LIFE"

FROM REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE-JULIAN OF NORWICH



# 5U.S THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST Only in Theaters June 4 & 5

AMC CLASSICS South Pike in Sarver will have viewings at 4 & 7 pm on June 4 & June 5. St. Francis & St. Clare will be forming a group to attend the **7 pm showing on June 5th**. Anyone that would like to join can meet up at the theater directly or if you need a ride or would like to carpool, contact Angie-724-352-2149 ext 208/ angela@saintfrancisparish.net or Sue-724-445-3713 ext 3104/sue@saintclareparish.com

#### "Ask A Question Save A Life"

QPR is a simple process help save the life of a person who is in crisis. a position to recognize the warning signs someone may be contemplating

All are invited to attend this free

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program on

from 6 - 8 pm

at Marian Hall

at St. Mary in

Tuesday,

June 4th

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A FREE Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

#### Question Persuade Refer

#### Participants will learn:

- · Myths & facts about suicide;
- · How to recognize the signs and the potential signs of suicide;
- · How to ask Questions to assess the situation;
- How to Persuade the person to stay alive long enough to get help;
- · How to Refer them to a professional for help to get them through the crisis.

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#### St. Francis of Assisi Parish Preschool- grade 5 Vacation Bible School

St. Joseph, Cabot

June 10-13th 9AM-noon

Join us as we prepare to step back in time, embark a journey, and partake in one royally fun time!

Our young knights will learn how to be part of God's kingdom and wear the armor of God. We combine a biblically rich VBS with off-the-chart, irresistible fun. Kids will sing songs and learn their memory verses with fun games. We want to reflect our creative, inspiring, joy-giving God who made laughter and fun.

Registration Form available on our website: saintfrancisparish.net or call Debi-724-352-2149 X206. Return completed forms to the Parish Office (Attn. CFF) or email to

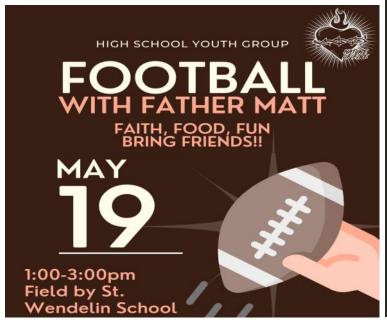
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Registrations due by June 1, 2024



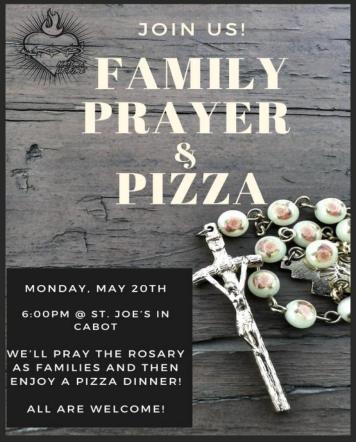


LOOK FOR UPDATES ABOUT SUMMER DATES STEVEH@SAINTFRANCISPARISH.NET





This week





The St. Wendelin School Student Council will be hosting a Middle School Semi- Formal A Night of Enchantment, on Friday May 24, 2024 from 6:30-9:00PM to celebrate the End of the School Year! All youth in fifth through eigth grades (during the 2023-2024 school year) are welcome to attend the dance, which will be held in Saint Wendelin Church Hall. Admission will be \$5.00 which includes snacks, refreshments, and a keepsake photo. Dress attire will be semi-formal, so no jeans will be allowed.

For safety, a signed permission form must be submitted to enter the dance. These can be accessed from www.stwendelinschool.com or at the door.

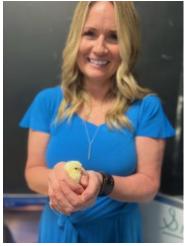
This week's St. Wendelin
School Student of the Week is:
Gunner Karenbauer!

Gunner is a first-grade student at St. Wendelin School. He has two older sisters. Shylee and Mia. that both attended and graduated from Saint Wendelin School. Gunner's favorite subjects in school are recess and small group centers. Outside of school, he enjoys playing baseball, going hunting, and camping. A few more of Gunner's favorite things include the colors green and gold, Smarties candy, the song "Old Town Road," and reading. His favorite place to go is the beach. When he grows up, he wants to either become a police officer or join the army. Congratulations to this week's Saint

Gunner Karenbauer!

Wendelin School Student of the Week.





In partnership with a Penn State Extension Program and the 4H Organization, Saint Wendelin School had the opportunity to participate in an extremely engaging and educational experience. In Science, 4th and 5th Grade students have spent the last 3 weeks engrossed in an Embryology Unit. Students have learned the developmental stages of chicken embryos, including fertilization, growth, anatomy, incubation conditions

and genetics in chick development. Students appreciate living versus nonliving and have compared and contrasted embryonic growth in chicks and humans. Students understand the differences between producers, consumers and

commodities.

They recognize and strive to apply the meaning of 4H's pledge: Head, Heart, Hands and Health.

3 weeks of learning, hands-on activities and anticipation have culminated in the hatching of our classroom chicks!!!

This amazing project, which was offered to be taught in 4/5th Grade Science Classes, has spread excitement throughout our entire

school!!! Most teachers have visited our classroom to



watch the cracking eggs and to greet the new chicks. Each teacher is as excited as her students. Our entire staff has been a nurturing team in helping these babies grow.

We currently have 6 healthy chicks named: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Father Matt, and Clouse and we are awaiting the hatching of several more!!!

## Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: CREATIVITY

Creativity is using our imaginations and abilities to evangelize and to spread the Kingdom of God.



#### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Since its inception in 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been a cornerstone of addressing the challenges faced by millions of Americans living with mental health conditions. In the United States, every year, one in five adults experiences a mental disorder. Let's pray for those living with mental health challenges and for



those who support them. We have all been touched in one way or another by these challenges. We have placed in the pews a special prayer for those living with mental health challenges. You will find additional copies at the entrances of the churches. Please take some time this month to pray for this special intention and help lift the stigma associated with mental illness.

MARK YOUR CALENDER! for the Annual St. Francis RUMMAGE SALE- July 26 & 27 8 am--4 pm at the St. John CCD Building in Fenelton. **DONATIONS** of saleable, clean, new, gently used household & kitchen items, toys, jewelry, tools, linens, clothing, accessories, DVDs, CDs, collectibles, etc. will be accepted beginning in June (not accepting books this year). More updates to follow!

Last year our Walking with Moms Core team compiled lists of **Community Resources** that can be found on our parish website. Please visit the page and look over the resources so that YOU can give a referral to anyone in need! Please share the link to help others do the same! Resources include: Food, Pregnancy/Fertility, Housing/Rental, Clothing/ Household Necessities, Mental Health, Other Financial assistance, and Aging Gracefully. We will continue to update the resources and include more as we gather them and hopefully have flyers available in the church soon. If you have recommendations or are able to help please contact Cil Love at outreach@saintfrancisparish.net.

Experience the excitement of St. Joseph High School's Summer Camps! Whether you're drawn to the arts, science, athletics, or simply seeking an opportunity for exploration and fun, there's something for everyone. Led by our dedicated faculty and coaches, these camps and clinics promise an enriching experience. To register or learn more about program offerings and camp instructors, visit SaintJosephHS.com/tickets.

Golf Outing/Super Raffle-Join St. Joseph High School for their 32nd Thomas Kaniecki Spartan Scramble Golf Outing, taking place on Friday, June 14 at Hill Crest Country Club. Registration is open until May 29th. For more information and to secure your spot, visit https:// saintjosephhs.com/tickets/. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to the Committee Chair, Mitch Farrell, at mgfarrell@Sisterson.com.

Plus, don't miss out on the chance to participate in the \$20,000 Super Raffle Ticket drawing, happening at the end of the day! With only 500 tickets available at \$100 each, the odds are incredible! The winner need not be present to win, so make sure to secure your tickets by contacting Debbie Beresik at 724-226-7872. It's going to be an unforgettable day on the greens!

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

### Mary, Mother of the Church Feast Day

The Monday following Pentecost, we honor Mary in her title of Mother of the Church. This feast day was created in 2018 by Pope Francis.



This title for the Blessed Mother is one of her oldest. It reminds us that Mary is the means by which our salvation came into the world.

After Jesus formed the Church, He gave her into the maternal care of his mother. When Jesus said to Mary: "Woman behold your Son," He not only gave her to St. John but to His entire Church for her keeping. Currently, we regard our dear Mother Mary by 53 titles that express honor, supplications, and thanksgiving.

## SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL



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  - Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
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  - All-Day Kindergarten Program
    - Extended Day Program
  - Half-Day and All-Day Preschool Programs

Personalized Instruction

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#### **Hospice Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers help our patients with everyday tasks, so they may live each day to the fullest. Our volunteers enhance the quality of life for those receiving hospice Amission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries



care by simply holding a hand, sharing a story or being a friend. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Boyles eboyles@good-samaritanhospice.org or 1-800-720-2557 option 5