

He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many." - Mk 14:24



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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, Corpus Christi. I was reading a reflection on Corpus Christi that was written in 2022 by Bishop Waltersheid. He wrote it to kick off the diocesan Eucharistic Revival. He had a refrain that he kept coming back to; It is the Lord!

It was a very nice reflection. However, it reminded me of a time just a few months after I was ordained, when I had felt a great deal of skepticism. We were at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. I had traveled down with parishioners from St. Alexis in Wexford, where I was assigned. We had positioned ourselves near the front of the March. It was just about time to start marching, when suddenly, a man in a religious habit of some kind, walked in front of the sign bearers that usually lead the march, and pulled a velvet cloth off of a monstrance with the Blessed Sacrament in it. The woman next to me yelled out excitedly, "It is the Lord!" She was almost overwhelmed. Then, I kid you not, two Cardinals approached the man, forcibly took the monstrance from his hands and moved the man from the front of the March. I was confused. First, I was smirking when the lady near me shouted out. What a weird lady. Then I was looking at the man holding the monstrance and thinking, that dude is crazy. Then seeing Cardinals of the Church being tough guys and taking the monstrance back. I never found out what really happened that day. I always assumed that the man had either not gotten permission to expose the Blessed Sacrament or maybe he had been denied and did it anyway. In any case, it was confusing and troubling.

Later on, during the bus ride home, it finally hit me that the one thing that didn't trouble me but should have, was the fact that I smirked when the woman cried out, "It is the Lord." I thought she was a crazy church lady. I had been ordained all of seven months! Not sure, maybe it was the whole scene that had led to my skeptical response, but on that bus on the way home late that January night, I had to ask myself, do I really believe?

There are many surveys out there that will tell you that a majority of Catholics do not believe in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. I was very happy to learn that when our parishes took a survey about our beliefs, we believe in the Real Prescence far more than the average parish in our diocese and in the rest of the country! This is a wonderful thing. Because the reason to be Catholic is the Eucharist.

Ten years or so after I had the crisis of faith on the bus ride from Washington, I had a meeting at the rectory at St. Wendelin. I met with a couple who had left the Catholic Church years before and had gotten very involved in another local Christian community. They loved their new church. You could wear hats and drink a coffee during the service. The people were very welcoming. The music was really good and modern. The pastor was

an inspiring preacher. But they had recently come to a family funeral that I had celebrated, and after much thought and prayer, they were wondering what it would take for them to come back to the Catholic Church. Wow! My homily must have really touched them, I thought! But then they told me the reason. Sure, they felt welcome and at home. The homily was nice and all, but the reason they wanted to return wasn't any of that. They both realized, very powerfully during the funeral Mass, how much they missed the Eucharist! They loved their church but they missed the Eucharist. They hungered for Jesus in the Eucharist! I have gotten to welcome many more people back to the Catholic Church over the last decade, and the reason they want to return is the Eucharist!

My faith and belief in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist has grown so much in my years as a priest. Don't get me wrong, I believed in the True Presence, or I wouldn't have gotten ordained. But I think that it has moved from mere head knowledge, which is easily shaken, to knowledge of the heart. Your belief has strengthened mine. I am so thankful for that.

The Eucharist is the most beautiful love story. It is the font and source of everything that we believe as Catholics. We believe that at each and every Mass, no matter how good or bad the music is, no matter how good or bad the homily is, no matter how long or short the Mass is, or which priest has it, that the one true Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary is made present on our altars. His Body is broken and His Blood poured out for us. Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, the Word Made Flesh, is taken into our bodies. Jesus does this amazing and fantastic act out of love. He loves you and me and He wants to be really, truly and substantially with us. Could anything be more wonderful?

Today we celebrate the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus. Today we celebrate that every time we come up to receive Communion, It is the Lord! Believe it! It is beautiful and it is worth it! If there is a reason that you can't receive, let's get that fixed up. There are remedies. We can help get you through that. You need Him. I need Him. Why wouldn't we? It is the Lord!

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



Praying for those in need . . .



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

Teresa Weiland

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

Attention ALL current Eucharistic Ministers (Parish or Nursing Home). Please plan to attend one of the upcoming Diocesan required Eucharistic Minister Training sessions. All sessions (approximately 2 hours) will be held at Marian Hall at St. Mary in Herman. No need to RSVP, just attend. If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled dates, or have any questions, please contact Sue Fraley at 724-445-3713.



- Thursday, June 6th, 6 pm
- Saturday, June 8th, 9 am
- Tuesday, July 9th, 6 pm
- Saturday, July 13th, 9 am



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. Thanks!



WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2, 2024

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b,

15c-16/Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2,

3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/Mk 12:18-27

Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab,

8-9, 10 and 14/Mk 12:28-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-

7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3 -4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk

3.20-35

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 MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday,	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Deb Kepple	Lois & Doug Williams and Family
June 1 St. Justin, Martyr	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Dick Callihan	Sid & Elaine
Sunday, June 2	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gerry Osche	Gordon & Bev Leech
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
The Most Holy Body and	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Bill & Diane Neff	Randy & Virginia Neff
Blood of Christ	d of Christ		Don & Emma Weiland's 75th Wedding Anniversary	Family
Monday, June 3 St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Jim & Theresa Francisco	Brent & Bernadette Francisco
Tuesday, June 4	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Mary Miller	Family
Wednesday, June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Big Tom	Maverick & Taylor
Thursday, June 6 St. Norbert, Bishop	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Genevieve Pearl Ritzert	†
Friday, June 7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	ValJean MacKrell	Bob & Barb Karenbauer
Saturday,	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
June 8 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Anna Marie Sherwin
Sunday, June 9	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ethelreda Welter	Duane, Phyllis, Kelly, and Julie O'Donnell
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat Liberto	John & Donna Callihan
in	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Jim Kusner	Bev
Ordinary Time	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Regis B. Geibel	Bob & Joyce Geibel



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS -MAY 26, 2024

Offertory - Mass Offertory - Online Total Offertory	\$6,530.00 \$1,260.00 \$7,790.00
PARISH APPEAL	
Weekly Parish Appeal	\$220.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date	\$31,564.00
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	\$185.00
School Support	\$40.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00
Feast of the Ascension	\$70.00

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

The Second Collection Today is for School Support

St. Francis and St. Clare Corpus Christi Walk and Ride Eucharistic Procession

Join us for a Eucharistic Procession TODAY! The procession begins at 12 pm, immediately after the 11 am Mass, at St. Joseph in Cabot, the procession will travel to all 6 churches within our parishes, ending with Reposition and

Catholic Relief.....



\$45.00

Benediction at St. Wendelin (approximate arrival times below). Following this great tradition of the Church we will bring the loving presence of our Lord Jesus Christ to each church in our parishes. You are invited to participate in the entire procession, or any of the stops along the way that you would like. The words "Corpus Christi" mean "Body of Christ", another name for the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, this solemnity

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St. Wendelin	Holy Eucharist.			
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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!

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.

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

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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! **Sue Novosel from LPi**, our bulletin printer, will be in the parish offices June 3-7 to meet with anyone interested in advertising. **Please contact Sue to learn more, 724-831-0975 or 800-477-4574 x6318.**

Saint Clare of Assisi & Saint Francis of Assisi Parishes

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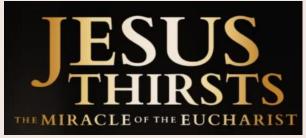
The High School Youth Group will be selling hoagies after all Masses. The sales will go towards the mission trip to Dover, Delaware!

After the Eucharistic Procession (after the 11am Mass) departs from St. Joseph/Cabot parking lot, hoagies will be sold in front of the church hall, while supplies last.

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*please make checks payable to St. Clare Parish

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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 **Sue**-724-445-3713 ext 3104/ sue@saintclareparish.com.



Thank you for your prayers for those living with mental health challenges. Feel free to take the St. Dymphna prayer cards to continue your prayers at home. As followers of Christ, let us help lift the stigma associated with mental illness and support those who suffer.



Many thanks to the children who took part in the May Crowning of Mary early in May at Mater Dolorosa. Pictured above are Jane and Mabel Sanders. Three recent First Communicants, Case Douglass, Brady Hershberger and Kaleb Wells also took part in the procession.

"Ask A Question Save A Life"

QPR is a simple process help save the life of a a position to recognize the warning signs someone may be contemplating



A FREE Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training

All are invited to attend this free tion training program on Tuesday, June 4th

from 6 - 8 pm at Marian Hall at St. Mary in

· How to Refer them to a Herman.

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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;
- professional for help to get them through the crisis.

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Questions?

ease contact Angie-724-352-2149 ext 208 or email: angela aintfrancisparish.net

or **Sue**-724-445-3713 ext 3104 or email: sue@saintclareparish.com

Registration Forms:

- -saintclareparish.com
- -Back of church
- -dre@saintclareparish.com



St. Clare of Assisi Parish Vacation Bible School

> July 8-11, 2024 9AM-Noon

Registration Due: Sunday, June 30, 2024

To: Parish Office or dre@saintclareparish.com



Send your kids on an out-of-this-world adventure!

At Stellar VBS, kids shine Jesus' light! Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life— something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! St. Clare Parish Office: 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025 (Attn: CFF)

* Children from St. Francis or St. Clare are welcome to attend either parish VBS or both! *

DID YOU KNOW?

The Pope's Cathedral

Every bishop has a cathedral. A church where he officially resides as the head of a diocese. The Pope in his capacity as the Bishop of Rome, has a



"cathedral." It stands on property of an ancient palace donated by Emperor Constantine in the early 4th century. Due to various happenings, it has been rebuilt four to five times. It was named the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and the Evangelist. Now simply St. John Lateran. It was so lavishly adorned that it was called the "Golden Church." In the 1320's the Pope left this church and it deteriorated. It was restored when the Holy See returned to Rome.

The Papal residence is on Vatican Hill and St. John Lateran remains the Pope's Cathedral.



This Week's Virtue: FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is God's gift that frees us from our mistakes and regrets, and enables us to offer mercy and pardon to others.





If you are a member of **St. Clare or St. Francis** parish and your child will attend a **Catholic school,** including preschool, in the 2024-2025 school year, you may receive a **financial award towards your child's tuition** from the parishes. Forms are available at the parish office, on each parish website, and in the entrance of each church. Please complete the form and return it to your registered parish office. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office.



MARK YOUR CALENDER!

FOR THE ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS PARISH RUMMAGE SALE JULY 26 & 27 8 AM-4 PM ST. JOHN'S CCD CENTER 668 S. CLEARFIELD RD. **FENELTON** TO DONATE SALEABLE. **CLEAN, NEW, GENTLY USED** HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN ITEMS, TOYS, JEWELRY, Tools, Linens, Clothing, ACCESSORIES, DVDs, CDs, COLLECTIBLES, ETC., PLEASE CONTACT DIXIE MEN-NOR (CALL ST. FRANCIS OFFICE-724-352-2149- FOR NUMBER

For all couples planning to marry in the coming year, registration is now available for the **Butler** Area Marriage Preparation Retreat for the Fall of 2024. The retreat consists of two Saturday sessions, November 2nd and November 9th and is held at St. Michael the Archangel Hall in Butler. Registration forms and information are available on our parish website under Sacraments.

FOR A DROP OFF APPOINT-

MENT, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE

TO VOLUNTEER.

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At the 10th National Eucharistic Congress, our Catholic family will gather to experience profound, personal renewal through the power of Christ's love. Like a new Pentecost, this transformation will flow out from Indianapolis to bring revival in our communities as the Church returns to her first love—the source and

ready to share His love!



summit of our faith. Every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate this life-changing encounter with Jesus, regardless of where you are on your faith journey. Attendees will select their preferred series of impact sessions for the morning and breakout sessions for the afternoon. Then, gathered together as one, the whole assembly will experience the powerful revival sessions in Lucas Oil Stadium each evening. Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment. The Diocese of Pittsburgh has pre-purchased 250 Congress passes for you to claim, FREE of charge. Please contact Sr. Rose Walatka at 412-456-5646 or rwalatka@diopitt.org for details on how to claim your free pass. At the National Eucharistic Congress, every Catholic is invited to be healed, strengthened, and anointed for an exciting new chapter of our mission. Then we will return to our communities on fire for Christ and

Thank you to those who have donated items to the St. Francis Medical Equipment & Supply (MES) Room! We have received 53 pieces of medical equipment and many other supplies such as wraps, gauze, bandages, sponges, pads, cushions, monitors, etc. We have provided assistance to 19 families already. Some items have been temporarily used and returned for others to benefit! Everyone has been very appreciative of this service that we are providing to our community. If you have a need for items or if you have items (clean, working properly) that you would like to donate, please let us know! Donation forms can be found at the St. Francis parish offices or on the parish website

(https://saintfrancisparish.net/ community-resources). For more information, email Cil Love at outreach@saintfrancisparish.net.



St. Clare continues to collect nonperishable food items for the Petroleum Valley Food Cupboard. Boxes are located in the back of each church for DRIVE donations. Thank you for your support!

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July 26

August 23

September 20

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, June 11th and 18th from 2:00 to 3:00pm, June 25th from 7 to 8pm (No gathering on June 4) -at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST, SAXONBURG. For info, email: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net



GIFT OF MARY +

WHO ARE WE?

In Spring 2021, Gift of Mary launched out of the Red Door soup kitchen in Downtown Pittsburgh to support homeless women. After helping many find housing and jobs, we shifted focus to building a shelter. Opening in Fall 2024, it will provide three weeks of safe housing and personalized support from case managers and missionaries. Inspired by faith, Gift of Mary is dedicated to offering a safe haven for vulnerable women in Pittsburgh.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for women 18+, to commit to a weekly or biweekly volunteer slot. Volunteers assist missionaries in facilitating small group activities, administering laundry and shower services, and engaging in relational ministry with the women.

MISSIONARY PROGRAM

We're looking for young women (18-26) to dedicate a year to serving vulnerable women.

If you are interested in volunteering or the missionary program, reach out to Clara Stephenson: clara@giftofmary.org

DONATE

Support Gift of Mary by donating to the general fund. Your contributions provide food, housing, clothing, and access to social services to find a path forward for each woman.

Check out our Amazon Wishlist! These are essential supplies that we are in need of that support our programs and services.



General Fund



Amazon Wishlist



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Widowed, Divorced, Separated? The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh 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, July 13th from 8:45am -4:00pm at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave., West View, PA 15229. The fee is \$30.00 (lunch included). Register by June 30th at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confiden-

tial call to Kim at 412-352-2653.

Beginning Experience listen.accompany.heal

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.

St. Joseph High School \$20,000 Super Raffle! Only 500 tickets available at \$100 each! The drawing will be held on Friday, June 14 during the Spartan Scramble, and the winner doesn't need to be present to win. Contact Debbie Beresik at 724-226-7872 to secure your tickets or for any inquiries.

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