

July 14, 2024
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
TAKE NOTHING FOR
THE JOURNEY.

MARK 6:8





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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is a day that is both happy and sad. It is a happy day because Fr. Lou finally gets to begin his well-deserved retirement. It is a sad day because Fr. Lou is leaving us.

Fr. Lou is man who means a lot to me. We spent the tough months of the pandemic together. Often times we would eat breakfast together and talk. Actually, that isn't true. I would eat breakfast because this was usually around 9 AM, and Fr. Lou would eat lunch. We were on different time schedules!

There is much to love about Fr. Lou. He is a good man. A holy priest. He is very intelligent and communicates very well. He has helped me to become a better communicator and boy did I need help with that! Fr. Lou approached his ministry with us, and his work with me, very humbly. He obviously has many more years of experience than I do, but he never, not one time, tried to do my job or tell me what an idiot I was for a decision I made. He always supported me, not that he has always agreed with me, but he would work with whatever decision was made and tried to make the best of it.

One of the best compliments that Fr. Lou ever gave me is when he said that I knew my weaknesses and found people to help me in those areas. More often than not, the person who stepped in to fix what was broken or to fill the gap where it was needed, was Fr. Lou.

When I was at the viewing for my uncle down at St. Augustine's in Lawrenceville, one of the sisters from the Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R., reminded me that I had given a talk to the sisters many years ago and apparently something that I said really stuck with her for those many years. Apparently, because I didn't really remember giving the talk, I had told the sisters that one of the most common characteristics shared by all saints is that they show up. No matter how sick they are or how dire the situation is, saints show up. They show up for others. They show up for God. So often we look at the saints and see their heroism or brilliance and think, I can't be like that. But...you can show up! Now listen, I am not canonizing Fr. Lou here, but let me just say this



about him...Fr. Lou shows up! During the pandemic, when no one else in the county was having confessions, as soon as the Diocese said that we could, we did. Fr. Lou, who had most of the preconditions that the news was telling us should mean that we should stay inside and do nothing, showed up. He sat in the garage at Mater Dolorosa with the door open and heard confessions from people in their cars. He shows up.

A couple of years ago on Holy Thursday I preached about the beauty of Fr. Lou and his priesthood. He told me he felt like he had been to his own funeral! He won't like that I have written this either. But honestly, he deserves it. His priesthood has been beautiful. He has suffered many things physically, but done so with such simplicity and dignity. He has given me a model to follow. Actually, he has given us a model to follow. Fr. Lou didn't want to have a party or anything like that to mark his retirement. If you know him at all, you're not surprised. In his message in the bulletin a few weeks ago, Fr. Lou said that seeing our parishes thrive and grow will be gift enough for him. Let's give him that gift.

One of the best ways that we can do that is to be like Fr. Lou. No matter what is going on in your life, show up! Show up to God in prayer. Show up for your family. Show up for the parish. Show up for people who need help. There are a lot of reasons you could come up with to not show up. Show up any way. He always did.

Today let's give thanks to God for a good and holy priest. We are better, I am better, for having known him. Thanks Fr. Lou! You are loved and appreciated. We hope to see you soon and wish you peace, love and all good things in your retirement!

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt

Praying for those in need . . .



Eric Werner Robert Adams Jr. Jane Schafer Maryann Fennell Jean Geibel Paul Flick Shawn Phillips **Pud Craig** John Williams Pearl Green Gloria Andrews Karol Halin Kathy Steighner Lexi Macurak Stephanie Sellers Cheryl Brown Steve Birckbichler Christine Cessna Jessie Black Carol Hall

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Are you expecting your first child or your first child is not baptized? Sign-up for the baptismal prep class on August 5 at 6 pm. This class is required

for all first time parents. The class is held via Zoom. To register, please contact Barb at 724-445-3713 x4 or email barb@saintclareparish.com.



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

Vincent Ritzert

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







WEEKLY READINGS

FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2024

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,

21 and 23/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Ps 48:2-3a, 3b-4, 5-

6, 7-8/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Ps 94:5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Ps 102:13-14ab and 15, 16-18, 19-21/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Is 38:10, 11, 12abcd, 16/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Ps 10:1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34

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, N.O.

Appointments available upon request.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

| Date | Time | Location | Intention | Requested By |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday, | 4:00 PM Vigil | St. Wendelin | Tom Dunn | Judy & Family |
| July 13 St. Henry | 5:30 PM Vigil | Mater Dolorosa | Don Wise | Joyce Zanella |
| | 7:00 AM | St. Wendelin | For the Parishioners | of Saint Clare of Assisi |
| Sunday, July 14 | 8:15 AM | Mater Dolorosa | Tyler Barger | Family |
| 15th Sunday | 9:30 AM | St. Joseph | Denny Foust | Joe & Berniece O'Donnell |
| in Ordinary Time | 10:30 AM | St. Wendelin | Tracy Weiland | Tina & Raymond Hay |
| Monday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church | 12:00 PM | Mater Dolorosa | Tera Callihan | Family |
| Tuesday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel | 8:00 AM | St. Wendelin | Dick Day | Cindy & John Reddick |
| Wednesday, July 17 | 6:00 PM | Mater Dolorosa | Ed Parker | Family |
| Thursday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest | 8:00 AM | St. Wendelin | Tony & Roberta Neff and Family | Karen Marchyshyn |
| Friday, July 19 | 12:00 PM | St. Joseph | Nathan Brown Jr. | Art & JoAnn Green and Family |
| Saturday, July 20 | 4:00 PM Vigil | St. Wendelin | Joe Stephenson | Stephenson Family |
| St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr | 5:30 PM Vigil | Mater Dolorosa | Justin Woods | Bev Wesley |
| Sunday, | 7:00 AM | St. Wendelin | Mary Miller | Family |
| July 21 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:15 AM | Mater Dolorosa | Deceased of the Goosetown Gang | The Goosetown Gang |
| | 9:30 AM | St. Joseph | James Kusner | Sue Rattigan |
| | 10:30 AM | St. Wendelin | Leo Rodgers | Wife |



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS – JULY 7, 2024

| Offertory - Mass | \$6,894.00 |
|--------------------|------------|
| Offertory - Online | \$1,320.00 |
| Total Offertory | \$8,214.00 |

PARISH APPEAL

| 2023 Parish Appeal Goal | \$64,547.00 |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| 2023 Parish Appeal Total | \$48,622.50 |
| 2024 Parish Appeal Goal | \$64,547.00 |
| 2024 Parish Appeal to Date | \$34,944.40 |
| Weekly Parish Appeal | \$625.00 |

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

| Maintenance Fund | \$232.00 |
|--------------------------|----------|
| School Support | \$923.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$10.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$25.00 |
| Feast of the Ascension | \$25.00 |
| Feast of the Assumption | \$25.00 |

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



Communion for the Homebound

If you, or someone you know, is homebound or unable to physically attend Mass, but would like to receive

Holy Communion, please reach out and let us know. The parish will make arrangements to get the Eucharist to you. Contact the parish office and we would be happy to get you on the schedule!

The parish is looking for a few people who would be interested in regularly preparing some meals for Fr. Al when he joins the parish in July. He will be residing at Mater Dolorosa. Please call Barb at the office for more details.

THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS

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!

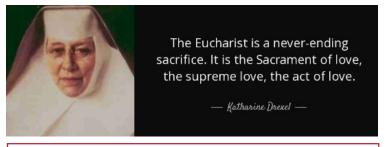


Attention all youth grades 9-12! Bring your friends and come on a

tubing trip to Cook Forest on



Tuesday, July 23rd! More details to follow next week. Contact Sue Fraley at the office or by email (sue@saintclareparish.com) for all the details and to sign up!



We still need help! Volunteers are desperately needed to help beautify the grounds at St. Wendelin. Anyone interested in caring for a plot of flowers at St. Wendelin, please contact the office. We will cover the cost of supplies! Can you lend a hand?



sue@saintclareparish.com



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH PICNIC

Come and join the FUN!

AUGUST 18TH

11AM-6 PM

FOOD, 100 + BASKET RAFFLE, BINGO, GAMES, MUSIC, CAR CRUISE, AND MUCH MORE!

CHICKEN OR HAM DINNER, INCLUDES POTATOES, STUFFING, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, & DESSERT

\$15/Adult \$5/Ages 10 & Under

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ST. CLARE PARISH PICNIC

We need and appreciate everyone's help to make our picnic a huge success!

- ⇒ 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, sell, sell!
- ⇒ Volunteer & Donation Forms are available in each church entrance if you didn't receive one last week. Please return forms by July 28th.

Many ways to help!

- Food preparation the week of the picnic
- * Set up days prior to picnic day
- * Help in the kitchen or dining area
- * Assist in a booth or game
- Help with clean up after the picnic
- * Donate desserts
- * Sponsor a tent
- Donate raffle baskets or prizes
- * Monetary Donations

We are in need of advertisers for the 2025 Lottery

Calendars! If you or your business would like to be an advertiser or sponsor for the upcoming St. Clare Lotto Calendar, please contact Nicole at the office.



Let's Honor our Deceased Veterans

Patriotism is one of the core values of the Knights of Columbus and purchasing a wreath (\$17 each) will help

achieve the goal of placing a wreath on all 134 veterans buried in the St. Wendelin's cemetery. You may also order and pick up a wreath to take to another cemetery to honor a loved one. Even if you don't know a veteran to honor, you can donate a wreath and the Knights will place it on a non-designated grave at the St. Wendelin's cemetery. Order forms are available on the Parish website, at the parish office or contact the office to get the number of Gary Meier. Stop by our booth at the Parish Picnic!

We are asking for donations for our basket raffle at the picnic. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office, contact Nicole with any questions.



Below are some ideas for baskets!

- "Raking in the cash" A rake with lottery tickets attached
- * Picture frame of lottery tickets
- * Manicure Day Provide the luxury of a manicure in the comfort home, fill a basket with nail polish, remover and a home manicure or pedicure set. For extra flair, add a voucher for a free manicure or pedicure to a local salon
- Around Town Tasks Provide vouchers (or gift cards) for typical errands such as dry cleaning, grocery shopping, the car wash, a hair salon and more
- Baking Day-Buy a few baking mixes, icing, sprinkles and a few utensils
- * Grill 'Em If you know someone with a famous grilling recipe, convince them to include the recipe in a basket with some new grilling equipment such as tongs, meat seasoning, a grill brush and apron
- Zoo Baby Include zoo passes for four, plus a few stuffed animals and snacks (like animal crackers) in a basket
- * Everything's Coming Up Roses-Gardening theme-a planter, gardening tools, vegetable & flower seeds, soil, gloves and lawn decor
- I Scream, You Scream-Ingredients for an ice cream sundae bar, syrups, sprinkles, cones, and toppings (Include a gift card for the ice cream), scoop, ice cream bowls
- Deck Nights Propane Heater, outside decorative lights, citronella candle, blanket, and don't forget the drinks
- Yard Work- shovel, rake, broom, gloves, etc., Leaf Blower
- * Workout- Water bottle, towel, resistance bands, mat, gym bag, etc.
- Smores -Tabletop firepit, graham crackers, chocolate bars, marshmallows, roaster sticks, etc.
- * Take it Outside-Kids games, balls, sidewalk chalk, cones, jump rope, frisbee, etc.
- * At the Ballfields— Wheeled Cooler with water, sunflower seeds, peanuts, sunscreen, visor, etc.
- Cleaning basket-All types of household cleaners, sponges, bucket, mop, etc.
- Back to School-Notebooks, pens, colored paper, pencils, highlighters, erasers, folders, etc.

This week's St. Wendelin School **Student of the Week is:**

LUKIS HOLT!

Lukis will be entering his final year of eighth grade in the Fall and has attended St. Wendelin since Second Grade. He is a big brother of Zoe Holt who also attends Saint Wendelin, Lukis' favorite subject is Science because he loves learning about our world and what is inside it. You can find Lukis listening to Hard Rock outside of school, specifically bands like Nirvana and Metallica. Outside of school you can find him playing hockey. He has won multiple awards in his hockey tournaments. He would love one day to become a hockey player for all the money and play for the Penguins. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week,

LUKIS HOLT!

29th ANNUAL ST. WENDELIN GOLF TOURNAMENT-4 Person

Scramble-Hiland Golf Course August 10th-Registration 7-7:45am, 8am Shotgun Start

Cost: \$85.00 per person
Includes: 18 holes of golf with riding
cart, hot dog at turn and meal.
Team Prizes (Based on full field)

1st \$500/Team 2nd \$400/Team 3rd \$300/Team

Registration Forms available in the church entrance or on the parish website!

*Mulligans are available @ \$5.00 each- A maximum of 2 per player, with only the purchaser using the mulligans.
*Skins \$20.00 per team.

*56/ns \$20.00 per team. * 50/50 & Chinese Auction

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 7, 2024

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 parish. Forms are available at the parish office, website, and in each church. Return completed form to the parish office, please call with any questions.

SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL



Welcomes You To An OPEN HOUSE!

Join Us:

11:30AM-1:30PM

During the Annual St. Clare Parish Picnic! Come see what Saint Wendelin School is all about!

SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL OFFERS:

- Bussing from Butler, Karns City, Moniteau, Knoch, and Armstrong School Districts
 Up-to-date Technology including Promethean Boards, iPads, and Chromebooks
 - Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
 - Extra-Curricular Activities
 - All-Day Kindergarten Program
 - Extended Day Program
 - Half-Day and All-Day Preschool Programs
 - Personalized Instruction





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HELP WANTED PLEASE!

ST. Francis of Assisi Parish ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE JULY 26-27 8 AM-4 PM

ST. JOHN'S CCD BUILDING 668 S. CLEARFIELD RD, FENELTON

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TO ORGANIZE & PRICE DONATIONS:

JULY 8-26, MONDAY-FRIDAY, 10 AM-3 PM

ANY TIME YOU CAN GIVE IS APPRECIATED! WANT TO HELP? CONTACT DIXIE MENNOR {CALL PARISH OFFICE FOR HER NUMBER} OR
JUST COME IN. THANKS!

DONATIONS OF CLEAN, SALEABLE, NEW/GENTLY USED HOUSEHOLD & KITCHEN ITEMS, TOYS, JEWELRY, TOOLS, LINENS, CLOTHING, SHOES, DVDS, CDS, ACCESSORIES, COLLECTIBLES, ANTIQUES, ETC. APPRECIATED.

<u>No</u> Books, Furniture, or Electronics, Please.

DROP OFF DONATIONS JULY 8TH TO JULY 19TH MONDAY—FRIDAY, 10 AM—3 PM. CALL DIXIE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.

PROCEEDS SUPPORT ST. FRANCIS MARIAN
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DID YOU KNOW?

The Great Western Schism

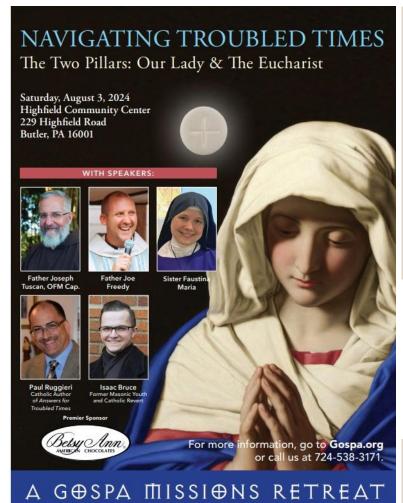
In the history of the Roman Catholic Church, the period from 1378 to 1417, there were two, and later three, rival popes, each with his own following, his own Sacred College of



Cardinals, and his own administrative offices. Pope Urban VI, Pope Clement VII and Pope Alexander V. In 1377 Pope Urban VI succeeded Pope Gregory XI and soon came into conflict with the cardinals of the church. The cardinals met and elected another pope. Clement VII. who settled at Avignon. Immediately the followers of the popes were divided along national lines. The French, now engaged in the Hundred Years' War with England, supported Clement. The English and Italians supported Urban. The headquarters for the popes, was Rome, Italy, since the 1st century. In 1309, however. Pope Clement VII moved his residence to Avignon, France, to escape factionalism and violence in Rome. The removal of the papacy to Avignon damaged the prestige of the office in Germany and England, where the pope came to be viewed as a tool of Philip IV. Both popes rejected all plans to end the schism.

Cardinals hoping to end the standoff met in Pisa, Italy, in 1409 and elected yet a third pope, Alexander V. He was succeeded at Pisa by the antipope John XXIII. In 1414 the Holy Roman Emperor, Sigismund, pressured John to call a conference to resolve the schism. The Council of Constance, met from 1414 to 1418. Having rid itself of all reigning popes, the council then unanimously elected Martin V on Nov. 11, 1418. It became his responsibility to restore confidence in the church at Rome.





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-Tuesdays, July 16th from 2:00 to 3:00pm & July 23rd from 7 to 8pm (No gathering on July 30th) at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST, SAXONBURG. For information, email: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

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

Butler's Premier Twilight 5K Returns! **The 3rd annual All Saints Parish Twilight 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run** will take place on **Friday, July 26**, 2024, at 7PM in Meridian. The out-and-back scenic race begins on the **St. Conrad campus** on Buttercup Road, through the Butler Farm Show grounds, down Buttercup Road, and finally returning to the church. There will be post-race awards along with food and drink available for participants and spectators. Proceeds benefit the Sarah Kasunic/Emily Leyland Scholarship at Butler Catholic School and All Saints Parish in Butler. Race registration and information can be found at **https://allsaintsbutler.org/5k**.

St. Patrick Parish is looking for a part-time maintenance person to oversee the facilities and grounds for an average of 2 to 10 hours a week. Some of the duties include:

- •Do a walk through of the facilities at least once a week.
- •Handle general repairs.
- •Coordinate seasonal outside maintenance.
- •Coordinate equipment maintenance with contractors.
- •Handle calls from the office regarding situations that may arise.
- •Communicate with the pastor to ensure he is up-todate on the status of the facilities.
- •Complete clearance and trainings, as required by the Diocese of Greensburg.

Interested parties are asked to contact the office at 724-526-5079. If you receive the voicemail system, please leave a message.

St. Faustina Parish Festival – Saturday, July 20th from 5-9 pm, and Sunday, July 21st from 1-6 pm at St. Christopher on Rt. 528 in Prospect. All are invited to join us for Outdoor Mass at 4:00 pm on Saturday, July 20th. Join us either day for Food, Basket Raffle, Meat Raffle, Flea Market, Games, Bingo, Kid's Games & Activities, Bounce House & Obstacle Course, and Live Music!

Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program (EITC)-

This summer, our Diocesan Scholarship organization has been awarded the opportunity to raise an additional \$200,000 in tuition assistance via the EITC Program. We need your help! Our deadline is August 7 for the Subscription form and the payment. Donors will receive a 90% PA Tax credit and must make a 2 year commitment. PA Tax credits at 90% are available to Businesses and Qualified Individuals! Make a difference in local kids' lives by redirecting 90% of your PA tax liability to Catholic schools. Contact Michael Freker at mfreker@diopitt.org or call 412-456-3055.

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage – Sept 16-20,2024
Mary's Travel Ministry would like to invite you on our
"Divine Mercy Pilgrimage". We will visit 6 shrines in New
York, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, highlighted by a
day-long visit to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy
in Stockbridge, MA. Other stops include Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica in Lackawanna, NY; Our
Lady of Martyrs Shrine in Fultonville, NY; Saint Kateri National Shrine and Historic Site in Fonda NY; The National
Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA;
and the Miraculous Medal Shrine in Philadelphia, PA. The
cost of the 5-day Pilgrimage is \$875 per person, doubleoccupancy. Also rates for single, triple and quad occupancy. For questions, email MarysTravelAssociate@outlook.com.

