



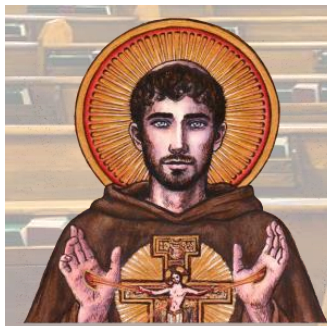
Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi



September 1, 2024

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15



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Saturdays:

11:00am-12:00 pm - St. Mary
12:00pm-12:30pm - St. John
12:00 pm-1:00 pm - St. Joseph
(Cabot)





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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, August 31	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Gene & Anne Geibel	Grandchildren
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Barbara Werner	Darlene & Ron Geibel
Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Uncle Ron Cypher	Gary & Yolanda
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of the Convery Family	Charlotte & Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Olimpia Karlo	Sofia & Siara
Monday, September 2 Labor Day	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Marge Karenbauer	Bill Young
Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. John	In Celebration of Sally Swigart on her 90th Birthday	Family
Wednesday, September 4	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Living & Deceased of the Alfred & Mary Spohn Family	Family
Thursday, September 5	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Darlene Harbison	Ron & Gigi
Friday, September 6	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Barbara Campbell	Family
Saturday, September 7	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Vincent Rodgers	Theresa Cox
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Verna Spohn	Gene & Shirley Widenhofer
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Dorothy Jaworski	Family
	6:00 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Al Peciulis	Rege Convery
Sunday, September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparents' Day	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Marie Honzo	Cousins, Michael & Lori Boylan
	8:30 AM	St. John	Betty E. Geisler	Mary Ann Macurdy
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Tommy Franz	Russ Scott & Family

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, August 31	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tracy Weiland	Lou & Linda Green
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Joe & Mary O'Donnell	Salli O'Donnell
Sunday, September 1 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Bill & Pat Callihan	Fred & Martha Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Nathan Brown Jr.	Art & JoAnne Green and Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Gerry Osche	Floyd & Dolores Neigh
Monday, September 2 Labor Day	9:00 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Dr. William Ashbaugh	Fred & Martha Callihan
Tuesday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Tina Baptiste	Kathy & Larry
Wednesday, September 4	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Lyle Prescott	Breanna & Lindsey McPherson
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Callihan	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Potchak
Thursday, September 5	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pearl Ritzert	
Friday, September 6	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Nathan Brown Jr.	Art & Joann Green Family
Saturday, September 7	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Mary & Joe O'Donnell	Larry & Cathie
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	James Hesidence	Brian, Karen, Andrew, and Jacob Callihan
Sunday, September 8 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Grandparents' Day	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ethelreda Welter	John Kriley
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tyler Barger	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Louise Brauchle	Donna Stephenson

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you ever have too much of a good thing? When I was in seminary, back in the dark ages, I remember each seminarian from the Diocese of Pittsburgh getting a care package from one of our retired priests. It probably had a lot of different things in it but the thing I remember is that each of us got a big bag of dried apricots. Dried apricots are really delicious. One of our guys, who was actually from Butler County, had never tried them before. I told him how good I thought they were and he said he would try one. The next morning, he wasn't at Mass and then he missed classes as well. After class I stopped by his room and found him curled up in a ball in his bed. He had tried the apricots and thought that they were so good that he ate the whole bag! If you don't know what that will do to you, ask someone. Let's just say that dried apricots have lots of fiber and he had spent much of the early morning dealing with the ramifications! So, based on this story, you can have too much of a good thing!

In today's First Reading, Moses gives Israel the Law that comes from God. He tells them to hear what he tells them and to follow it. He warns them not to add to what he commands them or subtract from it, because this Law comes from the Lord God. The Law is a good thing. It isn't intended to be oppressive but to help Israel to enter in and take possession of what God has won for them.

By the time of Jesus, as we hear in today's Gospel, Israel had added thousands of rules and laws and prescriptions to the Law that had come from God. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed these rules to the letter. There wasn't anything objectively wrong with the rules, in fact most of them were good. It is good to wash your hands before you eat or when you come home from being out and about. There isn't anything evil in that. But what Jesus was objecting to is the fact that the Pharisees imposed these rules, again thousands of them, in a way that was burdensome. They had made the rules, and following them, the essence of worship and as necessary for holiness. This was not God's intention. God gave a few commandments and He gave them for a reason. To change hearts and to prepare this people to enter in and take possession of the land that God had won for them.

Israel saw what was good, the Law given by God, and said, let's have more. They presumed to know what was best. In their arrogance, they felt that it was just as necessary to follow the laws given by them as it was to follow the Law given by God. This is why Jesus chastises them. They focus all of their attention on following human precepts. The Law is supposed to turn our hearts to God, but their hearts are far from Him.

I think that sometimes you and I are more like the Pharisees than we think. We miss the fact that the Church is intended to be a vehicle to God. We sometimes get so hung up on how we do things and where we do them that we become worshipers of rules or buildings or ways of doing things, rather than worshipers of God. The Church doesn't exist for itself. The Mass doesn't exist for itself. The Law doesn't exist for itself. All of these things are good. But we must see them for what they are. They are ways, vehicles, to God. Just like apricots, they are good but if all we focus on are these things, we will be sick.

The remedy for this is found in the Second Reading. St. James tells us that we must be humble. Humility is the antidote for pride and arrogance. We must humbly receive the word from God. We must listen to what God is saying and not think that we already know what is best. Then we must do what God has told us. That is it. That is enough. God will give us what we need to enter in and take possession of what He has won for us. God will change our hearts if we let Him. Let us listen humbly to the word God speaks to us and then be doers of that word.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

George Kepple
Regis Fallecker Jr.
Shawn Nolan
Sheri Payne
Diane Krapf
Danny Krapf
Nancy
Hayes Markle
Nancy
Thomas Wetzel Sr.
CJ
Bus & Joanie Neigh
Lisa Cammisa
Katie
Robert Riemer
Jane Schafer
Marcus dosSantos
Kathy Steighner
Bobbi Adley
Mindy Floro
Angie O'Mahoney
Jim Lorenz
Donna Green
Chrissie Wilcox
Linda Heagy
Ed Moore
Joe Moser
Jeannie White
Helen Marie Hartle
Lexi Macurak
Shirley McCoy
Donna M.
Rose & Joe Stumpf
Lucy Duffy
Jessie Black
Laura & Family
Randy Freehling
Patricia Ryan
Leonard Dombroski
Bernadette Conerty
Mason Martin
Jim Bowser
Larry Karenbauer
Walter Bauer
Wayne Watson
Dave Maley

Karen Robb
Jennifer Perkins
Paul Erkens
Rodger Davis
Erik Fry
Corrine Schnur
Lynn Toward
Michael Black
Peg Moser
Nicholas Kerr
Regis Convery
Emilia Schaffner
Betty Neff
Marilyn DiGiacomo
Marek Wabazewski
Mary Lou Beilstein
Aria Joy Olson
Pearl Kocher
Fr. Victor Kriley, OFM, Cap
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Robert Adams Jr.
Paul Flick
Shawn Phillips
Pud Craig
John Williams
Pearl Green
Gloria Andrews
Karol Halin
Kathy Steighner
Stephanie Sellers
Cheryl Brown
Steve Birckbichler
Christine Cessna
Carol Hall
Chris Young
Wayne Pennington
Dick Preston
Sue Ellen Carr
Ada Skelly
Madeline McCloskey
Joseph McCloskey
Fr. Rick Thompson
Steven Shultz
Lena Jane Steiner
Bill Smith
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Carter T. Williams

To add or remove intentions from the combined prayer list, or the Military list, please contact either parish office.

Happy Labor Day



Weekly Readings

FOR THE WEEK OF
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 1a/Jas 2:1-5/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

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

Pray for Our Military, Especially . . .

Landon Hines
Jeremy (J.J.) Dawson
Jacob Medley
Matthew McCandless
Russell Bauer
Jimmy Adley
Jon Clark
Evan French
Simon Geibel
Brian Kusner
Hayden Neff
Jonah Bartholic





Warm wishes and blessings to those recently baptized at St. Francis Parish.

Dylan Georgetta Gross

daughter of Ryan & Megan Gross
&

Elsie Claire Hanlon

daughter of Jared & Abby Hanlon

Welcome to our faith community!



Congratulations to . . .

Brooke Stahlman & Tanner Schaffner

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Clare Parish on August 24, 2024
May God Bless your marriage!*



Prayers for comfort & peace to the family & friends of the recently departed,

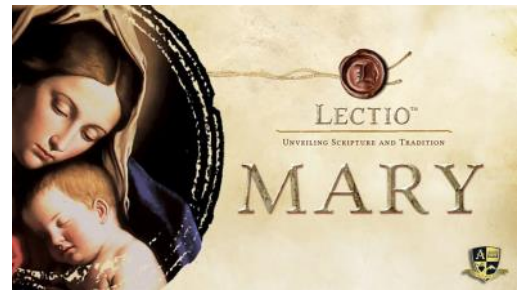
from St. Francis Parish: **Grace Maurhoff**

from St. Clare Parish: **Rita Geibel**

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



Why is Mary so important to Catholics, and why have so many people been devoted to her over the centuries?



In this 8-part series, Dr. Brant Pitre examines what the Old and New Testaments, the life of Christ, and the early Church fathers reveal about the life and identity of Mary.

The **St. Clare Parish Fall Bible Study** will feature *Mary, Unveiling Scripture and Tradition*, by Dr. Brant Petri from Formed. Sessions, facilitated by Joanne Brown, will **begin on Saturday, September 28th, from 10:15-11:45 am at Mater Dolorosa**. There will be 4 sessions for Fall, and the remaining 4 sessions will resume in the Spring. **For more information, please contact Rosemary Meier** (contact the office for number) or **Sue Fraley**. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Mary, the Mother of God, and her presence in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition.

OUT OF EGYPT

See the story of Moses and the Exodus with new eyes! Using a combination of explanatory video by Fr. Tim Peters and



the Ignatius Study Bible Book of Exodus, we will explore the plagues, the commandments, the miracles and the wanderings in the desert as the Jewish people strive to reach the land promised to them by God.

Join the St. Francis Parish Bible Buddies (Wednesdays) or the Faithful Friends (Thursdays) from 10am to 12pm in the Café of St. Joseph Hall in Cabot. This is a 25 week study that **begins on September 25th**. Register with Jean Hlivko-Neely by contacting the St. Francis Parish Office, by **September 6th** so that materials can be ordered.



The next **St. Clare Senior Pot Luck Lunch** is **Wednesday, September 11th**, at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm. Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship! All are welcome!

Labor Day Masses on Monday, September 2nd are at **9:00 AM** at St. Joseph in Cabot & Mater Dolorosa in Chicora

Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –AUGUST 25, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$8,477.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,851.05
Total Offertory	\$10,328.05

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$181.21
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$89,842.21
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Utility/Fuel Fund	\$21.10
Feast of the Assumption	\$20.55

**Thank you for your continued support of
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**The Second Collection Today at St. Francis
Parish is for Parish Appeal**

ST. CLARE PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –AUGUST 25, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$6,490.00
Offertory - Online	\$977.00
Total Offertory	\$7,467.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$190.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$38,516.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$105.00
School Support	\$60.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$86.00
Community Dinner	\$5.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$15.00
World Mission Sunday	\$30.00
All Saints	\$15.00

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Come and See

You may have a friend or family member who is searching, struggling, wondering what life is all about. A coworker may have asked you questions about the Catholic Church. Perhaps someone you know is looking for a sense of community or has a desire to hear more about the Good News of Jesus Christ and serve others. We are all on this journey of faith and discovery together, and we as Church are here to accompany one another.



Group sessions for our OCIA (Formerly RCIA) are offered at St. Mary's, Herman, PA. These sessions are for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. All who are not baptized, baptized into another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but have not yet received the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation are invited to attend.

All inquiries are welcome! There is no commitment, only a phone call or an email to begin. **Sessions will begin on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 pm.**

You are cordially and warmly invited to discover the treasure of the Catholic Faith. Please prayerfully consider coming or inviting someone to attend. Contact Angie Robb at angela@saintfrancisparish.net or (724) 352-2149 ext. 208, or Cathy Rodgers (contact the St. Clare office for her contact information) to begin a conversation about the journey of faith.

The **St Clare Parish Christian Mothers & Women** meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 4th, at 6:30pm in Biller Hall** at Mater Dolorosa (following the 6pm Mass).



The group is excited to welcome a guest speaker from the local chapter of **Isaiah 117 House**. The mission of Isaiah 117 is to provide a safe and comforting transition for children removed from their homes, awaiting foster care placement. Friendly and loving volunteers provide clean clothes, smiles, toys, and snuggly blankets, allowing children to receive the comfort and care they need while child welfare staff can do the necessary paperwork and identify a good placement. **Everyone is welcome to attend and hear this important message.** You don't have to belong to the Christian Mothers to attend!



The Apple Dumpling Festival will not be held this year due to supply issues. The Apple Dumpling Festival WILL BE held next year. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Pick up a **St. Clare Parish 2025 Lottery Calendar** now. Calendars are a \$20 donation and available in the church entrance at each St. Clare church.



Children's Faith Formation



Registration Forms are Due Now!

St. Francis Parish

September 10- Confirmation Meeting 7PM : Parent, Candidate, and Sponsors in St. Joseph Church, Cabot

September 15- CFF Elementary (9:15AM, 9:45AM & 12:15PM) - Edge in Session (6-8PM)

September 22- CFF in Session
- **Edge in Session (Parents are to attend with 8th grade only)**

September 29- CFF in session

St. Clare Parish

September 11- Confirmation Meeting 7PM : Parent, Candidate, and Sponsors in St. Wendelin Hall

September 15- Elementary in Session (9:00)
- **Middle School in Session (6-8PM)**

September 22- Elementary

September 29- Elementary
- **Middle School (Parents are to attend with 8th grade only)**

All are invited to join us for a **do-nut social** on **Sunday, September 29th at St. Wendelin, following the 10:30 am Mass.** Suzanne Ekas



from the St. Francis Prayer Blanket Ministry will be joining us with a variety of blankets that the group has to offer and information about what the prayer blanket ministry does. The ministry has distributed 1200 blankets over the last nine years. The 15 members of the group gather weekly and pray for those recipients. Anyone is welcome to request a blanket for someone and the recipient doesn't have to be a parishioner or be Catholic, anyone in need of prayer may receive this gift. The blankets are beautifully wrapped, blessed, and have a pocket that includes a rosary. Stop in to request a blanket, or check them out and know that you may request one any time!



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their first pancake breakfast of the season on **September 15th at**

St. Wendelin Hall from 8:00 am - 12:30 pm. Adults \$7, Children \$3.



Save the Date!!

LET THERE BE CHRISTMAS

First-ever St. Francis & St. Clare combined Annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15th @ 2 pm at St. Wendelin Church, Butler.

Refreshments immediately following! It's not too late, if you are interested in participating, contact Steve Dunn!

The St. Francis Parish Rummage Sale Was A Success!

Many, many thanks for:

- All of the generous and beautiful donations.
- All of the volunteers from St Francis and St Clare parishes and the community who worked tirelessly to organize, prepare, and staff the sale.
- All of the small businesses who helped with supplies.
- All of the crowds who came, shopped, and supported our event.

*Thank
you*

After expenses, the Guild netted \$10,238. As a result, the Marian Guild will continue their charitable activities such as providing food for the holidays for local families in need.

Thanks again for all of your support!

Thank you to the volunteers from St. Clare Parish who helped



at the community dinner at St. Paul on August 20th. Volunteers served a record setting 375 dinners! It was a grueling afternoon of packing, packing and more packing! St. Clare volunteers at St. Wendelin will host the dinner again on October 22 and December 17. New volunteers are welcome - contact the St. Clare office if you would like to help!

Congratulations to the St. Clare Ca\$h Raffle Winners!

\$1,000 Rick Miller
\$500 Katie Larkin
\$250 Brandon Bowser



Thanks to all who sold and purchased tickets!

A complete list of **raffle basket winners** is available in the entrances of each St. Clare church. Thanks to all who donated!

NEXT WEEK

The **Fall Festival** has many areas that are **in need of help before, during and after** the festival!

Please consider donating a few hours of your time and sign up for a spot. Many hands make light work! Sign up online at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B44ACAB22A3F4C16-50025169-2024> (link on the St. Francis website), or call the office!

A few other reminders:

- ⇒ We are in need of delicious **baked goods and rolls** for the dinner.
- ⇒ Please turn in any **raffle basket** donations ASAP!
- ⇒ Donations for the Country Store are needed. Bring your **baked goods, produce and preserves to the Country Store Tent** located in the office driveway the morning of the festival.
- ⇒ We will be putting up the festival tents at St. Joseph on **September 5th from 6:00-7:00 pm**. Any help would be appreciated if you can come!
- ⇒ **Please note** the changes in Mass times (see intention page) at St. Joseph in Cabot on September 7 & 8 due to the festival!



ST. FRANCIS PARISH Fall Festival 2024 at St. Joseph Church

315 Stoney Hollow Rd.
Cabot, PA 16023

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 11 AM TO 5 PM

DINE IN OR TAKE OUT Ham or Chicken dinner with
all the sides, beverage, and dessert.

Adults—\$15.00	Children under 12—\$6.00
 Large Basket Raffle	 Instant Bingo
 Outside Food Stand	 Bingo
 Lucky 77 Game	 Children's Games
 Cornhole Game	 Country Store
 Cash Raffle	



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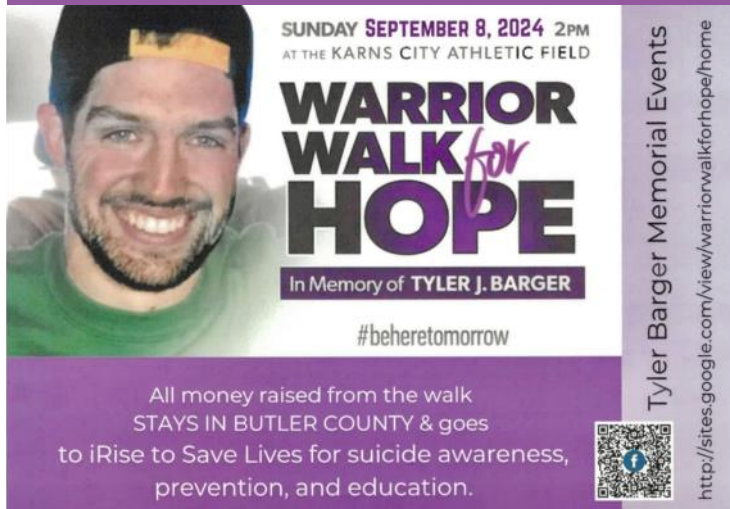
 **ULTIMATE
SPORTS RAFFLE**

**Location: RC MEN'S CLUB - Herman, PA
Sept. 28, 2024**

BEEF • PIG • CHICKEN BBQ
\$500.00 Earlybird drawing Sept. 6th at 8:00
\$25.00 Donation
PRIZES GIVEN EVERY 10 MINUTES!
(Gates open at 11:30 am)
Food and Beverages included

Tickets are available at the parish offices, Herman Mini Mart, Schnurs Country Market, Martins Sales & Service, Fenelton Market & Fenelton Firearms.
Volunteers and donations always needed! For more information, questions, or to volunteer, contact Gary Martin, Leann Bauer, or Linda at the Parish office.

Registration Forms are available in each church entrance at both St. Clare & St. Francis



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2024 2PM
AT THE KARN'S CITY ATHLETIC FIELD

WARRIOR WALK for HOPE
In Memory of **TYLER J. BARGER**
#beheretomorrow

All money raised from the walk STAYS IN BUTLER COUNTY & goes to iRise to Save Lives for suicide awareness, prevention, and education.

Tyler Barger Memorial Events
<http://sites.google.com/view/warriorwalkforhope/home>

Suicide Healing and Remembrance Mass September is Suicide Prevention Month. There were 35 suicides in Butler County last year. Suicide remains a serious public threat that touches the lives of many Americans. **Please join us for a Suicide Healing & Remembrance Mass on Sunday, September 15th at 2 pm at St. John the Evangelist Church** (668 Clearfield Road, Fenelton, PA). This Mass will be a time to remember our loved ones lost to suicide and to pray for people who have struggled with suicide ideation. The Mass will also acknowledge the individuals, families, and communities that have been impacted. If you choose, you will have an opportunity to place your loved one's name in the church as a memorial for the month of September. Please join us to pray for those suffering with mental illness and those who have been affected by suicide.



ORDER DUE DATE-NOVEMBER 11th
You can help honor all of our deceased veterans at Christmas.
Wreaths are \$17 each and the due date for orders is NOVEMBER 11, 2024. December 14th is **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY**, when wreaths can be picked up at 11am at St. Wendelin Cemetery. Order forms are available on the parish website, at the parish office, or contact the office to get the number of Gary Meier.

Welcome September

St. Wendelin School PTC

Fall mum Sale

9" assorted color Mum's-Cost: \$10.00
Order Due by: September 4th
Pick Up: September 26th, 11am -12:30 pm & 2 - 5 pm at St Wendelin's Church Pavilion
Mums Provided by Schnur's Green House

Important Please return order form, check made out to "St Wendelin's School" in an envelope marked "Fall Mum" and place in drop off box at the front entrance of the school. *Contact the school office at 724-285-4986 with any questions.*

Name: _____

Quantity: _____

Amt Enclosed: _____

Contact number: _____



My Ascension

Join us for a viewing of
My Ascension followed by a
panel discussion



AT 16 YEARS OLD EMMA BENOIT ATTEMPTED TO END HER LIFE. THROUGH NAVIGATING THE CHALLENGES OF RECOVERY, SHE DISCOVERS PURPOSE AND PASSION IN HELPING OTHER STRUGGLING TEENS. MY ASCENSION IS THE STORY OF THE DAY THAT CHANGED EMMA'S LIFE, AND EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED SINCE.

When: September 25, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Where: St. Wendelin Hall
210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA

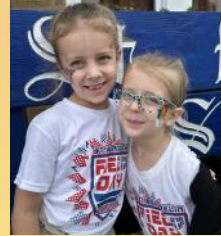
Presented by St. Francis and St. Clare Parishes
and Butler VA Health Care System

Thank You!

To our...organizers,



Tent sponsors,
Food donors,
Bread cutters,
Vegetable preparers,
Setup crew,



Dishwashers,
Kitchen crew,
Servers,
Dining room crew,
Dessert makers,
Dessert cutters,
Raffle donors,



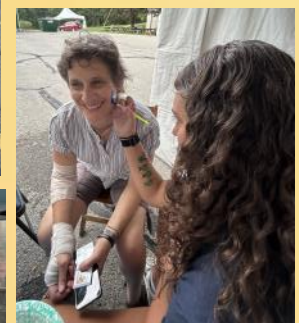
Ticket sellers,
St. Wendelin School,
Bingo helpers,
Refreshment stand crew,
Game booth operators,



Face painters,
Money Counters,
The Knights of Columbus,
Car show organizers,
Car show participants,



The Second Chance Band,
Parking & shuttle crew,
Clean up crew,



... And all who helped or
participated in any way!
The St. Clare Parish Picnic
was a success thanks to all
of you and your dedication.
Thank You!



DID YOU KNOW?

Gregorian Masses

Gregorian Masses are Masses that are celebrated for thirty consecutive days for a particular departed soul. This thirty-day series is called "Gregorian" because its origin goes back to Pope St. Gregory the Great, who reigned in the sixth century. Pope Gregory was a monk who founded a monastery on his family's estate in Rome. A monk called Justus, on his deathbed, admitted to hoarding money for himself despite a vow of poverty. Gregory, being concerned for Justus' spiritual welfare, ordered that Mass be celebrated for him 30 days in a row without interruption. It is said that a brother monk had a vision of Justus following the 30 days of Masses. It revealed that Justus was delivered from Purgatory. These Masses are typically celebrated in monasteries, seminaries, etc. The Gregorian Masses clearly affirm the Catholic doctrine of Purgatory.



Catholic Identity Program Family Link This Week's Virtue: **JUSTICE**

Justice is respecting the rights of others and giving them what's rightfully theirs.



THE CHOSEN is back! The Chosen is a multi-season movie series about Jesus

and his apostles. All are welcome to come and watch Season 4 on Friday nights at 7 pm, beginning on September 13th, at Abba's House (320 W. Main Street, Saxonburg). Join in for a fun and spiritually enriching evening of watching the acclaimed series, followed by meaningful discussion. If you haven't seen seasons 1-3, we have DVDs that you can borrow. Contact Dan Fritz if you have any questions (call the office for his information).

Festival! Saturday, September 7th at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Cadogan from **11am-9pm**. Come and enjoy amazing food at reasonable prices! Choose from pierogies, cabbage & noodles, roast beef sandwiches, and more! There is a Basket Raffle featuring 100 + baskets! Plus tons of Kids Games, and a Bounce House! Everyone welcome!

TOGETHER.
WE CAN MAKE
ABORTION
UNTHINKABLE



ABBY JOHNSON

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

8

2:00PM

THE OAKS THEATER
310 Allegheny River Blvd,
Oakmont, PA

UNTHINKABLE

WITH ABBY JOHNSON

Is the shocking exposé of the abortion industry and its darkest secrets. After telling her story in the best-selling book *Unplanned* and the subsequent dramatic film of the same name, Abby wanted to dive deeper into her story of transformation from celebrated leader at Planned Parenthood to the outspoken pro-life leader who is now rescuing those with even more horrific experiences than her. Her message is one of bringing the Truth with a call to exemplify the heart of Christ as an army of radical PRO LIFE and PRO LOVE women and men who are called to have the grace and mercy of God even for the wicked.

SCAN TO BUY
TICKETS



To watch the trailer, visit:
UNTHINKABLEDOC.COM

BINGO! on September 2nd, located at Holy Sepulcher Campus, 1304 E. Cruickshank Rd. Doors open at 6 pm. Bingo starts at 7 pm. 10 regular games and 3 specials. Snacks/drinks available! 18 or older to play. Hosted by Knights of Columbus.

Retrouvaille - Hope for Marriages & Families-Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples who can help you learn the tools of healthy communication to build intimacy, to heal and to get your relationship back on track, just as they have done in their own marriages. For information about our **September 13-15, 2024 Retrouvaille Weekend** contact: 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org or 412-277-3434.

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 **ocdspa06@gmail.com** for more information on attending a meeting.



Calling all Alumni

Are You a Proud Alumni of a Catholic Elementary School in Pittsburgh?

Whether your school has merged, changed names, or stayed the same, we'd love to reconnect with you!

Reunite with your classmates as well as with your new NHRCES family, and share your journey with us.

Your story is a vital part of our history. Reach out today and stay connected!

Reconnect, Contribute, Inspire:
Invest in an NHRCES Education
TODAY!

