



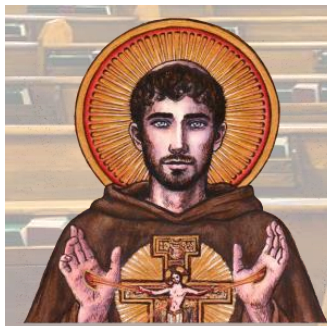
Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi

October 13, 2024



28th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27



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11:00am-12:00 pm - St. Mary
12:00pm-12:30pm - St. John
12:00 pm-1:00 pm - St. Joseph
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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, October 12	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Marlene Price	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Jim & Marcie Gray	Susan, Mary Kay, and Barbara
Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Deceased Members of the Reott Family	
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Dale & Marge Karenbauer	Deb & Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Wanda Riemer	Rich & Jackie Sherrieb
Monday, October 14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Columbus Day	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Rose Green	Sharon Snyder
Tuesday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. John	Joanne Turka	Gary & Yolanda
Wednesday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	John Parison Jr.	Marty & Frank Palko
Thursday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Dakota	Daughters
Friday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	James C. Meyer	St. Joseph Choir
Saturday, October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Lucille Green	Wayne & Candy Bauer
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	David Widenhofer	Gene & Shirley
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Placeres Davidek	Mary Ann Calse
Sunday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Dorothy & Walter Jaworski	Family
	8:30 AM	St. John	Louis Bauldoff	Wife
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Rodney Scott	Gail & Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Steve Slanicka Sr.	Slanicka Family

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, October 12	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Bob O'Donnell	Larry & Cathie O'Donnell
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Herbert Ritzert	Family
Sunday, October 13 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gerry Osche	Ruth Raybuck
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Richard "Dick" Callihan	Judy Callihan & Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tony & Roberta Neff's 61st Wedding Anniversary	Karyn "Sis" Marchyshyn
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Leo Rodgers Sr.	Wife
Monday, October 14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr; Columbus Day	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
Tuesday, October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	Dave & Patty Baylor
Wednesday, October 16 St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Pearl Kocher
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Family
Thursday, October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rita Geibel Musthaf	Mary & Ed Grenet
Friday, October 18 St. Luke, Evangelist	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Steve Birckbichler	Bob & Norma Miller
Saturday, October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Agnes Tomsey	Bob & Judy
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Don Wise	Joyce Zanella
Sunday, October 20 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time World Mission Sunday	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bob Forster	Becky Forster
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Irma L. Potchak	Don Tamura & Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Tracy Weiland	Elaine & Nick Minto
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Leo Rodgers Jr.	Mom



MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a wonderful week we have had in the parishes! We celebrated the Feast of St. Francis, had a wonderful event with Alicia Hartle, Bishop Waltersheid was here for two days in a row to speak about Blessed Carlo Acutis and show us Blessed Carlo's amazing display of Eucharistic miracles. Lots of things going on! Sometimes I think that this is how we show ourselves that we are alive and healthy and working; we do lots of things. We have lots of things. We spin many plates and have many irons in the fire. This, we think, means that we are doing it. We are living up to our fullest potential. The Readings this week, however, kind of call us in a different direction. Instead of more, our Readings challenge us to less!

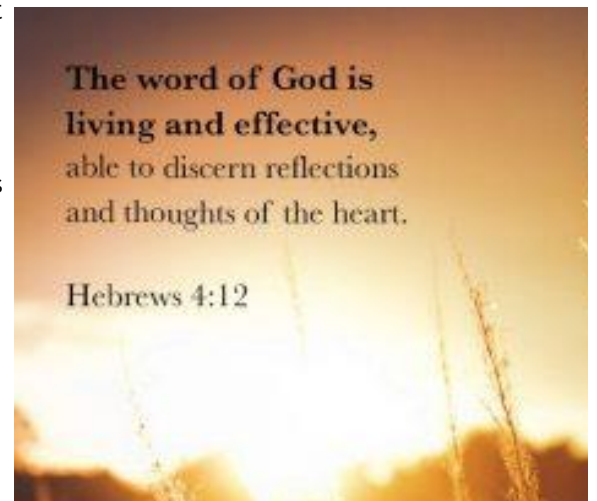
In my first assignment as a priest I witnessed kids playing a game at vacation Bible school called "The Camel and the Eye of the Needle." In this game the kids were given all kinds of good things to carry around in a backpack. They had candy and books and games and toys. First they had to run through an obstacle course and then at the very end, they had to kind of shimmy underneath this low bar to the finish line. What the kids came to realize is that they couldn't make it under the bar carrying everything. They had to take some things out of the bag in order to make it through. In the Gospel for today, Jesus says that it is easier for the camel to get through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of God. To the culture in Jesus' time this was shocking because if a person was wealthy and had many things it was thought that this person was blessed by God. They were assumed to be living a good life and those with little were assumed to be living a bad life. Jesus, as He likes to do, turns this worldly idea upside down. The rich, those who have many things, will find it hard to enter the Kingdom. Why? Because of their attachment to their many things! So Jesus here is calling us to less.

How do we know what to keep and what is extra in our lives? How do we get to less? We find the answer in the First Reading. King Solomon could have had anything in the world, but what did he ask God for? Not money. Not stuff. Not things. He asked for Wisdom. A few weeks ago I told you the line I heard that defined wisdom. It said that knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit and wisdom is knowing not to put tomatoes in your fruit salad. Solomon asks for wisdom and says that he is given prudence. Does this mean that he didn't receive what he asked for? No. In fact, prudence is often defined as practical wisdom. Prudence involves action. It means to think things through and to understand with some foresight, the probable outcome of your actions. The person who is prudent discerns what action is in line with the reality of God's will for us, and does that. Prudence can help us to rightly discern what is too much and answer the challenge to less.

The Second Reading for today is really interesting. Did you even notice that even though you have read or heard a story in the Bible a hundred times, each time that you read it, it seems a little different? I notice this a lot. When I look back over the many times that I have written to you in the bulletin, I am amazed to find that what I focused on eight or ten years ago is completely different from what I am focusing on now, even though it is the exact same readings! Why do you think this is? Well the Second Reading tells us that the Word of God is "living and effective"! It's alive! *The Word Among Us* put it this way; when we read the Word of God, the Word of God also reads us! It is as if we are the man in the Gospel standing before Jesus. He says, teacher I have read these words and done them, but something is still missing. Then Jesus, the Word of God Made Flesh, reads the man and tells him what more he needs to do. The Word reads the man and shows him what he needs to do to answer the challenge to less. Jesus will do the same for you and for me if we approach Him and ask Him.

This week, let us answer the challenge to less. Let us seek not to fill ourselves but to empty a little. Let us be wise and prudent. Read the Word of God and allow the Word to read you and show you what you can take out of your backpack so that you will fit under the bar.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Rod Meely
Eliza O'Donnell
Finley Skiff
Shelly Double-Barnhart
Michael Karenbauer
Tracy Anderson
Robert Kriess
Marie
Gary Black
Tom Green
Ian McElroy
Ann Annarella
Robert Clouse
Tony
Abby Koenig
Jerry Ruediger
Dick Curry
Killian Eakman
George Kepple
Regis Fallecker Jr.
Shawn Nolan
Sheri Payne
Diane Krapf
Danny Krapf
Nancy
Hayes Markle
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
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
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
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Cheryl Brown
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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



Weekly Readings

FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 8⁰ 9⁷ 9¹

Sunday: Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13,
14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk
10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27,
31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-
7/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43,
44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-
2, 3 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-
3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-
11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-
3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4
-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/
Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Pray for Our Military, Especially . . .

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



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

Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day Memorial Service

October is Respect Life Month & Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Month. October 15th is the International Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day. Parents, grandparents, relatives and friends are invited to share in this special day of remembrance **on October 15th at 6 pm at St. Joseph Church** in Cabot for an understanding and compassionate prayer service to help us honor these children and support those grieving their loss. Whether the loss was decades ago or just last week, your baby deserves to be remembered and honored. This Christian service is for all faiths and will include music, prayers, scripture and poetry. We will participate in the worldwide "Wave of Light" following our candle lighting ceremony. All are encouraged to participate by lighting a candle or turning on lights during the 7pm hour on October 15th. Registration is encouraged but not required, the invitation and registration form is available in the church entrances, or on the parish website. For more details or questions, contact the Elizabeth Ministry Chapter by email at outreach@saintfrancisparish.net or 724-352-2149 x214.



Anointing Mass: Healing of Mind, Body, and Spirit

All are welcome at a special Mass on **Sunday, October 20th at 2 pm at St. Joseph in Cabot**, during which we will 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. **Ushers and greeters are needed**, if you would like to help, please call the St. Francis office.



St. Francis Parish Respect Life group will have volunteers attending the 40 Days for Life vigil every

Thursday from 1-3 pm, now throughout October, peacefully praying outside Planned Parenthood in Pittsburgh. Any volunteers who wish to attend, please contact Cil Love, via the office, for details.

2025 Mass Intentions

Mass Intention Request Books are now available for 2025. Please contact **Linda at the St. Francis office, and Nicole at the St. Clare office** to request intentions.

St. Clare Parish (St. Wendelin) is hosting the **Community Dinner** at St. Paul in Butler on Tuesday, **October 22nd**. Volunteers are needed to pack and distribute the carry out meals from 3-6:30pm. No dessert donations are needed this month. If you are interested in volunteering, *call the St. Clare office and leave your name by Friday, October 18th*. St. Wendelin also hosts on Tuesday, **December 17th** and volunteers and desserts will be needed then. Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries around Butler.



MUSIC NEWS- REHEARSAL UPDATES:

We are expanding **CHRISTMAS CONCERT Rehearsals** to help provide schedule flexibility. *The Monday rehearsals are NOT mandatory and being offered as optional sessions.*

Wednesdays, October 9th & 23rd @ St Wendelin @ 6 pm
Mondays, October 14th & 28th @ St John @ 6 pm (not mandatory)

Regular Choir Rehearsals as follows:

St John every other Monday @ 6 pm
St Joseph, Cabot every other Wednesday @ 6 pm
St Wendelin every other Wednesday @ 6 pm
Please attend your regular rehearsals to prepare for Christmas Masses and other upcoming, important liturgies.



National Faith & Blue Weekend

Communities are stronger and safer when residents and law enforcement professionals can relate as ordinary people with shared values, hopes, and dreams. The partners who are a part of National Faith & Blue Weekend believe we can find ways to work together around our many commonalities instead of being divided by our differences. **Continue to Pray for all law enforcement and the communities they protect.**

Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –OCTOBER 6, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$10,287.00
Offertory - Online	\$4,739.28
Total Offertory	\$15,026.28

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$5,520.26
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$111,423.93
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Mission Sunday	\$250.28
Mission Cooperative	\$45.00
Cabot Food Bank	\$25.00
Utility/Energy Fund.....	\$11.38
Religious Retirement Fund .	\$10.28
Bishop's Education Fund	\$1.00

**Thank you for your continued support of
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ST. CLARE PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –OCTOBER 6, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$8,703.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,510.00
Total Offertory	\$10,213.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$690.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$41,262.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$352.00
School Support	\$962.00
Mission Sunday	\$140.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00
All Saints Day	\$60.00

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October 20th is World Mission Sunday. Pray & give generously next weekend to ensure that the Gospel continues to spread, bringing hope, love, and salvation to those in need.

St. Francis of Assisi Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Women



Our next meeting is **Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30 AM** in the Café at St. Joseph Hall, Cabot. We will begin with our traditional CMW prayers. A brief business meeting will include: a vote on the slate of officers for 2025/2026, updates on upcoming events, reflections on our mission as Christian Mothers and Women, and time for refreshments and fellowship. Meetings are open to all women who are interested in learning more about the confraternity. **Note: Meeting time has been changed to the morning.**



St. Francis Parish is offering shopping passes for **Bosco's Friends Helping Friends** one day event, on **October 22, 2024**. Pass holders receive 25% off purchases at Bosco's that day, in-store and online, plus a chance to register for a \$100 Bosco's Gift Card! Each **pass is \$5** and all proceeds go to St. Francis Parish. Shopping passes will be available after Masses at St. John and at the office.



St. Francis Knights of Columbus are hosting their first pancake breakfast buffet of the year! **Sunday, October 20th, St. Joseph Church Hall (Cabot), 8 AM – 1 PM**. Menu will include a variety of pancakes, sliced ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, tea, and coffee! Best breakfast around, give us a try, you'll be glad you did!

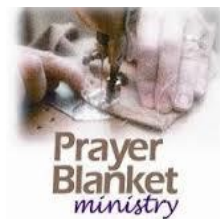


The Prayer Blanket Ministry will hold its annual **Fall Basket Raffle on October 20th**. Tickets will be available **after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 19th**, and during the **K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 20th**. There will be two baskets



brimming with a variety of must-have fall items. The winning tickets will be pulled at 1 PM. Winner need not be present. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to help sustain our ministry.

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is also asking for donations of ribbon as our supply of 2-2 1/2" wired ribbon is dwindling, especially in the primary colors. We appreciate however you can help. Thanks!



St Clare Christian Mothers & Women are hosting a **Hoagie Sale and Donut Social** in **DePaul Hall at St Joseph, N.O.** on **Sunday, October 20th** from 9-11 am. 12-inch Deli, Italian, Ham, Turkey & Roast Beef hoagies will be available for \$8.



Donuts and drinks provided free for Social Time! Come and Join Us, Everyone is invited to attend!



2024 St. Clare Parish Picnic Financial Totals

Category	Income	Expense	Total Profit/ Expense
DINNERS	\$15,008.00	-\$7,652.64	\$7,355.36
BASKET RAFFLE	\$13,841.00	-\$650.97	\$13,190.03
REFRESHMENT			
STAND	\$1,696.00	-\$15.33	\$1,680.67
BINGO	\$354.00	\$0.00	\$354.00
KITCHEN	\$321.00	\$0.00	\$321.00
KIDS GAMES	\$282.25	-\$131.28	\$150.97
RAFFLE TICKETS	\$4,336.00	-\$2,195.00	\$2,141.00
KIDS 99 GAMES	\$1,420.00	-\$204.74	\$1,215.26
ADULT 99 GAMES	\$2,020.00	-\$416.84	\$1,603.16
TENTS	\$1,700.00	-\$3,153.00	-\$1,453.00
DONATIONS	\$3,362.00	\$0.00	\$3,362.00
BAND	\$0.00	-\$125.00	-\$125.00
CAR CRUISE	\$115.55	-\$365.55	-\$250.00
SIGNS	\$0.00	-\$50.00	-\$50.00
DUMPSTER & PORTA JOHN	\$0.00	-\$875.00	-\$875.00
ADVERTISING	\$0.00	-\$314.00	-\$314.00
SHUTTLE BUS	\$0.00	-\$340.00	-\$340.00
	\$44,455.80	-\$16,489.35	\$27,966.45

The Saint Francis Fall Festival wrap up meeting will be **Thursday, October 17th at 6:30 pm** in the **hall at St Joseph, Cabot**. All are welcome to join. Please bring any suggestions for improvement with you to the meeting.



In case you missed it— lists of the Fall Festival Basket winners and donors can be found in the St. Francis church entrances. If you won a basket and have no real use for the basket itself, we would love to have it returned! We greatly appreciate your help. Baskets may be left in the entrance of any of our churches or at the church offices. Thanks!

You can help honor all of our deceased veterans at Christmas. Wreaths are \$17 each and orders are due by **NOVEMBER 11th.**



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 St. Clare parish website, at the office, or contact the office to contact Gary Meier.

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 Parish church. Completed stub and payment can be dropped in the collection or at the St. Clare office.



30 Days of
GRATITUDE

Register for daily text messages all November that will help draw you closer to God through gratitude.

Text GRATITUDE2024 to 84576.

PARISH OF ST. CLARE
PITTSBURGH

Remember in your prayers
ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY RECENT FLOODING

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STRENGTH, A VERY PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE. THEREFORE WE WILL NOT FEAR...THOUGH THE WATERS THEREOF ROAR AND BE TROUBLED.

— PSALM 46



Respect Life Month Opportunities

Oct 15th Pregnancy & Infant Loss Remembrance Day Memorial Service- 6:00 – 7:00 pm

@ St Joseph, Cabot. A beautiful prayer service to acknowledge our precious children whose lives ended too soon. Whether your loss was decades ago or just last week, please sign up by Oct 6th to join us for this peaceful service. Forms are

available in church and on the Parish website.

Now – Nov 3rd International 40 Days for Life – Fall 2024 Campaign. Join us in prayer, fasting, community outreach, and/or a peaceful vigil for an end to abortion.

Pittsburgh Vigil Details: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm, Outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh Just show up any day and time. A team member will greet you. Signs will be available if desired. Pray and/or reach out to those passing by. Offer hope and resources to those who stop. Weekly St. Francis Parish Vigil Shift in Pittsburgh: Thurs, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, carpool will depart from St Joseph, Cabot at **noon**.

Fasting and Prayer Signup:

Visit: <https://signup.com/go/OhMDxAr> or scan this QR code to sign up for a 24 hour time slot to fast (liquids only or bread and water) during the 40 Days for Life.



Elizabeth Ministry St Francis Parish Chapter – Amazon Wish List:

Visit: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2WV2NUOLHP1RB?ref_=wl_share or scan this QR code to shop for items for our Elizabeth Ministry. Monetary or gift card donations also appreciated.



If you have any questions or wish to help plan our Adoption & Foster Fair for November, please email outreach@saintfrancisparch.net or call 724-352-2149 x214.

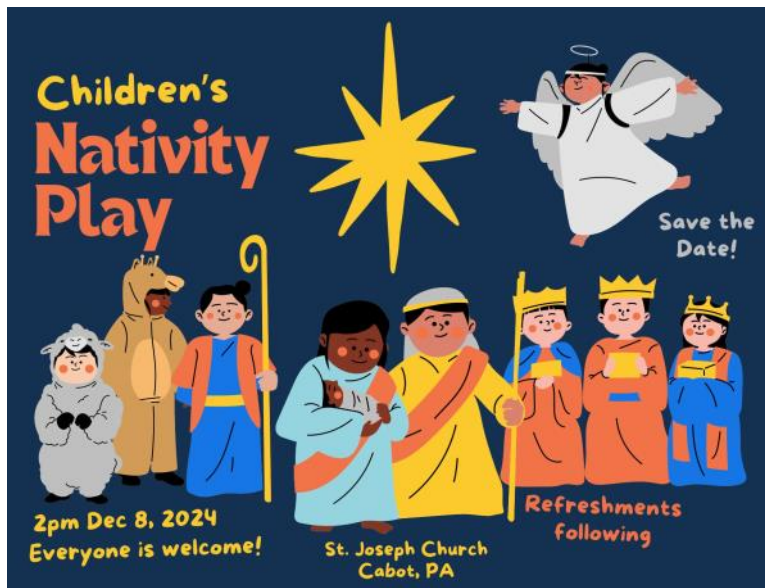
During the month of **October**, we will be **collecting items for the Care Packages for our children who are in college or the military**. We will collect for 28 individuals. Bins are in each of the churches. If you are able to contribute and need ideas, please see the list of suggestions below. Thank you for your donations! If you have any questions or would like to assist with the collection in October and/or packing of the items in November, please email outreach@saintfrancisparch.net.

Care Package Ideas

Rice Krispy treats
Bars (granola, protein, cereal...)
Pop Tarts (1 2-pack per child)
Cereal (single serving boxes)
Pastries / Muffins / Honey Buns
Microwave popcorn (1 per child)
Cookies (not homemade)
Cheese crackers (Cheez-its, Goldfish...)
Combos
Sandwich crackers (not peanut butter)
Fruit snacks/rolls
Jerky sticks
Candy
Cup of Soup / Mac n Cheese (1 per child)
Brownie / Cake in Mug mixes (1 per child)
Single Serving Beverage Powders (Hot chocolate packets, Tea (wrapped bags), Coffee singles)
Gift Cards (Sheetz, Amazon, Walmart)
Pocket sized Kleenex
Small packs of Wipes
Cough drops / hard candies
Bookmarks
Inspirational/Biblical Quotes
Sticky Note pads
Stress ball
Lip balm / Chapstick
Gum
Religious / Spiritual Gift Items

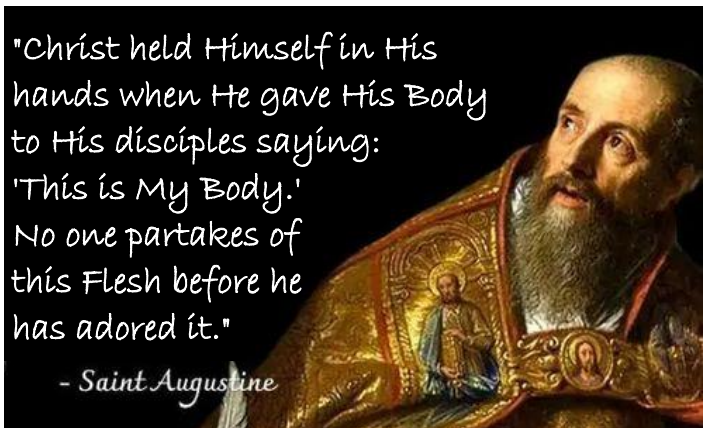
Please AVOID....

Nuts
Liquid items that can leak
Chocolates that may melt
Items that may easily crumble
Heavy or bulky items (to keep postage down)
Scented items that may spread in the box



"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

- Saint Augustine



Children's Faith Formation News



St. Francis Parish

- October 13:** No regular classes
Empowering God's Children Lesson
 PreK-5- 9:15-10:30AM
 Grades 6-8- 12:15-1:30PM
- October 20:** Elementary
 Youth Mass 11AM St. Joseph Church
- October 27:** Elementary
 Middle School

St. Clare Parish

- October 13:** OFF
- October 20:** Elementary
 Middle School
- October 27:** Elementary



St. Wendelin School students are selling **Daffin's chocolate bars** for \$1 each. Mixed varieties are also available to purchase by the case (36 bars). Single bars are available from school families, as well as in the entrance of St. Wendelin and Mater Dolorosa. Families are also selling **Bosco's Friends Helping Friends Shopping Passes** for \$5 to use on October 22nd. Contact any school family or the school office for more information and as always, thank you for supporting St. Wendelin School!



St. Wendelin School Bingo Night October 18th

at St. Wendelin Church Hall
 Doors Open at 6 pm and Bingo Starts at 7 pm
 Bingo ** Concessions ** 50/50 **Winner Takes All
 Cost \$20 for Triple Row Packet, \$10 Single Row Packet & \$5 for every additional Single Row Packet
 \$8 Dinner Special-Pepperoni Roll, Salad, Dessert, Drink or \$6 Special of Pepperoni Roll and Drink
 Next Bingo Night November 15th

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

Mia is in the 3rd grade class this year. Her family likes to go camping. Mia enjoys cheering and playing soccer. She has not decided what she would like to do when she is older.



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

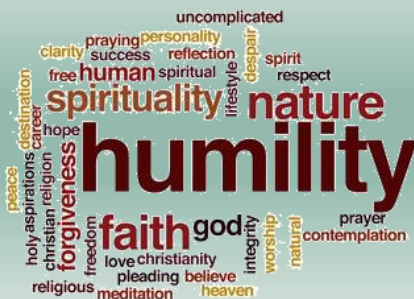


Sunday, October 13th, 1-3 pm
Football with Fr. Matt!
In the field at St. Wendelin

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

Catholic Identity Program Family Link This Week's Virtue: HUMILITY

Humility is the virtue that enables us to acknowledge that God is the source of all good.



SUNDAY OCT 27th	SAINT MARY'S YOUTH GROUP ROOM HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP PARTY 5:30 - 8:00pm
NOVEMBER TBA	VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FRIENDSGIVING
DECEMBER TBA	CHRISTMAS PARTY
patrick@saintfrancisparish.net sue@saintclareparish.com	



We need your help! It's time for the **Annual Turkey Dinner** that benefits Saint Wendelin school, by providing tuition assistance to families who otherwise couldn't afford a Catholic Education. Please gather with us as we work to make this event a success. Financial donations are greatly appreciated. But also your time and talents are needed before, during and after the dinner. Please prayerfully consider the ways you can help. **Sign-up sheets are available in the entrance of all St. Clare parish churches.** If you can help in any way, please return the completed form to either the school, church office or via the Sunday collection or you can sign up online via the parish website. We appreciate any help you can offer, we can't do it without all of you!

 **Saint Wendelin** 

TURKEY DINNER

* Ham available upon request.

Hosted by St. Clare Parish

Sunday, November 10, 2024

11:30am - 6:00pm

St. Wendelin Church Hall

210 St. Wendelin Rd. Butler, PA



Adults: \$15.00

Children (10 & under): \$7.00

Carry-Outs: \$15.00

In need of...

Turkey Dinner Raffle Baskets

Turkey Dinner will be on Sunday, November 10, 2024

Saint Wendelin School PTG is in need of Raffle Baskets. We would like to have 30 or more baskets at the Turkey Dinner this year.

If you would like to sign up/donate please contact:

Gwen Dickey (contact school office)

Please sign up on the PTG website by October 27, 2024

All donations can be dropped off Thursday, November 7, 2024 from 4-6 p.m. at Saint Wendelin Rectory or call Gwen Dickey to make other arrangements. We appreciate all the donations we can get and we are looking forward to a wonderful turn out again this year!!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the Church blesses salt?

It does—and a powerful blessing it is. Blessed salt is a sacramental that is strongly associated with protection from demonic influences. Demons hate it. It is thus used in exorcisms, as protection in homes and living spaces, is often added to holy water, and is used in the older rite of baptism. Salt in the ancient world was a valuable substance. Roman soldiers were, in fact, often paid in salt (Latin: sal), which is where we get the word “salary” from. Because it has a preservative effect, it was used to preserve food and also used medicinally to prevent infections. In a related way, it symbolized immortality and preservation from spiritual corruption. It saw use in both pagan and Jewish religious rituals. We even have a scriptural basis for our use of salt, such as Elisha’s blessing of the sickening waters of Jericho in the second book of Kings. This event is recalled in the present-day blessing of salt. Then he went to the spring of water and threw salt in it, and said, “Thus says the Lord, I have made this water wholesome; henceforth neither death nor miscarriage shall come from it.” So the water has been wholesome to this day, according to the word which Elisha spoke.—2 Kings 2:21-22 Salt is therefore highly symbolic and its use is well-supported by Scripture. Additionally, it has always been used for flavoring and hence is associated with hospitality, good cheer, welcome, and love of neighbor—all things the devil hates. Speaking of hospitality, one of the lesser-known uses of blessed salt is as an addition to food. Yes, you can add a bit to your recipes not just for physical flavor but for spiritual blessings as well! This is a great idea to incorporate into your Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.



Italian Penne Pasta & Meatball Dinner- Benefits Butler Meals on Wheels-Tuesday., October 15th, 3-6 pm at St. Peter's Anglican Church , 218 E. Jefferson St. (Please use Cliff St. Entrance) \$12 (Purchase tickets at the door—cash or check) Includes Penne Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Dessert (Main dish by Monroe Hotel)! Open to the Public

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, October 15th and 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00pm and on October 29th from 7 to 8pm (No gathering October 1st) at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.**

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, 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 contact info).

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. The group meets on (Beginning Oct. 9th) **Wednesdays at 6pm 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 more information or visit: GriefShare.org



The Carpenter's Club Raffle to support students at **Saint Joseph High School** runs from Nov 1, 2024 through Oct 31, 2025. Based on the first number drawn in the PA Pick 3 Evening Drawing, prizes are \$300 for the first Friday of the month and \$150 for all other Fridays. Five special \$1000 drawings are also included. Cost of the ticket is \$150. Each ticket has two winning numbers AND helps a student earn a great education. For more information, contact a SJHS student or school administration at 724-224-5552.

Attend the **St. Joseph High School Fall Open House on Saturday, October 19!** Explore the campus, connect with their dedicated faculty and staff, and interact with current students and parents. Don't miss this chance to learn everything SJHS has to offer! Register online at SaintJosephHS.com.

Upcoming free information sessions about the annulment process on **October 22nd** in Brookline. Scan the QR code or visit the website for full details.



More Information Available at:
www.diopitt.org/annulments

Calling All Single Catholics, age 21 and OVER - Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Singles Club of Pittsburgh. They offer a variety of different activities including dinners, spiritual enrichment, cultural, mini golf, hikes, biking, community service, volleyball, sports leagues, trips, and many other great events. For more information, visit their website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, Email CACPghMembership@gmail.com or call 412-341-4070.

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 both parish websites.

Saint Joseph High School

Mass of Thanksgiving

**For 110 Years of Catholic Education with
Bishop David Zubik, D.D. and Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L '84**

Sunday, November 17 at 2 PM

800 Montana Avenue, Natrona Heights
Walter Dlubak Athletic Center
Dessert Reception Following Mass

Re-Dedication of the St. Joseph Statue from the original Natrona Parish
Make a reservation at SJHS110mass@saintjosephHS.com

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North Catholic High School

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