



October 20, 2024

29th SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." - Mk 10:45



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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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Saturdays:

11:00-11:30 am - Mater Dolorosa
11:00-11:30 am - St. Wendelin
11:45 am-12:15 pm- St. Joseph
(North Oakland)



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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, October 19 Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Peter of Alcantara	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
Monday, October 21	8:00 AM	St. Mary	BeBe Reott	Family
Tuesday, October 22 St. John Paul II, Pope	8:00 AM	St. John	Harold Schnur	Joanne Meehan
Wednesday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Rich Weleski	Deb & Dan Fritz
Thursday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Sick Parishioners	Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis
Friday, October 25	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Aggie Tomsey	Anne Michel
Saturday, October 26	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Agnes Tomsey	David & Denise Nebel
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	BeBe Reott	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Vivien Drewencki	John & Linda Dudkawski
Sunday, October 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Frances Bracco	Dave & Linda Bracco
	8:30 AM	St. John	Dennis Rodgers	Wife & Children
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Charles Kabel	Family

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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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
Monday, October 21	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Leo Benson	Maxine & Family
Tuesday, October 22 St. John Paul II, Pope	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Edward Tomosavic Jr.	Wife, Carol
Wednesday, October 23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Pearl Ritzert	Dick Fleeger Family
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Valjean MacKrell	Jim & Jean Spafford
Thursday, October 24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Jim Hesidence	Doris & Rick Weiland
Friday, October 25	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	James Kusner	Randy & Virginia Neff
Saturday, October 26	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Bernie & Dunmyre
Sunday, October 27 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Francis J. Gabby Weiland	Doris Weiland
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patricia Liberto	Bob & Betty DeBacco
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Stephen Birckbichler	Bill & Rosemary McGrady
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Harry & Cel Jackson	Karen Geibel



MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few weeks ago, I had the chance to go back to my college and see a football game, and more importantly, to see many of my college friends. A lot of my college buds see each other a couple of times a year. Once a year they get together for something called the "T-bone Classic." It is named after my friend and roommate for three years, Tyler Whaling. Tyler died the year after we graduated. A bunch of us got together and began a scholarship in his name. The T-bone has been going on for almost 30 years. I was at the first one. I haven't been back for one since, until this year. This year, thanks to the flexibility of Frs. Al, Ward and Jim, with the help of a retired priest and the hard work of the staff, I was able to finally take that weekend off and go up to the T-bone. However, by the time I got everything in line and covered, the hotel where all of my friends were staying, the nice hotel right by the campus, was booked up. I was bummed but it was ok. I got a room in a hotel less than a mile away. On the Wednesday before the weekend, I got a text from my buddy James. He was our quarterback and one of my closest friends. He used to refer to himself in the third person and call himself "the kid"! So, the kid texts me and says that it turns out that he had booked an extra room, so I should cancel my room at the other hotel and take his extra room. I was so happy to hear that! So, everything was set. It was on to T-bone weekend!

My school is about 6 hours away. It was a haul. I listened to a book on Audible the whole way there so it wasn't too bad. I got to the hotel, got a really nice room and texted my buddies that I was there. It was a great weekend. We had so much fun together. They were very interested in what I was doing and I told them all about you and how lucky and blessed I am to be with you. I heard about their kids and even talked to a few of their kids on the phone. We played golf, went to some of our old haunts, tailgated and went to the football game. It was a great time. A couple of moments were pretty emotional. I got to meet some of my friend Tyler's nephews and one of them looks and speaks so much like Tyler. We laughed a lot and shed a few tears. On Sunday morning we all said goodbye and went our separate ways. I promised them that I would come again next year. When I went to check out of the hotel, the woman at the desk handed me a receipt. I didn't even look at it until a few days later. That is when I noticed something. My charge was \$0. I called James and asked him if he had paid for my room. It turns out he had. I started to put two and two together and then I asked him why he had booked two rooms in the first place. He actually hadn't. He gave me his room, paid for it anyway, and shared a room with another one of our friends! He just wanted me to be with them. What a guy! Honestly, I really struggled making the commitment to being away for the weekend. It took a lot of work to get it done. It was a big effort. It was going to cost some good money too. I was anxious stepping out of my comfort zone, but I didn't need to be. I still needed to make the effort but, in the end, everything was already taken care of.

In the Gospel for this week, James and John ask Jesus if they could sit at His right and left when He enters into His glory. Clearly these two do not yet understand fully who Jesus is and what He is doing, therefore they don't really realize what they are asking. Jesus challenges them to a new understanding of greatness. The greatest will be the servant of all. The first will be the slave of all. This is not easy to understand. Jesus turns things upside down. This will not be an easy way for them to live. In order to do it they must drink from the cup that Jesus drinks. The cup Jesus speaks of is, according to Scott Hahn, the cup of God's Judgement. The cup, referred to in the Old Testament, of punishment for sins. What they are asking for is suffering for others, suffering for unselfish love. It will be tough. It will be a haul. But, here's the thing, they can do this full of hope and joy, because, everything will already be taken care of! What does that mean?

Jesus is telling them that He is the Suffering Servant spoken of in our First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah. He will give His life as an offering for sin. He will bear their guilt. He will do it first. Jesus is the high priest that St. Paul speaks of in our Second Reading, who has offered His Body and Blood on the altar to atone for our sins, so that we might receive mercy and grace. He will do this first. Everything will already be taken care of.

Following Jesus is not easy. Sometimes it means bearing things and doing things that are incredibly difficult. Sometimes, when faced with these burdens, we might feel like it's not fair. Sometimes we may feel like it is too much. But, when we feel this way, we are forgetting something huge. Everything is already taken care of. All that Jesus asks or demands of us is that we drink the cup, carry the cross, be the slave, but do it knowing that He has done it before. It will all be well. Everything is already taken care of.

This week embrace the hardships and crosses that come to you. Embrace them with hope and joy. This week, drink the cup if it comes your way, don't avoid it, don't look for an easier way. Drink it with peace in your heart. Be the servant of others with a smile on your face. All will be well. Jesus has done it first. Everything is already taken care of.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Joe Beilstein
Baby Cole
Rod Meely
Eliza O'Donnell
Finley Skiff
Shelly Double-Barnhart
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
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
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Pud Craig
John Williams
Karol Halin
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Cheryl Brown
Christine Cessna
Carol Hall
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



Weekly Readings

**FOR THE WEEK OF
OCTOBER 20, 2024**

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

Monday: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

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

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.



Warm wishes and blessings to those recently baptized *at St. Clare Parish,*

Brooks Michael Wagner
son of Michael & Leah Wagner
at St. Francis Parish,

Emmett Brown Knoch-Strobel
son of Shawn & Cortiney Knoch
Marina Faye Avron

daughter of Tyler & Lena Avron
Emma Jane Monks

daughter of Nathaniel & Abby Monk
Cleo Pauline Houllion

daughter of Lucian & Amberlyn Houllion
Welcome to our faith community!



Prayers for comfort & peace to the
family & friends of the recently departed,
from St. Francis Parish: Gary Beers
May they rest in the peace and glory
of the Risen Christ.



Congratulations to . . .

Lindsey Double &

Robert Wonderling

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Clare Parish on October 12, 2024
May God Bless your marriage!*

Anointing Mass:

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.

MUSIC NEWS- REHEARSAL UPDATES:

We are expanding **CHRISTMAS CON-
CERT Rehearsals** to help provide schedule flexibil-
ity. *The Monday rehearsals are NOT mandatory and
being offered as optional sessions.*

Wednesday, October 23rd

@ St Wendelin @ 6 pm

Mondays, October 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.

ORDER DUE DATE- November 11th

**November 11, Veterans Day, a day
that a grateful nation gives thanks
to all veterans and families for their
sacrifice and service to our country.**



December 14, Wreaths Across America Day, a day
we can honor our deceased veterans by placing a
wreath at their gravesite. Following a brief dedica-
tion ceremony at **St. Wendelin's cemetery, 11AM**,
wreaths will be distributed. Wreaths are \$17 and or-
der forms are available on the parish website, at the
parish office, or contact office to get the number of
Gary Meier.

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.

Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –OCTOBER 13, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$16,614.00
Offertory - Online	\$2,021.05
Total Offertory	\$18,635.05

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$1,094.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$112,517.93
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Mission Sunday	\$120.00
Cabot Food Bank	\$90.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$2.00

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

ST. CLARE PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –OCTOBER 13, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$6,782.00
Offertory - Online	\$910.00
Total Offertory	\$7,692.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$701.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$41,963.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$41.00
School Support	\$110.00
Mission Sunday	\$40.00
All Saints Day	\$50.00

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**Today's Second Collection at both parishes is
the Annual Diocesan Collection for
World Mission Sunday**

In a time where much can divide us
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY
invites us to rejoice in our unity
as missionaries by our Baptism!

AMEN!



The **Saint Clare Christian Mothers and Women** will be inducting new members at the **6 PM Mass at Mater Dolorosa on Wednesday, November 13th.**

The group's monthly meeting will follow the Mass in Biller Hall. Any ladies interested in joining the group, please call or text Norma Miller.



St. Francis Christian Mothers and Women Upcoming Events:

Friday, November 1st, 9 am, First Friday Mass and Rosary, St. Joseph, Cabot.

Sunday, November 10th, Induction of New Members & Installation of Officers during 11 am Mass at St. Joseph, Cabot.

Saturday, November 23rd -Annual Holiday Luncheon at Smokin' Toads, Sarver. Doors open at 12:30 pm, lunch served at 1:00 pm. More details to follow.



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.



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!

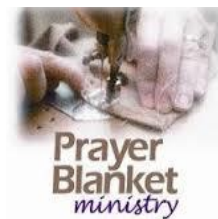


The Prayer Blanket Ministry will hold its annual **Fall Basket Raffle on October 20th**. Tickets will be available **after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, October 19th**, and during the **K of C Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 20th**. There will be two baskets



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!





Respect Life Month Opportunities

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> 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 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 call 724-352-2149 x214, or email outreach@saintfrancisparish.net.*

During the month of **October**, we will be **collecting items for 28 Care Packages for our children who are in college or the military**. Bins are in each church for donations. Please see the list of suggestions below and thank you for your donations! If you have any questions or would like to assist with the collection in and/or packing of the items in November, please email outreach@saintfrancisparish.net.



Care Package Ideas

Rice Krispy treats	Beverage Powders (Hot chocolate packets, Tea-bags, Coffee singles)
Granola or protein bars	Gift Cards (Sheetz, Amazon, Walmart)
Pop Tarts	Pocket sized tissues
Cereal (single serve)	Small packs of Wipes
Pastries/Muffins/Honey	Cough drops
Buns/Cakes	Gum
Microwave popcorn	Bookmarks
Cookies (not homemade)	Inspirational/Biblical/Religious Quotes, or spiritual gift items
Crackers (Cheez-its, Goldfish, Sandwich crackers)	Sticky Note pads
Combos	Stress ball
Fruit snacks/rolls	Lip balm / Chapstick
Jerky sticks	
Candy	
Cup of Soup	
Mac n Cheese	
Brownie/Cake Mug mixes	

Please AVOID.... Nuts, Liquid items that can leak, Chocolates that may melt, Items that may crumble, Heavy or bulky items, Scented items that may spread in the box

What is Under Our Parishes? Part Two.

Our Parishes include part of the Petroleum Valley and its world-class chemical and refining companies. This region and its people were vital in jump-starting global fossil fuel development about 160 years ago. Two years ago, Deacon Bruce made a presentation discussing aspects of this history, its technological developments, and a brief spiritual reflection on fossil fuel's blessings and challenges. On **Saturday, November 9th at 2 PM, at Mater Dolorosa**, Deacon Bruce will do a similar presentation on the shale gas revolution. What is it? What is its global significance? How should we view it from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching? All are welcome!



The **St. Francis Marian Guild** is collecting non perishable food, hygiene, and paper products for the **Thanksgiving baskets** to be distributed to families in need in our community. Drop off bins will be available in the back of each church. There is no Amazon Wish

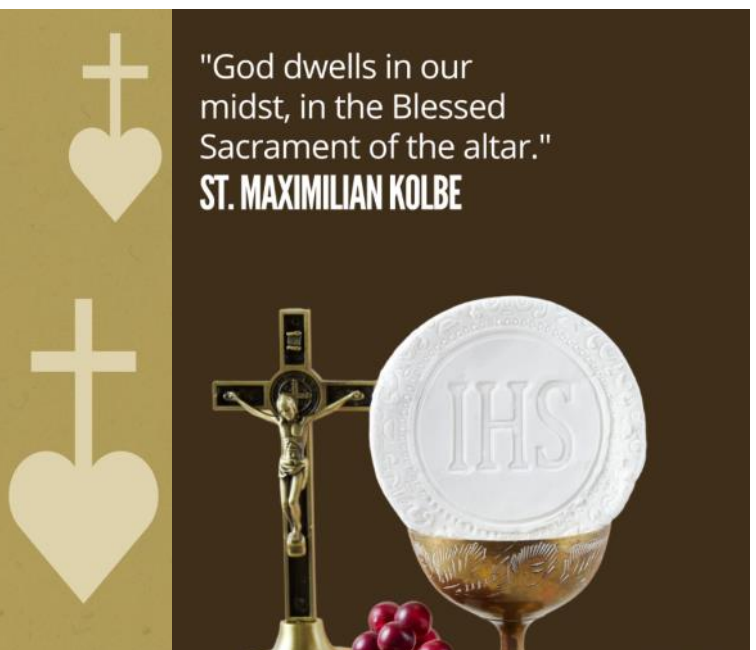
List this year. Monetary donations are also welcomed, checks can be made payable to The Marian Guild.

Please drop off any donations **by November 10th**.

If you know of someone who would benefit from a Thanksgiving basket, please contact the office by November 10th.

The Marian Guild would like to brighten the holidays for homebound parishioners by sending a card or fruit basket. If you know of anyone within our parish community who is homebound and would appreciate the thought,

please contact the St. Francis office with their name & address **by November 10th**.



Children's Faith Formation News



October 13: [St. Francis Parish](#)
October 20: [Elementary](#)
[Youth Mass](#) 11AM St. Joseph Church
October 27: [Elementary](#)
[Middle School](#)

St. Clare Parish

October 20: [Elementary](#)
[Middle School](#)
October 27: [Elementary](#)

St. Clare of Assisi Children's Faith Formation Student of the Week is: **Hunter Fedorek!**

Hunter is in the 5th grade class this year. His family enjoys sports. Hunter likes fishing, football, baseball and archery. When he gets older, Hunter would like to be pilot.



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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**SUNDAY
OCT 27th**

**SAINT MARY'S YOUTH GROUP ROOM
HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP PARTY
5:30 - 8:00pm**

**patrick@saintfrancisparish.net
sue@saintclareparish.com**

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

Honor is the recognition of human dignity we offer by showing respect for other people, their names and reputations.



SAINT WENDELIN TURKEY DINNER

Hosted by St. Clare Parish



**Sunday, November 10
11:30 AM to 6:00 PM**

Dine In or Carry Out

Adults: \$15.00
 Children (10 & under): \$7.00
 Carry-Outs: \$15.00

210 St. Wendelin Road
Butler, PA



It's time for the Annual Turkey Dinner on Sunday, November 10th, 11:30am-6:00pm. This fundraiser benefits students through tuition assistance at our very own Saint Wendelin school. Proceeds stay local and help our own families and neighbors!



Come enjoy a delicious turkey (or ham) dinner with all the fixins'. **Volunteers and donations greatly appreciated.** Sign up to help via the link on the St. Clare Parish website, or sign up sheets are also available in the back of each St. Clare parish church.

St. Wendelin School PTG is in need of raffle baskets for the turkey dinner! All donations can be dropped off at the St. Wendelin Rectory on Thursday, November 7th, from 4-6 pm, or contact the school to make arrangements with Gwen Dickey.

DID YOU KNOW?

Can Catholics Believe in Ghosts?

The culturally-popular idea of ghosts draped in white sheets or lurking about in half-decayed forms are just that: a popular (not accurate) concept. Properly defined, "ghosts" are the disembodied spirits of dead humans, and yes, these do on rare occasions appear to living humans. These spirits can be souls in Purgatory—coming to ask for prayers—or the souls of the damned, whom God has permitted to appear to the living as a warning of the results of a sinful life. Now, this doesn't mean that every report of ghostly activity is genuine. Most can be attributed to natural causes, wild imaginations, or, unfortunately, demonic activity. Regarding the few true ghosts, remember why many of them appear: to ask for prayers. This time of Allhallowtide—All Hallows' Eve, All Saints Day, and All Souls Day—is a special time for remembering the faithful departed and remembering that you will join them one day.



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St. Francis & St. Clare parishioners enjoyed Praise Fest on October 5th. Many thanks to guest speaker Alicia Hartle and all who helped organize the event!



St. Wendelin School students, staff and families participated in the annual Walk-a-thon on October 7th, raising funds for the Chimbote Fund. Thanks to Hiland Golf Course for hosting the event!



Fr. Matt attended the Butler Volleyball Senior Night on October 8th. Congratulations to seniors, Maura Penrod and Sarah Lucas. Pictured (left) is Fr. Matt with Maura, Sarah, and other young parishioners and St. Wendelin alumni.

Parishioners from St. Clare (Below, left) and St. Francis (Below, right) gathered on October 12th to pray the rosary, joining others nationwide in praying the rosary together for peace.



Saint Francis of Assisi Quarterly Financial Statement

845001 - Saint Francis of Assisi

(Quarter-1 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	210,450
Donations & Bequests	21,704
Fundraising	150,162
Campaign Income	468
Other Income	11,479
	394,263

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	129,373
Operations & Maintenance	51,125
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	48,468
Liturgical & Rectory	31,541
Property & Liability Insurance	11,183
Social/ Outreach/ Other	1,030
	272,720

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 121,543

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2024

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	232,634
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	1,017,635
	1,250,269

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	85,489
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	186,744
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	(78,275)
	193,958

LIABILITIES:

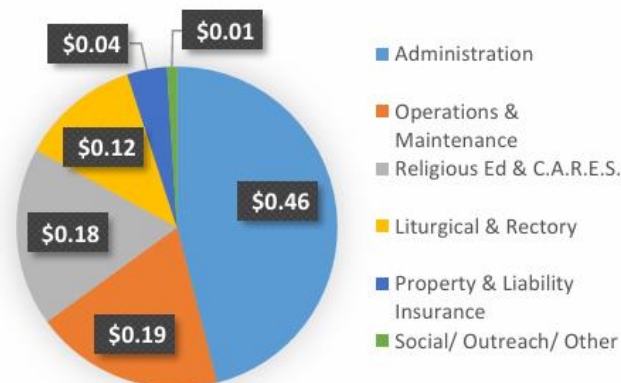
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	(1,574)
	(1,574)

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 9-30-2024

Revenue: 394,263

Expense: 272,720

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

Fiscal Year 2024-2025, Quarter one is very similar to last fiscal year for this same period for St. Francis of Assisi Parish. Consistency in numbers is promising, especially in these economic times. When comparing the first quarter of last fiscal year to this one, the offertory number jumps up by \$16,000.00. That is a very encouraging increase. When comparing offertory numbers, the main revenue for our business model, this increase shows to be steady. That is favorable for our parish. Offertory is generated by the members of the Parish. Thanks to the continued generosity of our members, we continue to trend in a positive direction. St. Francis 2024 Annual Parish Appeal is slightly behind last year at this time. I am forecasting that the goal will be met as we close out the calendar year. The expenses for the first quarter of 2024-2025 are also trending a little higher than last year. That is expected as costs are up compared to last year. Operations and maintenance, as well as Religious Education show the largest increases. As in the past, St. Francis has a steady and strong cash flow. This is made possible by the continued generosity of our Parishioners.

Saint Clare of Assisi Quarterly Financial Statement

844001 - Saint Clare of Assisi

(Quarter-1 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	124,992
Donations & Bequests	4,207
Fundraising	10,941
Campaign Income	22
Other Income	90,983
	231,145

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	75,161
Liturgical & Rectory	48,965
Operations & Maintenance	29,996
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	15,397
Social/ Outreach/ Other	10,259
Property & Liability Insurance	7,713
	187,491

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 43,654

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2024

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	160,645
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	303,556
	464,201

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	82,515
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	551
Parish Endowment Investment	3,578,285
Other Investments	(70,224)
	3,591,127

LIABILITIES:

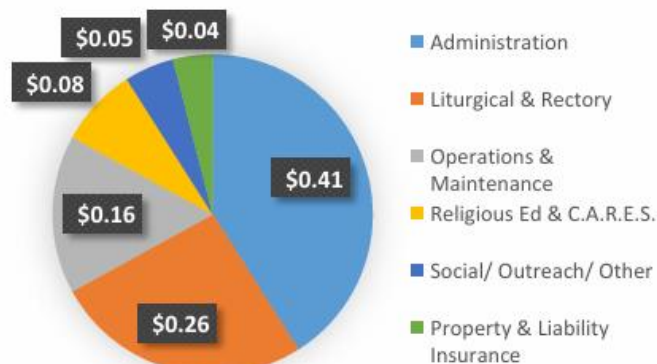
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	(3,773)
	(3,773)

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 9-30-2024

Revenue: 231,145

Expense: 187,491

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



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St. Clare of Assisi Parish had a strong first quarter in fiscal year 2024-2025. The operating surplus of \$43,654.00 is a result of several factors. One such factor, offertory collections for this period had an increase of \$13,227.00 from the same period last fiscal year. Increased offertory in any amount is a very positive marker. Our increase in offertory is greatly appreciated and helps to keep the Parish moving in the right direction. Operating expenses from the first quarter of last fiscal year increased by approximately \$3,000.00. This was mostly from increased liturgical costs. Last fiscal year, St. Clare of Assisi Parish had a loss of \$26,249.00 on the books for the first quarter. This year, we have a surplus of \$43,654.00. This is due to the way the Ritzert Fund disbursement has been moved to Other Income in the Operating Revenue. Currently, money is still tight in the day-to-day operations, but it is getting better. The continued increase in offertory shows promise as we move forward. Again, thanks to all Parishioners for your continued generosity.