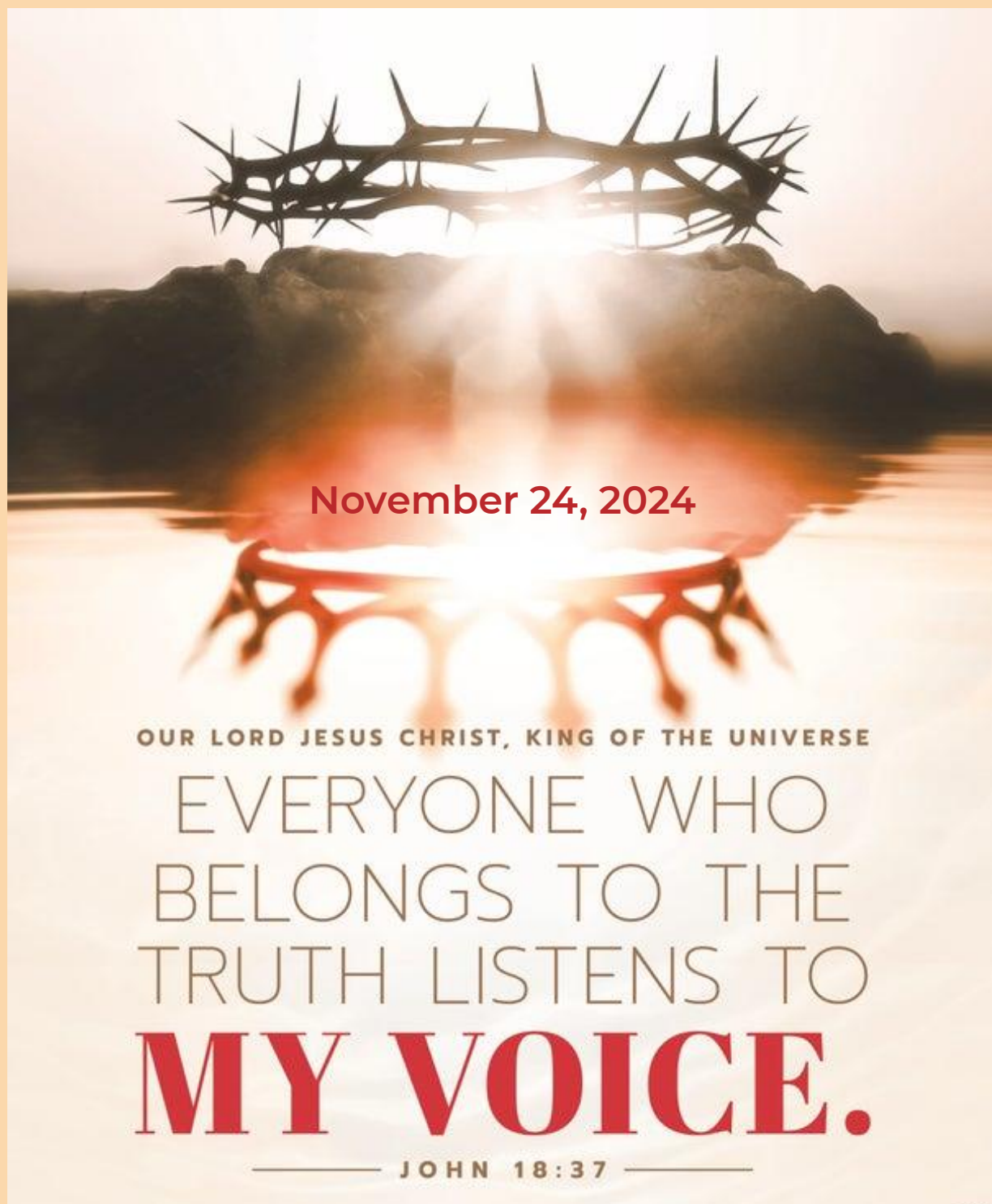




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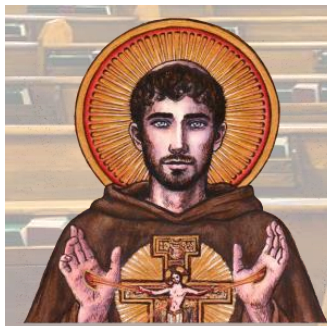


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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

EVERYONE WHO
BELONGS TO THE
TRUTH LISTENS TO
MY VOICE.

— JOHN 18:37 —



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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Clement Reott	Lil & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Vivien Drewencki	Al & Joan Depew
	8:30 AM	St. John	Ralph & Mary DiGregorio	Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Neal Schiebel	The Ortmanns
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Lucille Green	Family
Monday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	8:00 AM	St. John	Rene Cornibe	Rege & Family
Tuesday, November 26	8:00 AM	St. John	Joseph Rezzarday Jr.	Carol & John O'Brien
Wednesday, November 27	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Alex Giobbi	Michael & Shelley Giobbi
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Aggie Tomsey	Mary Pierce
Friday, November 29	NO Mass			
Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	NO Mass			
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Special Intentions of the Green Family	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Michael Raypush	Parents
Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Richard Weleski	Tim & Tammy Smith
	8:30 AM	St. John	Rita Geibel Musthaf	Tom & Carol Michel
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Joseph Tomsey Sr.	Joe & Judy Mohan and Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Werner & Geibel Families	Darlene & Ron Geibel

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

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Saturday, November 23 St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Ellie Williams	Children
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Geraldine Morgan	Dick & Carolyn Rodgers
Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Karen Bohin	Mr. & Mrs. Vince Kriley
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Oscar & Mildred Callihan	Fred & Martha Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Harold & Rita Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Rita Musthaf	
Monday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Tuesday, November 26	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Mary Miller	Family
Wednesday, November 27	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ruthie Schiebel	Kathy & Larry Baptiste
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Big Tom	Maverick & Taylor
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving Day	9:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Dennis Foust	Gary O'Donnell
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Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ellie Williams	Floyd & Delores Neigh
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Ralph G. Boltz	Kim & Henry Williams and Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Rita Musthaf	Her Brother

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Christ the King.

I have told you before that growing up, I loved watching Monty Python. Their movie "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" was one of my favorites. There is a moment in the movie where King Arthur rides up to some people working in the fields, or peasants groveling in filth as they would say, and introduces himself. "I am Arthur, King of the Britons" to which they respond, "King of the who? Who are the Britons?" Arthur then says "we all are." One man responds, "Well, I didn't vote for you." Arthur says "You don't vote for king!" To which the worker responds, "Well, how do you become one then?" Arthur follows with a legendary story and the people are not impressed!

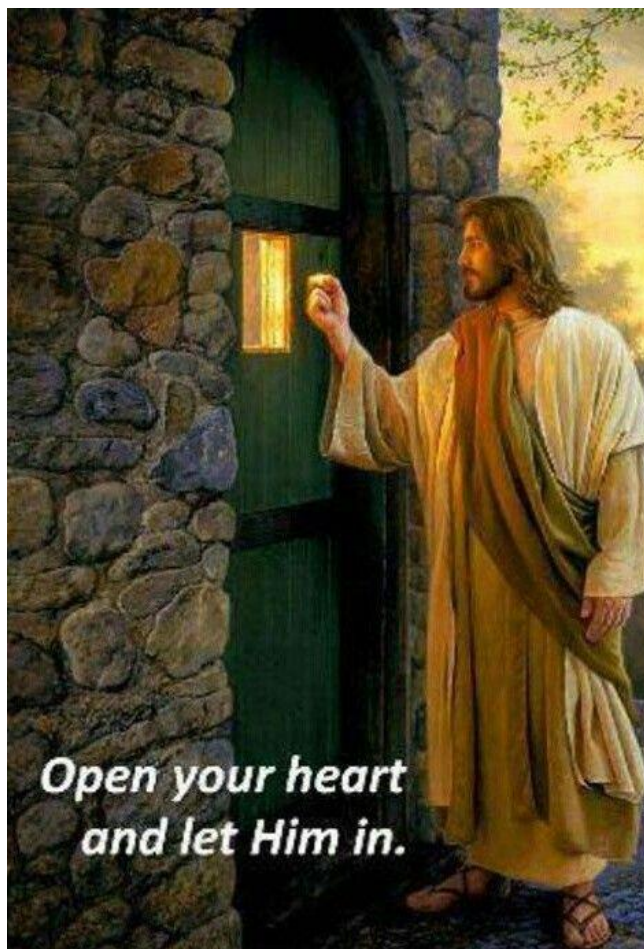
It is a good question for today though. How does Jesus become King? He is King because of His complete self-gift, His totally unselfish love that is shown on the Cross. By taking on our humanness and still remaining divine, by taking on our sin and still remaining sinless. By suffering and dying on the Cross, Jesus saves our lives. In the Gospel for today, Pilate asks Jesus if He is a king. Jesus says He is a king but not like kings on the earth. He has come to testify to the Truth and the Truth is Love. Then He shows Pilate what love is by mounting the throne of His glory, that is the Cross.

What does it mean to say that Jesus is King? We heard that phrase shouted at a couple of political rallies in the past few weeks, but what does it mean? Thomas Merton called Jesus the person "whom I now serve as my God and my King, and who owns and rules my life." Wow. Does God own and rule your life? It would be easy here to go two different ways. One would be to say that yes of course Jesus owns and rules my life. It is just a fact, I have no say in it, just like the peasants who didn't vote for King Arthur. Another way would be to deny that Jesus owns your life and base your reasoning on the fact that you are free. I think however we do this at our peril because you and I are creatures and it is arrogance to deny our maker. However, there is a third way.

Pope Benedict XVI said that this third way is long and has no shortcuts. "Every person must freely accept the truth of God's love. He is Love and Truth, and neither Love nor Truth are ever imposed: they come knocking at the doors of the heart and the mind and where they can enter, they bring peace and joy. This is how God reigns."

On this Feast of Christ the King, I think we need to ask ourselves, is Jesus really King? I bet we can all agree to that. But perhaps an even more important question is this; is Jesus my King? We can say that this just is, but remember that Jesus will never impose this on us. You do have a say. He comes knocking at the door to your heart, offering love and truth, peace and joy, but He will not force His way in. If He did, it wouldn't be love. If you want Jesus to reign in you, you and I must open the doors of our hearts. We must choose to allow Him in. We must vote for Him! Unlike with King Arthur, we do get to choose. There is no disputing that Jesus is King, but is He your King? He stands and knocks at the door of your heart. Will you open it? That is up to you.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Les Bauer
Joe Beilstein
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
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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Paul Flick
Shawn Phillips
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
Sharon Golobish
Madalyn Rose Geibel
Jim Bergbigler
Virginia Briski
Carter T. Williams



Weekly Readings

**FOR THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 91:1, 1-2, 5
(1a)/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps
24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11
-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2
-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3,
9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-
28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps
84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8,
9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps
25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes
3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

Pray for Our Military, Especially . . .

Daniel Sheehan
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.

Members of **St Clare Christian Mothers and Women** are invited to the **Annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th** at **DePaul Hall**, St Joseph N.O. Arrive anytime between 11:30am-12:30pm to visit and enjoy appetizers. Meal will be served at 12:30pm, including chicken parmesan, braised steak, scalloped potatoes, creamed peas, orange-glazed carrots, seven-layer salad and dessert. Cost is \$15. Please call or text Norma Miller to **RSVP by Sunday, December 1st.**



 **Early Bulletin Submission Dates**
Please submit any information for the bulletin by 5pm on the date listed. Thanks! 

Publication Date	Information Due By
December 1st	November 20th
December 8th	November 29th
December 15th	December 6th
December 22nd	December 11th
December 29th	December 19th
January 5th	December 26th

St. Mary Church is having plaster repair work done **through November 27th**. The **weekday Mass on Monday, November 25th** will be held at **St. John at 8 am.**



Wreaths Across America Day Saturday December 14th

Following a short dedication ceremony, wreaths will be distributed on **Saturday, December 14th at 11am at St. Wendelin Cemetery**. Thank you for your support!



The Giving Angel Tree is up at St. Wendelin Church. Anyone is welcome to select an angel tag from the tree and purchase items for a child who would benefit from a gift this Christmas. A **sign out sheet** is located near the tree, please note the **tag number** you have selected on this registry along with your **name and phone number**. Items need to be returned to the tree or to the St. Clare Parish Office no later than **Monday, December 9th**. This year we have added some kids and adults at the request of Catholic Charities, they prefer those gifts to be returned unwrapped. *These tags will specify to return the gifts unwrapped*, all others may be wrapped. Thank you in advance for your generosity as always!



EVERYONE can support local children in need by stopping by the ...

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Foster Care and Adoption Fair

November 24, 2024

9am to 1pm

at St. Joseph Church Hall

315 Stoney Hollow Rd, Cabot, PA



Learn about Ways to Help:

Pray...for Children and Families
Volunteer...your Time and Share your Talents
Bake for / Shop...our Thanksgiving Bake Sale at the Fair
Give...a Donation to the Charity of your Choice
Purchase...Items Needed for the Children / Organizations
Consider...Opening your Home and Heart to a Child in Need
Mentor...Those Considering or New to Foster Care or Adoption
Tell...Others about these Opportunities to Make a Difference
Speak...with These and Other Organizations that will be Represented:



Calling all piano players! Do you play piano? We invite all pianists, young and old, novice and experienced, to play a song or two to kick off the combined parish **Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 15th**. All skill levels welcome! Please contact Steve Dunn if you or your children are interested!



St Clare Parish is looking for cantors for various Masses. If you are interested in leading worship in song, please contact Steve Dunn.



Thanksgiving Day Masses will be at 9 am at St. Wendelin and St. Joseph, Cabot.

No Masses on Friday, November 29th.

No 9 am Mass at St. Joseph, Cabot on November 30th.

No Confessions at St. Francis or St. Clare on Saturday, November 30th.

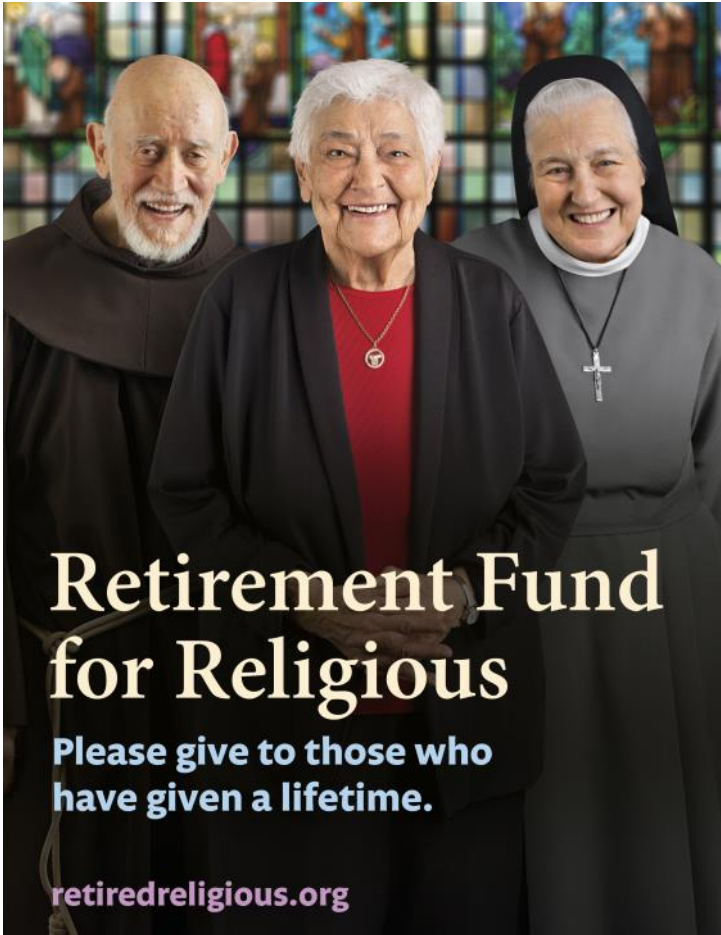
The parish offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th.



Parish Giving

Collection totals for November 17, 2024 will be published in next weekend's bulletin due to early submission dates.

The Second Collection Today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious



Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

retiredreligious.org

The Christian Mothers & Women of St. Francis Parish are hosting a cookie sale after all Masses at each church in St. Francis Parish on December 7th & 8th. \$8.00 for a dozen assorted cookies.

This fundraiser helps the Christian Mothers and Women provide a variety of services for our parish and the community. Thank you for your support! May God bless you and yours in this Christmas season!

Anyone wishing to donate COOKIES for this fundraiser is greatly appreciated. Cookie donations may be dropped off at St. Joseph Hall in Cabot on Saturday, December 7th from 9-10 am. Contact Teresa Sintz {contact the office} with any questions!



St. Clare Parish Spaghetti with Seniors Dinner



All St. Clare parishioners 80 years old and up should have received an invitation to our *First Annual Spaghetti Dinner with Seniors*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

4-5:30PM at Mater Dolorosa Hall

Please RSVP by December 1st

Call or email Debi at
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First-time fundraiser to benefit the charitable deeds of the Saint Clare Christian Mothers!

A Pie a Month for a Year! 12 pies total, delivered on the day of your choosing, any flavor and number of pies can be ordered at any time and will be delivered! Chances are \$1 each and available from any Christian Mother and will be available in the entrance of each St. Clare church and can be placed in the envelope provided or placed in the collection basket. The winner will be chosen at the social following the Combined Parish Christmas concert at on **Sunday, December 15th**. Pies are freshly baked daily at The Korner Restaurant in Rimersburg.

Pie Flavor Choices Include: Coconut meringue, Lemon meringue, Chocolate meringue, Peanut butter, Graham cracker, Apple, Cherry, Peach, and Blueberry.



The Cabot Food Bank extends their thanks to St. Francis Parish for the recent generous cash donation and for the continued food donations. Thank you for your generosity!



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE -The **St. Francis Marian Guild** is collecting non-perishable food, hygiene and paper products for Christmas baskets to be given to families in need in our community. Drop off bins will be available in the back of each St. Francis church beginning November 24th. There is no Amazon wish list this year however some especially appreciated items include canned yams, applesauce, boxes of cereal, peanut butter, and paper towels. Monetary donations are also welcomed. Checks may be made payable to the Marian Guild. Donations are requested **by December 8th**. Thanks in advance for your generosity!





The Catholic Truth About Angels, Demons, Ghosts, Exorcisms & Hauntings

Modern culture tends to be obsessed with all things paranormal, but the Catholic Church is the only true authority on this subject. It is time to share the power and glory of Jesus Christ's victory over the gates of hell!

Dave VanVickle has extensive experience assisting priests in their ministries of exorcism and deliverance. In this presentation, he clears up the many misunderstandings surrounding these topics and delivers the truth of the Church's teaching.

The presentation will be followed by a time for Q&A and the opportunity to venerate a collection of relics.



Featuring
DAVE VANVICKLE
Catholic spiritual warfare expert

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 7:00 - 9:00 pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish - St. Joseph Church, Cabot
Join us prior to the presentation for food & beverages in
St. Joseph Hall, doors open at 6:15 pm

Children's Faith Formation News



St. Francis Parish

November 24: CFF Elementary

Confirmation Class with Sponsors

9:15AM (St. Joseph Church)

St. Clare Parish

November 24: Elementary

Confirmation Rite of Intent (10:30AM)

Mass St. Wendelin Church)

Middle School

Confirmation Class with Sponsors

6PM (St. Joseph Hall N. O.)



Everyone is invited to attend the **Children's Nativity Play on Sunday, December 8th, at 2pm at St. Joseph's Church, Cabot**, refreshments will follow! Any children interested in participating should contact Shannon Parks {contact parish office for contact info} or sign up via the *flocknote* link provided on the St. Francis website **by November 30th. All children are welcome!** Dress rehearsal will be Saturday, December 7th after the 5:30pm Mass.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

NOV/DEC 2024

NOVEMBER 24th

TURKEY BOWL
ST. WENDELIN FIELD 1:00pm - 3:00pm

DECEMBER TBA

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DECEMBER TBA

CHRISTMAS PARTY

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Saxonburg Friday, Christmas Parade November 29

St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi will be represented in the Annual Saxonburg Parade!

All parishioners are invited to join us in the parade! There will be limited seating on the trailer, most participants will have to walk the route. Anyone interested please meet at the Saxonburg Carnival Fairground between 6 and 6:30 pm, look for our banner. The parade begins at 7PM.

ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT!



St. Francis & St. Clare will publish a combined list of names and addresses of our current and past clergy and religious for those who would like to send Christmas greetings. The list will also include names of currently enlisted military members from parish families, as well as any homebound parishioners that would like to be included. **If you or someone you know is homebound or in the military and would like to be included on this list, please email name and address to Jenn** (jenn@saintfrancisparish.net or communications@saintclareparish.com) or call the office and leave the information with Allison at St. Francis office or Linda or Kit at St. Clare office, **no later than December 1st**. The list will be available in all churches the second week of December.



St. Clare Parish would like to thank **Melissa Snyder** for stepping up to manage the **2025 Community Dinners at St. Paul** in Butler that will be hosted by St. Clare volunteers from St. Joseph (NO). Volunteers will be needed for bake goods donations and the preparation and packing of take out meals on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 07, 2025
Tuesday, January 21, 2025
Tuesday, November 11, 2025

In order to help Melissa in this new role, if you are interested in supporting the 2025 Community Dinner Ministry, **please let her know by contacting the parish office. Please note that all volunteers over the age of 18, must have all required clearances to participate. For information on clearances, contact Nicole at the office.**





St. Clare Christian Mothers & Women are selling **Sarris Chocolate** for the Christmas Season. If interested, please pick up a flyer in the entrance of any St. Clare church and return order with payment (place the order form in an envelope and drop in collection basket or return to the office) by **Monday November 25th**.



GIVING TREE

It is time for the **2024 Giving Tree**. Once again, **St Clare Parish** will have **Christmas Trees in the entrance of Mater Dolorosa and St. Joseph, North Oakland Churches**.

Parishioners are welcome to take a tag and purchase gifts for a resident of Quality Life, Chicora. Please take a tag off the tree and fill in your name by the corresponding number on the sheet. Return all wrapped gifts with the tag attached to the outside of the gift to the office **by Friday December 20th** at noon. Gifts may also be left in the vestibule of the churches. Thank you again for supporting the residents of Quality Life, Chicora.

Volunteer(s) are needed to help water and maintain the **poinsettias** at **St. Wendelin Church** this Christmas season. If you could lend a hand, please call the St. Clare office! Thank you.



DID YOU KNOW?

Hot Chocolate Has Catholic

Roots-If hot chocolate is your drink of choice, you may be surprised to learn that your favorite cozy drink wouldn't be what it is today if it wasn't for Catholics! In ancient Mayan and Aztec civilizations a bitter chocolate drink called xocoatl was a common beverage. Made from ground cacao beans, water, and spices like chili. Luckily for us, Catholics soon stumbled upon this drink and made a few sweet adjustments. This chocolate transformation began when the Spanish brought cacao back to Europe. As cacao spread through Spain, it underwent a Catholic refinement. Monks in Spanish monasteries were among the first to experiment with the cacao beans, adding sugar, cinnamon, and milk to tame its bitterness. They recognized that chocolate had potential not only as a satisfying treat but also as an aid to their rigorous fasting routines. Drinking chocolate was not considered breaking the fast, as liquids were permitted even when food was not. This made it a perfect solution for priests and monks during Lent and other periods of religious fasting. From Spain, hot chocolate spread to Italy, where the Catholic hierarchy, particularly within the Vatican, embraced it with enthusiasm. What's fascinating is how chocolate became entwined with Catholic hospitality. In monasteries and convents, visitors were often offered a cup of hot chocolate as a gesture of warmth and generosity. Even today, in some parts of Spain and Mexico, traditional hot chocolate is still prepared for special Catholic celebrations, like Christmas and feast days.



St. Francis of Assisi &
St. Clare of Assisi Parishes

EVENING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Sundays in Advent

5 PM

St. Mary of the Assumption Church
Herman, PA





Angel Trees are now available in each church at **St. Francis Parish**. Parishioners are welcome to select tags from the tree and purchase gifts for someone this Christmas. **Please fill in your name and phone number on the list provided** near

the tree. All **wrapped gifts are due back to the churches or office by Sunday, December 8th. Please attach the original tag to the gifts (to identify the recipient of your wrapped gifts).** If you have any questions or have problems returning your gift by that day, please contact Allison in the office at extension 212. Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks to all who donated to the **Keep the Faith Care Packages** that were recently sent to our college students and military members. A total of 28 packages were mailed out! Your thoughtfulness will surely brighten their day, knowing that our Parish family is thinking of them and supporting them!



"He is The Bread sown in the virgin, leavened in the Flesh, molded in His Passion, baked in the furnace of the Sepulchre, placed in the Churches, and set upon the Altars, which daily supplies Heavenly Food to the faithful."

- St. Peter Chrysologus



ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?!

THERE ARE MANY CAKE AND PIE PANS FROM WONDERFUL DONATIONS IN SAINT WENDELIN HALL. WE HAVE PLACED ALL OF THESE ON RACKS OUTSIDE OF THE PIE ROOM. PLEASE CHECK THE RACK AND TAKE WHAT IS YOURS BY DECEMBER 5TH!



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: HOPE

Hope is the virtue that enables us to trust in God's promise to share his life with us forever; it makes us confident in God's love and care for us.



This week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week is: **William (Liam) Dickey!**

Liam is a second grade student at St. Wendelin. He has one sister, Charlotte (Charlie), who is in first grade at St. Wendelin. Liam loves learning about science and fun facts. Outside of school, Liam takes swimming lessons and plays baseball. In his free time, Liam enjoys playing Roblox, Legos, and practicing his baseball skills. When he grows up, Liam would like to be a scientist. Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,

Liam Dickey!



A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

St. Francis of Assisi & St. Clare of Assisi Parishes

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024 @ 2 PM

St. Wendelin Catholic Church

210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002

Refreshments Following





"I heartily endorse St. Paul Street Evangelization. I attended their Basic Evangelization Training Workshop here in the Diocese of Pittsburgh in May and witnessed firsthand the contagious joy and enthusiasm of the presenter and the effect it had on the participants. They couldn't wait to hit the streets and go share their faith!"
- Most Reverend William J. Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

Thursday, December 5, 2024, 9:00am-4:00pm

Invite One Back Training



Diocesan Pastoral Center
2900 Noblestown Rd
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

In light of the National Eucharistic Revival and Congress, St. Paul Street Evangelization has partnered with the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to offer this unique one day workshop. We will help you discover and understand missionary discipleship based on Eucharistic sending, how to invite others back to Mass who have yet to return and anticipate various conversations, we will review our basic methodology of listen, befriend, proclaim, and invite, and we will review and practice our entire door to door ministry program. All of this is done within a framework of non-confrontational relational ministry.

This free workshop is sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Registration is required and includes:

- Workshop and training
- All materials
- Morning hospitality and lunch

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EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL NIGHT
PART II: AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH

WED
DEC 4
6:30 - 8 pm

Saints John & Paul Church
2586 Wexford Bayne Rd
Sewickley, PA 15143

KEYNOTE
FR. MIKE FAIX
PRAISE & WORSHIP
BETHANY SMITH & DANNY RODGERS
ADORATION

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! **JOIN US FOR ROSARY & SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS- Tuesday, Nov. 26th from 7 - 8pm at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG**

Ring Pittsburgh, your community Handbell Ensemble, presents **"A Spirited Christmas" Concert** to bring Joy to your Holidays. Performing **Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 pm, St Kilian Church, Cranberry Township, PA.** Visit our website for more information: www.ringpittsburgh.org

BINGO! on **Nov 25th, 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.

 **SAINT PAUL**
STREET EVANGELIZATION

Contact Adam Janke:
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Christ Prince of Peace Parish Presents

Solemn Candlelight Rorate Mass

in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Featuring the St. Gregory Institute of Sacred Music

Guest Homilist: Fr. Tyler Bandura

Friday, Dec. 6th 7:00PM

Christ Prince of Peace Catholic Church
Ford City PA

ALL ARE INVITED!

This Solemn Candlelight Rorate Mass carries on the ancient Catholic tradition of celebrating a candlelight Mass during the holy season of Advent to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary and to prepare for the arrival of the Son of God. The word "Rorate" comes from the traditional opening psalm for the Mass which sings "Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness."

DIVINE MERCY PARISH PRESENTS:
THE VIGIL PROJECT

WAY OF THE STAR

A one-night Advent mission experience of Scripture, music, art, and Eucharistic encounter

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13, 2024 // 6:30 PM

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
164 WASHINGTON PLACE, PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

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