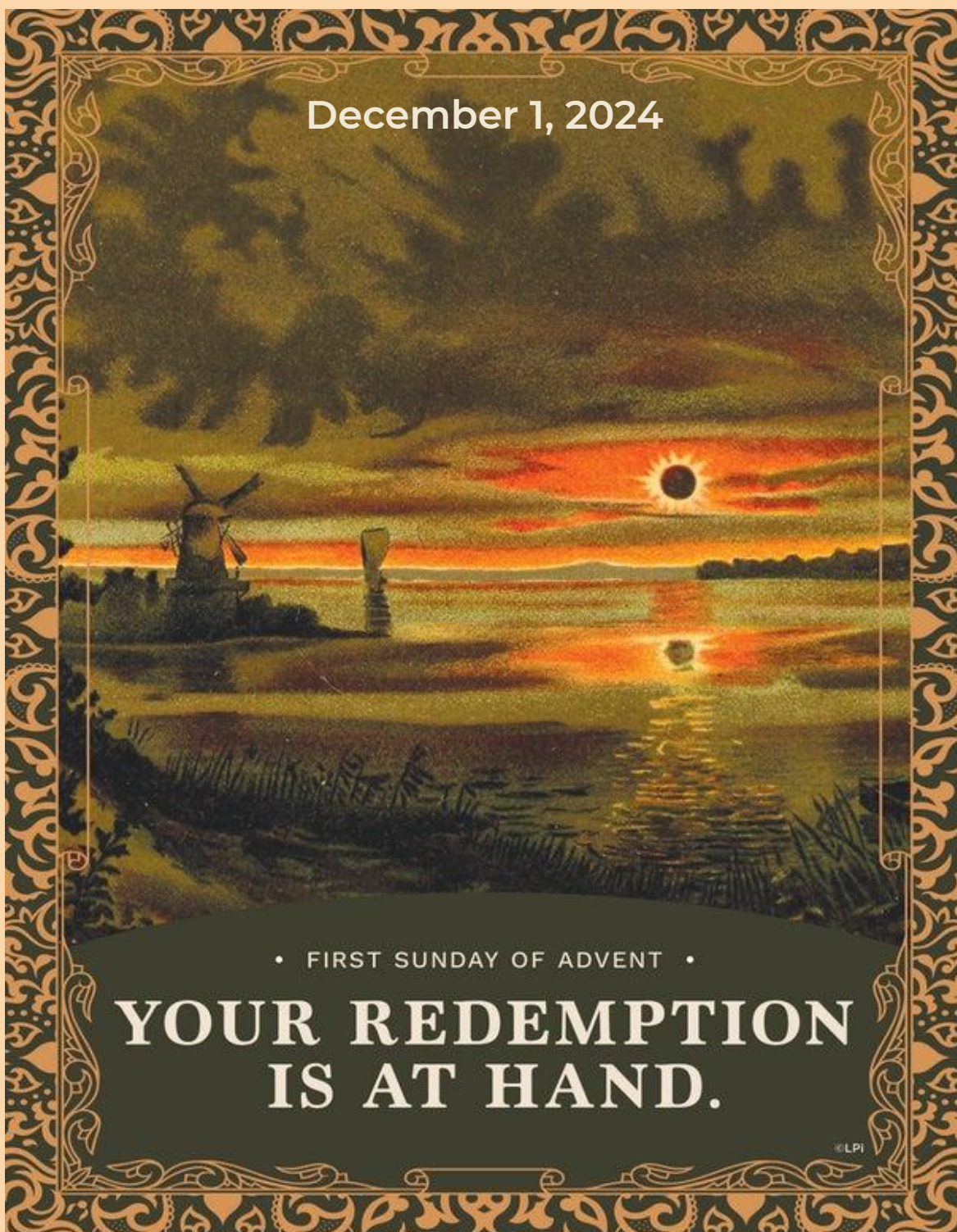




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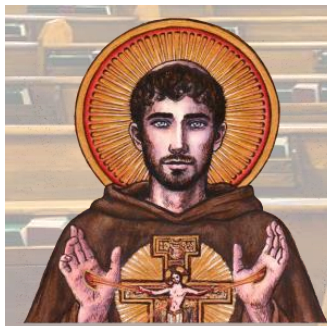
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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	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
Monday, December 2	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Tom Angert Sr.	Linda
Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest	8:00 AM	St. John	Kim Giobbi	Michael & Shelley Giobbi
Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Peggy Matas	Lou & Judy Talarico
Thursday, December 5	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Gerald & Alice Geibel	Linda Angert
Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Walter Jaworski	Family
Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Placeres Davidek	Family
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of the Lawrence & Alberta Convery Family	Rege & Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Rich Weleski	
Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Rudolph "Pete" Rovnan	Jeanie & Dennis Franke
	8:30 AM	St. John	Delores Bono	Elaine & Larry Shay
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Clare Mitch	Josi & Don Nebel
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, November 30 St. Andrew, Apostle	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Tracy Weiland	Karen Geibel
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Joseph Sita	Brad, Miss, Dom and Trevor Callihan
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
Monday, December 2	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Tuesday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Genevieve Pearl Ritzert	
Wednesday, December 4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vincent Ritzert	Josi & Don Nebel
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Karen Rettig	Salli O'Donnell
Thursday, December 5	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bill Schneider	Nancy Long
Friday, December 6 St. Nicholas, Bishop	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Tina Baptiste	Kathy & Larry Baptiste
Saturday, December 7 St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Joe Stephenson	Stephenson Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Jane Angert	Susan Parker
Sunday, December 8 2nd Sunday of Advent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Sharon Lewis	Kathy & Gary Jodzis
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	John & Kate McNallen	Fred & Martha Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Stephen Birckbichler	Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Doris Stephenson	

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin a new year in the Church. On this First Sunday of Advent, the readings begin with a promise and end with a promise. The two promises are kind of like the bread of a sandwich. There are also some good things between the bread that I think can give us some practical actions to work on this Advent.

The first promise, that God will "raise up for David a just shoot," was kept by God with the coming of our Lord Jesus at Christmas. Remembering that the Word became flesh, that Jesus became one of us, and preparing to celebrate Christmas with clean hearts full of joy is a big part of what Advent is about. However, this is only part of what Advent is about. The second promise, which we find in the Gospel, tells us what else Advent is about. The second promise is that Jesus will come again. When He comes again, he will come as judge. When this second promise is fulfilled, you and I will stand and "face the Son of Man". How does that make you feel?

The first promise, already fulfilled, makes us feel good, doesn't it? Better than good. What we will celebrate at Christmas is amazing! God loves us so much! We will sing beautiful songs about it in church. "Away in a Manger" and "Silent Night" and "O Come all Ye Faithful". I love Christmas! But, let me ask you again, how does the second promise make you feel? You and I are going to stand before Jesus and make an account for our lives and then He will judge! How does it make you feel? Honestly, it is a little scary. But, don't panic. God is merciful and there are things that we can do.

Let's look at the stuff between the bread of these two promises. There is something in there that can help us prepare to both celebrate Christmas well this year and be more prepared to stand before the Son of Man when He comes again. It is found in our Second Reading today from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. St. Paul says: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all. That sounds like a nice thing to say. Something to which you would just say "Oh thanks. You too" and not really think any more of it. But what if you made that your prayer every day this First Week of Advent? I think it could be revolutionary. The reason that I think this is that this is a prayer that I say every day at Mass. I learned this prayer from Fr. Larry Richards. When I elevate the Host and again when I elevate the Chalice, I say "Lord Jesus, increase my love for you and for your people." This prayer is powerful. It has changed me. It has gotten me through tough things and it has made me a better priest and a better person. I wonder what saying this prayer every day would do for you? I think that it will help you to get ready for Christmas and it will help you to get ready for when Jesus comes again.

Advent begins with two promises.

One already fulfilled.

One that will be fulfilled.

They are the bread of our First Sunday of Advent sandwich.

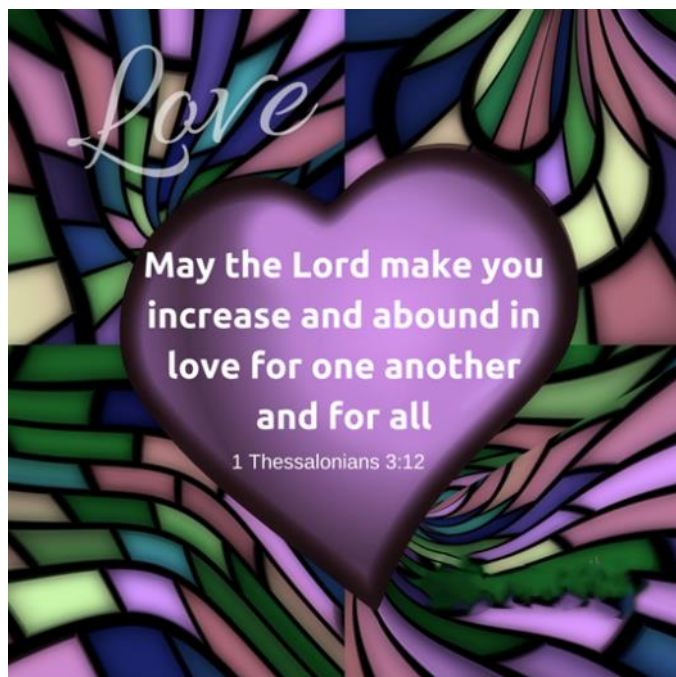
The meat, or the peanut butter, of the sandwich is the challenging prayer found in the Second Reading.

Pray this prayer every day. See where it takes you.

It will change you. Give it a shot.

Let it help you get ready for Christmas and for when Jesus comes again.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Aaron Brown
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
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Erik Fry
Corrine Schnur
Lynn Toward
Michael Black
Peg Moser
Nicholas Kerr
Regis Convery
Emilia Schaffner
Betty Neff
Marilyn DiGiacomo
Marek Wabazewski
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Carol Hall
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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
DECEMBER 1, 2024**

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

Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-
4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,
12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1
-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and
8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-
14/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps
147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a,
6-8

Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1
-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/
Lk 3:1-6

**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.



Prayers for comfort & peace to the
family & friends of the recently departed,
from St. Francis Parish:

Brian Ashe

Christopher J. Green

from St. Clare Parish:

Lois Williams

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

Members of **St Clare Christian Mothers and Women**, today is the last day to make your reservation to **attend 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. The meal will be served at 12:30pm, and includes 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 **this evening, Sunday, December 1st.**



The **Knights of Columbus from St. Clare Parish** are hosting a pancake breakfast on **December 1st at Mater Dolorosa Hall** from 8:00 am -12:30pm. Adults \$7, Children \$3.



Join us for a delicious breakfast and great company!



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

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



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 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!

Please note, there are **no confessions** next **Saturday, December 7th at St. Mary or St. Joseph, Cabot.** Confession will be held at St. John from 12 - 12:30 pm.



A reminder to anyone who generously selected a tag from the **Giving Angel Tree**, please return wrapped (unwrapped if specified on the tag) gifts to the **tree at St. Wendelin or the St. Clare Parish office no later than Monday, December 9th.** Some tags remain, if you can help, please take a tag and be sure to note the tag and your name on the sheet provided. Thanks for your generosity as always!

St Clare Parish has Giving 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 Medical.



Angel Trees are 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 & phone number on the list provided near the tree. 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 issues returning your gift by that day, please contact Allison in the office at extension 212. Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$8,999.02
Offertory - Online	\$3,578.80
Total Offertory	\$12,577.82

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$1,479.63
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$122,291.77
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Utility/Energy Fund.....	\$21.10
All Saints Day	\$160.00
Retired Religious Fund.....	\$100.00
Cabot Food Bank	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Christmas Offering	\$25.00
Christmas Charities.....	\$25.00
Hurricane Relief	\$70.00

The Second Collection Today at St. Francis Parish is for Parish Appeal

ST. CLARE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –NOVEMBER 17, 2024

Offertory - Mass	\$7,378.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,130.00
Total Offertory	\$8,508.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal	\$1,331.00
2024 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$45,744.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$76.00
School Support.....	\$50.00
All Saints Day	\$40.00
Christmas Charities.....	\$5.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$125.00
Hurricane Relief	\$100.00

The Second Collection Today at St. Clare Parish is for School Support

Thank you for your continued support of Ministries at Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes!

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

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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.

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!



Collection totals for November 24, 2024 will be published in next weekend's bulletin due to early submission dates.



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

St. Francis Parish

December 1: OFF

December 8: Elementary

Nativity Play- 2PM St. Joseph Church
Middle School

December 15: Elementary

Youth Mass with Elementary Students
at 11AM St. Joseph Church
Middle School

December 22: OFF

December 29: OFF 

St. Clare Parish

December 1: OFF

December 8: Elementary

Middle School Spaghetti with Seniors
Report 3:15PM at Mater Dolorosa

December 15: Elementary

-Grades K-2 -Regular class time
-Grades 3-8 -Reconciliation following 10:30AM
Mass at St. Wendelin (No regular class)
Middle School

December 22: OFF

December 29: OFF 

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.



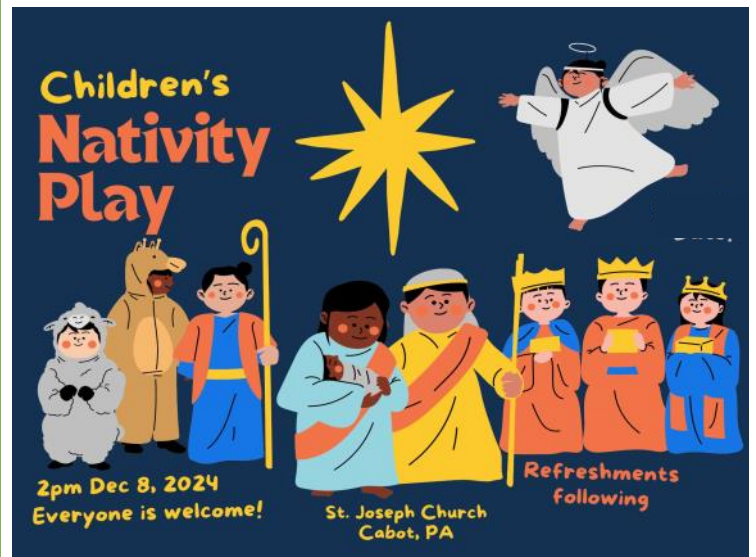
**St. Clare Children's Faith Formation
Student of the Week is:**

Brooke Kobert

Brooke is in the 8th grade this year. She has a sister and a dog. Brooke enjoys doing gymnastics. When she gets older, Brooke would like to be an orthodontist.

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

Brooke Kobert!



Early Bulletin Submission Dates

Please submit any information for the bulletin by 5pm on the date listed. Thanks!



Publication Date

December 8th
December 15th
December 22nd
December 29th
January 5th

Information Due By

November 29th
December 6th
December 11th
December 19th
December 26th

St, Clare Parish (volunteers from St. Wendelin)

hosts the **Community Dinner** at St. Paul Church in Butler, on **Tuesday, December 17th**. 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, December 13th. Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries that have proximity to downtown Butler.

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



Come Spend a half hour with the Lord!

Oh come
let us
Adore **HIM**

ADVENT

Music & Meditation
1 Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, December 10
7 pm to 8 pm
St. Wendelin Church



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.



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

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



Stocking Stuffers

For Your Advent



As the calendar year is coming to a close, our liturgical year is just beginning. To help us develop or strengthen our habit of daily prayer, **please pick up the Little Blue Book** filled with reflections on the first part of Matthew's Gospel and a variety of thoughts about the Advent and Christmas seasons, the Eucharist, the feast of the day, and various traditions and customs. If you prefer daily email reflections, you may sign up with Word on Fire at <https://dailycatholicgospel.com/sign-up-daily-gospel> or Dynamic Catholic at <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html>.

Advent on FORMED

If you need to sign up on FORMED, go to <https://formed.org/signup> and enter 16025. Select **St. Clare & St. Francis Parishes**. Enter your name and email address. That's it!



Deepen your roots in Christ this Advent.

Embark on a powerful journey with *Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree*. In just 7 minutes a day, explore Scripture, uncover the stories of Christ's ancestors, and experience meaningful Advent reflections that connect faith to your daily life.

Plus! Bring this rich Catholic tradition into your home with FREE Jesse Tree ornament coloring sheets.

Available only on FORMED.org

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

SANTA BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH

8 AM to 12:30 PM

Saint Wendelin Church Hall



Breakfast with Santa is hosted by the Parent Teacher Guild and the proceeds benefit Saint Wendelin School. We love this event because it brings families together during the most wonderful time of the year. Come support our school and have a magical time!

Breakfast Includes:

Pancakes, Sausage, Bread and Muffin Bar, Fresh Fruit, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and Orange Juice

Adults: \$8.00

Children: \$5.00 (Age 12 and under)

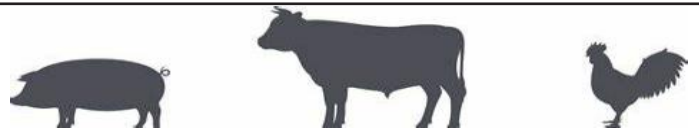


SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- 50/50
- RAFFLE BASKETS
- PICTURES WITH SANTA
- CRAFT STATION
- GET YOUR REINDEER FEED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE



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St. Wendelin School ANNUAL MEAT RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$150 Gift Card to Thoma Meat Market

2nd Prize: 40lb case of Boneless/ Skinless Chicken Breast from Schnur's Country Market

3rd Prize: 40lb Case of Bone in Thigh from Schnur's Country Market

4th Prize: \$50 Gift Card to Sprinkle's Market

Donation \$5.00. Drawing on December 20th, following the Christmas concert

(Winner does not need to be present)

Tickets are available in the back of all St. Clare Parish churches. All tickets and money must be returned to the school (drop box or mail) or St. Clare office by **Friday, December 13th.**

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: GOODNESS

Goodness is recognizing we are made in the image and likeness of God, and making choices to demonstrate our love for God and our neighbor.



Let
There Be
Christmas

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

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

Penny is a 4th Grade student with six siblings, 2 of which are also currently at St. Wendelin School. Her favorite color is blue and she absolutely loves to read. She enjoys Harry Potter books and movies. Her favorite subject is Math because she enjoys solving problems. She likes to play kickball with her friends at recess and says all of her teachers have been her heroes. Her favorite vacation was at the Grand Canyon because of the beautiful views. Her future aspiration is to become an archaeologist!

Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,
Penelope Scardina!

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

stpaulse.com/IOB-Pittsburgh



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STREET EVANGELIZATION

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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- TUESDAYS: December 3rd, 10th and 31st from 2- 3 pm & December 17th from 7-8pm** at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.

The Cloisters

Guest Presenter:
Bishop William Waltersheid



Thursday, December 5th
7pm McGovern Hall - Assumption Church

Join us as guest presenter Bishop Waltersheid discusses the Eucharist, Adoration and the efforts behind the current Revival.



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

*If we truly understood the Mass,
We would die of Joy*



—St. Jean Vianney

Friday, December 6th, all are welcome to Abba's House- 320 W. Main Street in Saxonburg, at 7 pm for **The Forge, Movie and Discussion.** A boy just out of high school with no plans for the future, through his mom and a businessman's prayers begins to discover God's purpose for his life!

DID YOU KNOW?

MusicaM Sacram The 1967 Instruction



This Instruction clarifies and articulates the Church's understanding of sacred music. It describes three categories of text of the Mass to be sung.

First Category: Dialogues

Since the Trinity is a "dialogue of love", we also imitate God's example. These dialogues are between the priest and the people, the deacon and the people and the lector and the people.

Second Category: The "Ordinary of the Mass"

Texts such as Kyrie, Gloria, Creed and the Lamb of God are in this group.

Third Category: The "Proper of the Mass."

It is characterized by things that change from Mass to Mass. The Entrance Song, the Offertory Song, and the Communion Song.

"Song and music fulfill their function as signs in a manner all the more significant when they are 'more closely connected... with the liturgical action,' according to three principal criteria: beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and the solemn character of the celebration." (CCC 1157)