



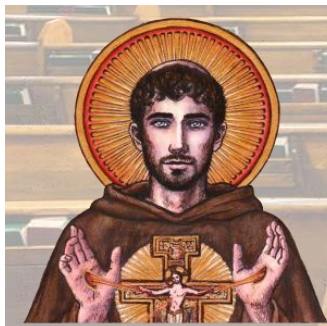
Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi



March 2, 2025

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43



Saint Francis of Assisi



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Saturdays:

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





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St. Clare Parish website for a
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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 1	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Leroy & Elmerine Spahn	Spahn Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Joyce Uhrinek	Bernie Uhrinek
Sunday, March 2 8th 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	Roseann Benigni	Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Cecelia Watson	Deb & Dan Fritz
Monday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Vincent Rodgers	Family
Tuesday, March 4 St. Casimir	8:00 AM	St. John	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday	8:00 AM	St. John	Dolores Bono	Elaine & Larry Shay
	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Rose Michel	Dale & Marge Paglia
	7:00 PM	St. Joseph	Wanda Riemer	Lucas Family
Thursday, March 6	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Tom Angert Jr.	Mom & Family
Friday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Rich & Jean Milauskas	Michael & Shelley Giobbi
Saturday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Beverly Johnson	Barbara
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Living & Deceased of Mae & Ed Eichenlaub	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Michael & Jim Patrick	Patrick Family
Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time begins	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Patricia Mrozinski	Bob & Linda Carle and Family
	8:30 AM	St. John	Mary Reed	The Marian Guild
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Joseph Tomsey	Paul Citnik
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Darlene Harbison	Mom

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 1	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Christopher John Green	J.R. & Peggy Green
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Wayne Pennington	Anna Marie
Sunday, March 2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Owen Desch	Family
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Stephen Birckbichler	Charles & Jane Neigh
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Lois Arnold	Dolores Neigh
Monday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
Tuesday, March 4 St. Casimir	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rosemarie "Rosie" Gall Zarnick	
	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Tom Clouse	Shane & Betty Hohn
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Irma Potchak	Don Tamura & Family
Thursday, March 6	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Vince Ritzert	Dave & Patty Baylor
Friday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
Saturday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Cora Carbin	Frank & Ann
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Sid Callihan	Brenda
Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday of Lent Daylight Saving Time begins	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rita Geibel Musthaf	Leonard & Eleanor Baptiste
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Ron Vavro	Dick & Carolyn Rodgers
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Rita & Harold Korn	Melissa & Keith Snyder
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Tracy Weiland	Patty Fair

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Can you guess what the first word that I ever spoke as a child was? Now some of you probably think that it was "Jesus" or "God" or "momma" or something wholesome like that. But, remember, I am the youngest of nine kids. I had brothers and sisters who were in their early teens when I was born. Now of course I don't remember this but the story is that my first word was taught to me by my two oldest brothers. It was a swear word. It began with "sh" and ended with "t"! Apparently, they worked really hard to teach me this word and apparently, I liked to say it because it made everyone laugh so I said it a lot. I am not sure that my mom was super happy about this, although she probably got at least a little chuckle out of it.

Both Jesus in our Gospel for today and Sirach in our First Reading, speak about the words that we speak and relate them to a tree bearing fruit. A tree that is well cared for and well-nourished bears good fruit. Both of them say that the words we speak show what is filling us up inside. "One's speech shows the bent of one's mind" says Sirach. "From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks" says Jesus.

Our words matter. They matter to Jesus. I always tell kids in the confessional that words matter to Jesus because He is the Word made flesh! What kind of words do you use? What do the words that you use say about what makes up the fullness of your heart?

Maybe you are thinking, come on, they are just words. I don't really mean them. Well Jesus wants us to mean what we say, to be deliberate when we speak. Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:37 "Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no". If we have a habit of using bad language, we should break that habit. Breaking habits isn't easy but it is doable and will be good for us. Think about when we take the Lord's name in vain. I doubt that many people actually want God to damn a person for driving too slow or being in the wrong lane or not getting over to let you on to+ 422. When we do something like this, not only are we saying things that we don't really mean, but we are also saying that the Lord's name doesn't really matter. Is that what we really mean? Is that what we really think of the Lord? This is a very important habit to break. Let's not take the Lord for granted.

When I was a little baby, that first word came from my brothers. They kept "feeding" it to me so that I would repeat it. I think that Jesus and Sirach would agree that what nourishes or is fed to the tree goes a long way to determine whether the tree bears good fruit or not. We need to think about what is nourishing us. What is being fed to us? What are we consuming? Think about the people that you surround yourself with. Think about what you watch on television or listen to. Are these things helping you to bear good fruit? I had a great uncle, Fr. Anthony Wehrle who died a year before I was born. He was known in our family as Uncle Tinny. I have met many old-time priests who knew him and they say that one of the best qualities he had was that he never gossiped. In fact, if other people around him were gossiping, he wouldn't get angry or make a stink, he would just walk away from the conversation. People noticed this and began to think about their gossiping. What good was it doing? None. Do you gossip? Are you around people who gossip? Gossip is absent any good. Don't be around it. Don't do it. It will not nourish you or help you bear good fruit. What are you being fed? Take a serious look at it. Good comes from good.

In the Second Reading St. Paul urges us to "be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord." If we stick with the Lord, it will not be in vain. As we prepare to enter this week into the holy season of Lent, the Lord is challenging us about the way that we speak. The things that we say matter. They show what is in the fullness of our hearts. If you think that what comes from your mouth doesn't match what is in your heart, change what you say or how you say it. If your heart is full of things that don't give life or bear good fruit, take a look at what you are consuming and who you are spending time with. We may not think that this is such a big deal, but words matter to Jesus. After all, He is the Word.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Kelli Neigh
DB
Glenn Hall
Don Bergbigler
Mary Lou Barnes
Warren & Janice George
Mark Clouse
Rose Hinch
Roy Bergbigler
Caitlin Trettel
Ron, Debbie, Judy,
Cathy and Nicole
William Weiland
Colette Bowser
Camden Miller
Mary Lee Rosenbauer
Baby Owen
Clyde Altman
David Russell
Les Bauer
Joe Beilstein
Eliza O'Donnell
Finley Skiff
Shelly Double-Barnhart
Gary Black
Robert Clouse
Abby Koenig
Dick Curry
Killian Eakman
George Kepple
Regis Fallecker Jr.
Shawn Nolan
Sheri Payne
Diane Krapf
Danny Krapf
Hayes Markle
Thomas Wetzel Sr.
Bus Neigh
Lisa Cammisa
Robert Riemer
Jane Schafer
Marcus dosSantos
Kathy Steighner
Bobbi Adley
Mindy Floro
Angie O'Mahoney
Jim Lorenz
Donna Green
Chrissie Wilcox
Linda Heagy
Joe Moser

Jeannie White
Helen Marie Hartle
Donna M.
Rose Stumpf
Lucy Duffy
Jessie Black
Laura & Family
Patricia Ryan
Leonard Dombroski
Bernadette Conerty
Mason Martin
Jim Bowser
Larry Karenbauer
Dave Maley
Jennifer Perkins
Paul Erkens
Rodger Davis
Erik Fry
Lynn Toward
Michael Black
Peg Moser
Nicholas Kerr
Regis Convery
Emilia Schaffner
Marilyn DiGiacomo
Marek Wabazewski
Mary Lou Beilstein
Aria Joy Olson
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Stephanie Sellers
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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

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

Weekly Readings



FOR THE WEEK OF
MARCH 2, 2025

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14,
15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk
6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6,
7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8,
14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-
6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—
6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4
and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,
18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2,
10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-
13/Lk 4:1-13

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Pray for Our Military, Especially . . .

Jacob Medley
Matthew
McCandless
Russell Bauer
Jimmy Adley
Jon Clark
Evan French
Simon Geibel

Brian Kusner
Hayden Iman
Landon Hines
Jonah Bartholic
Daniel Sheehan
Amanda Skidmore
Jeremy (JJ) Dawson

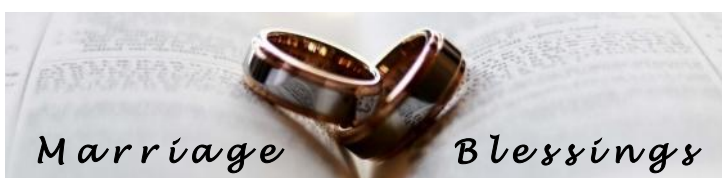




Prayers for comfort & peace to the family & friends of the recently departed,
from St. Francis Parish:

Donna "Betty" Neff
Louis Heasley Jr.

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

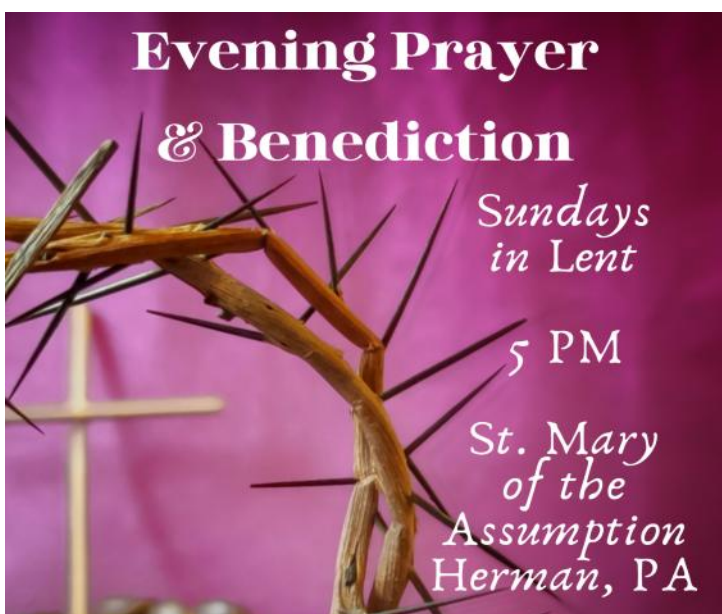


Congratulations to . . .

Sarah Abriatis & Logan Huf

*Who were united in marriage at
St. Clare Parish on February 22, 2025*

May God Bless your marriage!



First Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday, March 4th, St. John Church
immediately following the 8 am Mass
until 5pm (No Benediction). All wel-
come, anytime from 8:30am and 5pm.



March 5th

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

St. Francis

8:00 am-Saint John-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
9:00 am-Saint Joseph-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 pm Saint Joseph-Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
4:00 pm -Saint Mary-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
7:00 pm -Saint Joseph-Mass & Distribution of Ashes

St. Clare

7:00 am-Saint Wendelin-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
10:00 am-Saint Wendelin-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
12:00 pm-Mater Dolorosa-Mass & Distribution of Ashes
4:00 pm-Mater Dolorosa-Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
5:30 pm- Saint Wendelin-Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
7:00 pm- Saint Joseph-Mass & Distribution of Ashes

Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

St. Francis

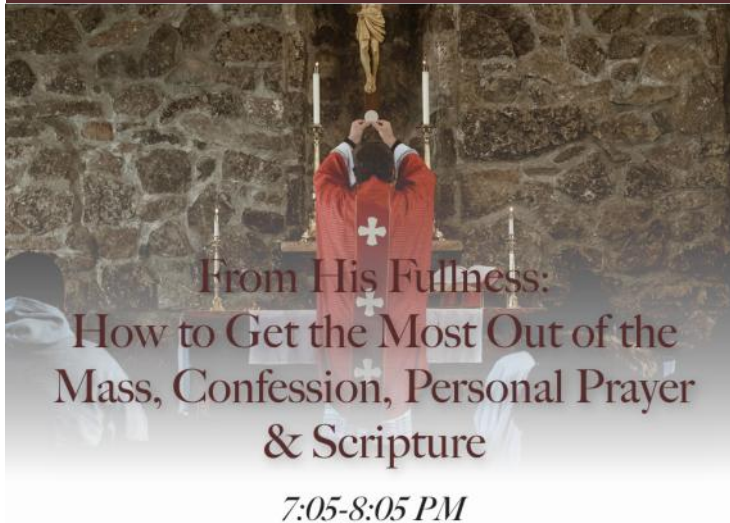
Friday, March 7	7:00 pm	Saint John
Friday, March 14	7:00 pm	Saint Mary
Friday, March 21	7:00 pm	Saint Joseph
Friday, March 28	7:00 pm	Saint John
Friday, April 4	7:00 pm	Saint Mary
Friday, April 11	8:00 pm	Saint Joseph
Friday, April 18	8:00 pm	Saint Mary

St. Clare

Every Friday during Lent -1:50 pm at St. Wendelin Church (for Saint Wendelin School)

Friday, March 7	7:00 pm	Mater Dolorosa
Friday, March 14	7:00 pm	Saint Joseph
Friday, March 21	7:00 pm	Saint Wendelin
Friday, March 28	7:00 pm	Mater Dolorosa
Friday, April 4	7:00 pm	Saint Joseph
Friday, April 11	7:00 pm	Saint Wendelin

St. Francis & St. Clare
invite everyone to attend a Lenten Series
of discussions with Dave VanVickle.
All are invited to attend each discussion!



TUESDAY, MARCH 11th
at St. Wendelin Church
TUESDAY, MARCH 18th
at St. Wendelin Church
TUESDAY, MARCH 25th
at St. Wendelin Church
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2nd
at St. Joseph Church, Cabot
TUESDAY, APRIL 8th
at St. Joseph Church, Cabot

The R. C. Men's Club (located at 128 Men's Club Lane, Butler PA 16002) is hosting **Last Call**. Last Call is an opportunity for practicing and nonpracticing men and women to meet in a comfortable environment to learn more about our faith through the insights and experiences of engaging speakers and in fellowship with others. Last Call is targeted at all adult Catholics. The **series will begin on Tuesday, March 4th at 7:00 pm** with guest speaker **Dave Vanvickle**. Mr Vanvickle will discuss **Getting the most out of lent**, in conjunction with his upcoming Lenten series hosted by St. Francis & St. Clare parishes. More dates and guest speakers to follow. All are welcome and the club will be providing pizza for attendees.



Your Lenten Resources

Please pick up a **Little Black Book** to be your companion for Lent. It is small enough to travel easily with you anywhere. In this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, reflect on Christ's life based on the Passion narrative according to John.

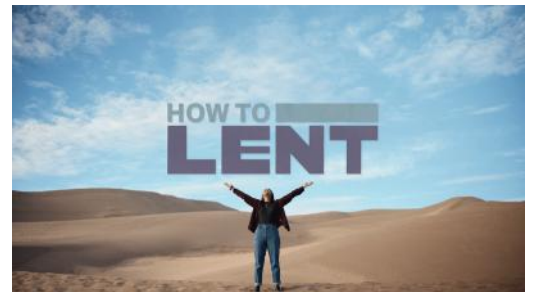


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Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Offertory - Mass	\$8,352.30
Offertory - Online	\$2,372.84
Total Offertory	\$10,725.14

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$647.10
2025 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$20,232.03
2025 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$123,427.50
2024 Parish Appeal	\$135,414.08
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

St. Vincent DePaul	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$40.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$20.00

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

ST. CLARE PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Offertory - Mass	\$9,789.00
Offertory - Online	\$900.00
Total Offertory	\$10,689.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$745.00
2025 Parish Appeal to Date....	\$3,930.00
2025 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$70,830.00
2024 Total Parish Appeal.....	\$51,195.40
2024 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$64,547.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Maintenance Fund	\$445.00
School Support	\$5.00
Human Development	\$25.00

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!

If you missed the presentation on Tuesday, you can still view the Eucharistic Miracles of the World by Blessed Carlo Acutis exhibit. The display will be available to view **Saturday, March 1st in Marian Hall following the 4pm Mass at St. Mary and Sunday, March 2nd in the hall at St. John following the 8:30am Mass.**



The **Knights of Columbus from St. Clare Parish** are hosting a pancake breakfast on Sunday, **March 2nd at DePaul Hall at St. Joseph, North Oakland** from 8am -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, March 12th** at DePaul Hall (St. Joseph N.O.) from 12-2 pm. Please join us for food, friends, and fellowship! All are welcome!

St. Clare Christian Mothers & Women

will host their next meeting in Biller Hall on **Wednesday, March 12th**, at 6:30pm following the 6:00pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa.



IT'S COOKIE TIME AGAIN!

Girl Scouts will be offering **cookies** for sale after **all Masses the weekend of March 2nd or March 8th** (unless sold out).



Cookies are \$6 per box with 9 varieties of cookies to choose from! Donations to send cookies to the military are also accepted. Thank you to all of our parishioners for the continued support of our troop!



The **choir at St. John** will resume rehearsals on Tuesday, **March 4th** at 6:30 pm at St. John Church in preparation for Easter. All are welcome.



Don't Forget to spring forward next weekend!



Annual Parish Appeal 2025

"Come...and you will see." – John 1:39

Come & See

Commitment Weekend is March 1-2, 2025





Children's Faith Formation

St. Francis Parish

March 2: Elementary

March 8: First Reconciliation Retreat- 9AM-
St. Joseph Hall, Cabot

March 9: Elementary

Youth Mass (Elementary children) -
11AM St. Joseph

Confirmation Mass of Commitment
11AM St. Joseph Church

Middle School 6-8PM

March 15: First Reconciliation- 9:30AM St. Joseph
Church, Cabot

March 16: OFF

March 23: Elementary

March 30: Elementary

Middle School 6-8PM

St. Clare Parish

March 2: Elementary

Confirmation Mass of Commitment
10:30AM St. Wendelin Church

Middle School 6-8PM

March 9: Elementary

March 16: OFF

March 22: First Reconciliation- 9AM
Mater Dolorosa

March 23: Elementary

Middle School 6-8PM

March 30: Elementary

Youth Group

Did you know that St. Francis & St. Clare have
a combined youth group?!

Any youth in grades 9-12 interested in
joining, please contact Sue or Patrick
(emails below) to be added to our group text
communication for upcoming events, typi-
cally 2 Sundays a month. Come and check it
out, bring a friend!

patrick@saintfrancisparish.net
sue@saintclareparish.com

This week's St. Wendelin
School Student of the Week is:

Teddy Miller!

Teddy is in eighth grade and has attended
St. Wendelin for three years. Teddy's favorite
subject is gym because he loves being active
and being in competitions. You can find Teddy
listening to country music in his spare time.

Outside of school you can find him playing
baseball, football, and basketball. He would love
one day to become a pro baseball player.

Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin
School Student of the Week,

Teddy Miller!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: INITIATIVE

Initiative is the ability or
willingness to take the
first step toward
accomplishing a goal.



St. Wendelin School's Designer Purse Bash Sunday, March 16th at St. Wendelin Hall

Doors open at noon, drawing starts at 1 pm.

Ticket Donation \$30. *You must have a ticket for entry*
(winner not need to be present). Lunch, dessert, coffee
& water provided, feel free to bring your own snacks
and drinks also! Basket raffle, 50/50, side raffles, 100 bag
game and More! ATM will be on the premises. Tick-
ets are available from any school family! Contact Nicole
at the St. Clare office with any questions.



St. Wendelin School Open Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year for Grades PK-8.

Registration forms are available on the school
website (www.stwendelinschool.com) or by
calling the St. Wendelin School Office at 724-
285-4986. Visit the school website for full details and to
take a virtual tour. The St. Pope John Paul II STAR, Stu-
dent Tuition Assistance Resource Program, will contin-
ue for the 2025-26 school year. This extraordinary
program makes Catholic
Education affordable for all families.

**STAR
STUDENT**



Annual Cemetery Clean Up Notice: In order to maintain the appearance of our parish cemetery
properties and ensure the safety of visitors and employees, The Catholic Parish Cemeteries Asso-
ciation will be conducting the annual clean up in March. All Christmas items will be removed
from all graves during this time. Please remove any items you wish to keep prior to March 1st.
Thank you for your cooperation.



FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

St. Francis of Assisi Parish 69th Annual Fish Fry

Carry-Out Only (With Option To Eat Carry-Out Meal Inside)

Saint Mary of the Assumption School

in Herman (Across from Herman Mini Mart)

Every Friday from February 28th – April 11th

3 PM to 6 PM - All Dinners \$15.00

MENU Includes: (No Substitutions)

Pan Fried or Baked Cod Loin,

Green Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, Dessert,

Spanish Rice, French Fries, Macaroni & Cheese



**St. Joseph Preschool students
celebrated Valentine's Day
with all their hearts!**



**ST. JOSEPH
PRESCHOOL**

**ENROLLING FOR
FALL 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR**

**3&4 YEAR OLD CLASS
TUES, THURS 9:00-11:30AM**

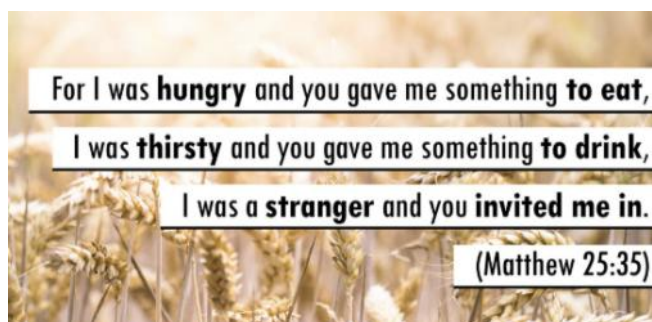
**4&5 YEAR OLD CLASS
MON, WED 9:00-11:30AM
TUES 12:30-3:00PM**

**CONTACT: 724-352-0333
STJOSEPHPRESCHOOL@SAINTFRANCISPARISH.NET
315 STONEY HOLLOW RD.
CABOT, PA 16023**

St. Clare and St. Francis Combined Service Project

St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi Christian Mothers and Women and the Knights of Columbus of St. Wendelin and St. Joseph of Cabot are excited to partner with Cross Catholic Outreach in sponsoring a Food Packing Event in September. Our goal is to pack 54,000 meals for those in impoverished nations and 6,000 people in need in our own community.

To accomplish our goal, we need to raise \$19,800 between our two parishes and community. For just 33 cents, Cross Catholic Outreach can provide a nutritious meal to a person in need. We are accepting all donations, including family and business donations. This opportunity will allow us to come together as a parish family to feed those in need - the poorest of the poor.



Cross Catholic Outreach is a catholic ministry endorsed by the Pittsburgh Diocese and the Vatican. The relationship with the Vatican culminated in a Pontifical Decree granting Cross Catholic Outreach official status as part of the universal Catholic Church. 94% of donations to Cross Catholic go directly to programs to help the poor, while 6% are used for fundraising and administrative expenses.

How To Donate:

CASH or CHECKS

(Checks payable to: Knights of Columbus 14103 Memo: Cross Catholic)

- Put in an envelope marked "Knights of Columbus 14103-Cross Catholic"

Envelopes may be placed in the collection, dropped off at the office, or mailed to the office at 864 Chicora Rd. Chicora, PA 16025

ONLINE - Visit: <https://crosscatholic.org/food-packing-events/donate>. Look for the

September 28 event with our parish names listed. Click 'Donate' and follow the prompts.



SCAN ME



Scan the QR Code on your device to go directly to the donation page.
You can also find a link on both parish websites!

Table and Station Sponsors: Our event will include approximately 12 'stations' with two tables each. Families, ministries, and businesses donating \$1000+ will be acknowledged as 'Station Sponsors' at the main event. Families, ministries, and businesses donating \$500-\$999 will be acknowledged as 'Table Sponsors' at the main event.

For more information on Cross Catholic Outreach, visit crosscatholic.org.



Join Brother Andre's Cafe in praying a SPECIAL LENTEN ZOOM ROSARY

with **BISHOP ZUBIK, BISHOP WALTERSHEID, FATHER DAVID PIVONKA, and Brother Andre's Team Members!**

This Lenten Rosary will focus on the Sorrowful Mysteries and will be lead, each week, by a bishop or priest. The responses will be done by Brother Andre's Cafe Team Members - adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.



Join us every Wednesday night at 7PM as we meditate on Christ's Passion through the Holy Rosary, alongside our Cafe Team Members, who will inspire you with their deep love and trust in God.

ROSARY SCHEDULE EVERY WEDNESDAY DURING LENT at 7M

March 5th: Fr. Christopher Donley, Pastor of Divine Mercy Parish

March 12th: Fr. David Pivonka, President of Franciscan University

March 19th: Fr. Tim Deely, Pastor of Regina Coeli Parish

March 26th: Bishop David Zubik, Bishop of Pittsburgh

April 2nd: Fr. Garvin Augustine, Executive Director of Mustard Seed Communities

April 9th: Fr. Peter Gruber, Director of Campus Ministry of the Pittsburgh Oratory

April 16th: Bishop William Waltersheid, Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh

ALL ARE WELCOME!
Scan below to join



DID YOU KNOW?

Why is Purple the Color of Lent?

To find the answer, we must go back to the story of the Passion found in the Gospels. When Jesus came before Pilate, the Roman governor scourged Him, though he found no crime in Him. After this, Pilate's soldiers mocked Our Lord's Kingship, arraying Him in a purple robe and a crown of thorns: *Then Pilate took Jesus and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple robe; they came up to him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and struck him with their hands.* -John 19:1-3

Purple is the color of royalty, which is why the soldiers used it to mock Christ's Kingship. Little did they know that they mocked no earthly criminal, indeed no earthly king, but the King of heaven and earth! And Jesus Himself bore it all with majestic grace and divine mercy towards His enemies.

In order to properly honor Christ's divine Kingship and remember the terrible humiliations He endured for our sake, our altars, vestments, candles, and other sacramental items are bedecked in purple during Lent and other penitential occasions. So, this coming Lent, when you see the color purple begin to color your church, remember the sufferings of our divine King and honor Him with your love, adoration, sacrifices, and prayers. ~ The Catholic Company

Tuesday, March 4th ...Kick-off Mass & Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!

Fr. Christopher Donley, Main Celebrant...ALL PRIESTS & DEACONS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!



Begin at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church at 6:00 pm. Immediately following Mass there will be a candlelit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood for a brief time of prayer on the sidewalk.

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: MARCH 4TH, 11TH, 25TH – 2 to 3 pm (No gathering on March 18th) at ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG.**

If you yearn for something more, if you're drawn to pray for our priests and the church, if you look toward the Saints of Carmel such as John of the Cross, Teresa of Avila, Therese of Lisieux, Edith Stein, or many others, join the **O.C.D.S. Community of the Holy Spirit**. E-mail Sue at ocd-spa06@gmail.com or call the parish office for a contact number to talk with someone about attending our meetings to find out more.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
9-12 GRADE

Athletes for Christ

Sunday, March 2
6:30 pm – 8 pm
St. Conrad Double Classroom
125 Buttercup Road, Butler, PA 16001
Free Dinner at 6:30 pm

Troy Nunes:

- Butler High School Hall of Fame Inductee 2013
- Partner for Corient & helps lead the sports & entertainment group
- Skilled in Football, Basketball, & Track
- 3X Post Gazette North All Star for Football
- Starting Quarterback at Syracuse
- Finished career as 4th all-time in touchdown passes, career passing yards, career completions



Topic:

"Handling Wins & Losses, Success & Adversity in the Same Way"

Contact: Tom McConnell/tmcconnellsallsaintsbutler.org/724-287-1759 x 1018