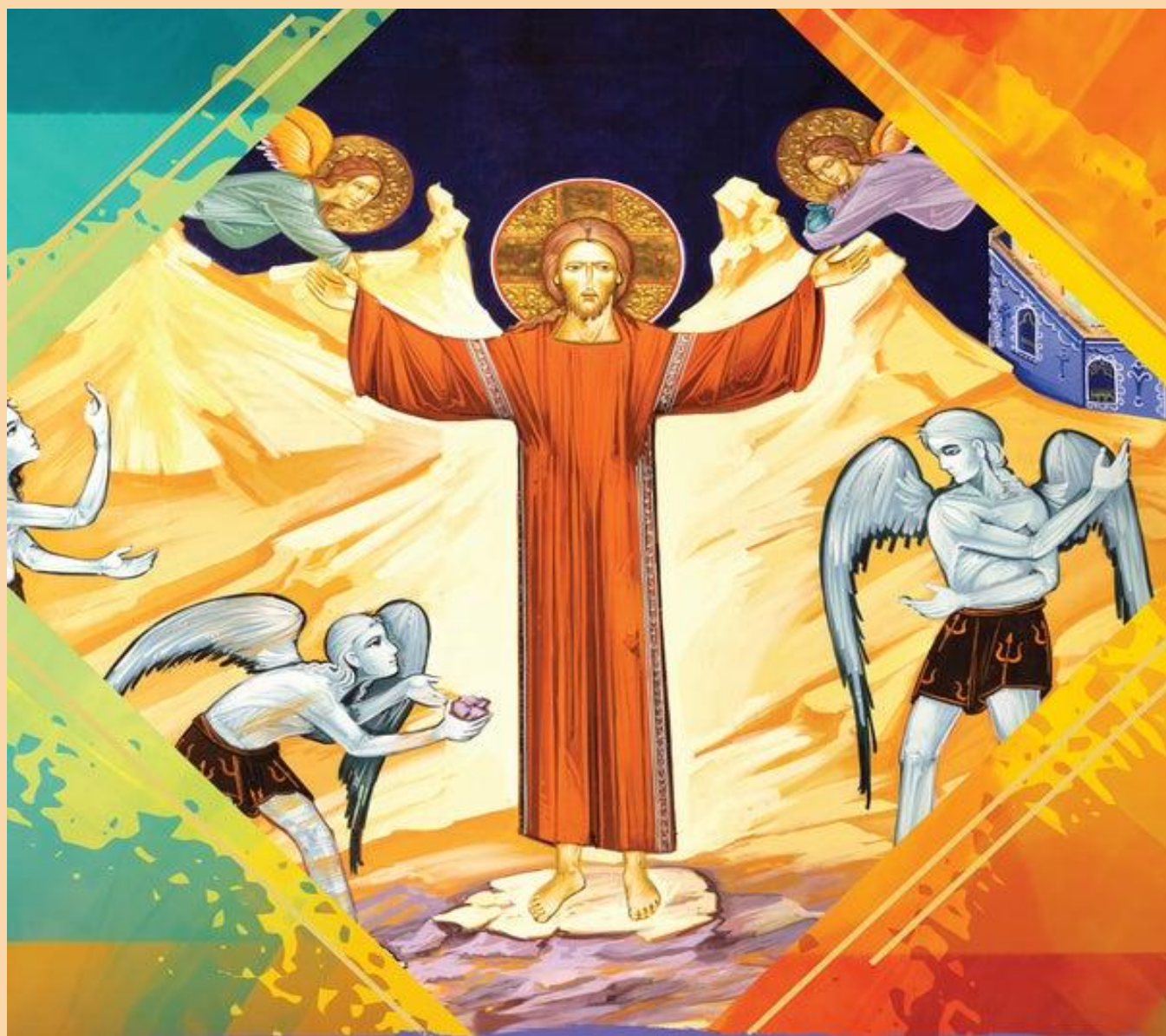




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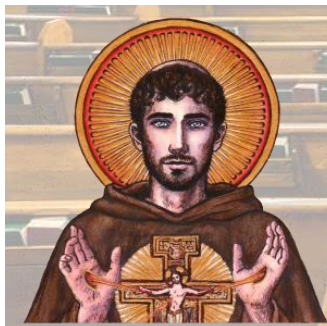


1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

"Him alone shall you serve."

- Lk 4:8



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





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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 8 St. John of God, Religious	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 Gitnik
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Darlene Harbison	Mom
Monday, March 10	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Gary Beers	Bernie & Dess Schnur
Tuesday, March 11	8:00 AM	St. John	Dorothy & Ben Trimbur	Leetta, Joanne and Families
Wednesday, March 12	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Michael Vacca	Gary & Jill Lippert
Thursday, March 13	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Wayne Watson	Deborah Busin
Friday, March 14	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Maryann Kovach	Barbara
Saturday, March 15	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Helen Howell	Barbara
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Belle & Crusan Families	Deb Crusan
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Verna Spohn	Fran Beers
Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Christopher J. Green	Jeanie & Larry Karenbauer
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Anna Cranmer	Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Kevin Croney	Al & Joan Depew

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
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
Monday, March 10	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Leo Benson	Nancy, Roy, and Kevin Neff & Donna Errerq
Tuesday, March 11	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Angeline Mignanelli	Peg Morris
Wednesday, March 12	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ellie Williams	Linda & Deron
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
Thursday, March 13	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Ruthie Schiebel	Vince & Elaine Santus
Friday, March 14	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Donald Ed Knoll	Anna Marie Knoll and Family
Saturday, March 15	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Bob O'Donnell	Larry & Cathie O'Donnell
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Sidney Callihan	Donald & Robyn Fockler
Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bob Forster	Becky Forster
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Tim & Marta Barger
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	In Thanksgiving	Dick & Shirley Graham
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Erdman Brauchle	Donna Stephenson

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I read a book last month about President James A. Garfield. I have to admit that I didn't know much about him before I read it but he has become one of my favorite presidents. Garfield was the president for only seven months. He was inaugurated in March of 1881 and died in September after being shot by an assassin two months earlier. Garfield was born in 1831 in what was then the frontier, Ohio! He lived in Mentor, Ohio, not far from Cleveland. He was a general in the Civil War and was staunchly opposed to slavery. Not only that but he was also a vocal supporter of the rights of free slaves. He spoke powerfully about the rights and freedoms of all people and especially of establishing and protecting those rights for freed slaves and all African Americans. He was way ahead of his time.

To me one of the most attractive things about James A Garfield is that he didn't want to be president. He didn't seek the office. He was drafted at the Republican Convention of 1880 as a compromise when the supporters of the men who were seeking the office couldn't settle their differences and rally behind one. When his name was put forward, it was done so without asking him and he tried very hard to have his name removed from consideration. Once it became apparent that he would be the nominee, he accepted but said that he would not campaign for the office. He thought it was inappropriate for someone to seek such a high office. He only gave speeches from his front porch in Mentor. Garfield thought, who could honestly think that he could do that job? He thought you had to be crazy to think that you were worthy of it, let alone want the job. I love that.

My first job out of college was in politics. I worked for a guy who ran for Congress. I made very little but it was a great experience. Even before I knew anything about James Garfield, I had this thought that the only way that I would run for office would be if people made me do it against my will. There was some fakeness in my way of thinking. I kind of wanted to do it someday, but I thought it would be cooler and less arrogant of me if I was "forced" reluctantly to run for congress or senator or something.

I always have had this attitude, where I feel like it is wrong to advocate for myself or fight for myself. When I was in high school playing football, there was a moment when the coaches, disappointed in the play of our defensive ends, asked the whole team if anyone thought that they could do better. There is no way that I would stand up and say that I could do it better. It wouldn't be right. The thing is, I could. But I didn't stand up. I figured that the coaches knew that I could do it better and would ask me. They didn't.

On Tuesday of this week, Dave VanVickle came up and gave a talk about how to have a great Lent, at the RC Men's Club. His talk was awesome. He gave so many great tips. One that stood out to me is when Dave said that we have to see Lent for what it is. When Jesus went out into the desert, as we read in the Gospel today, He went out to fight! The desert is the devil's place and anytime anyone in Scripture went into the desert, they went to fight. Israel spent 40 years in the desert fighting to become the people that they needed to be in order to enter into the Promise Land. Lent is the moment for us to fight! To look for the sins in our lives, the false idols that we cling to, the things that keep us from being the saints that we were made to be, and to fight to defeat them.

So many times, we don't take Lent seriously. A lot of us do things like give up chocolate or Coke and maybe hope to lose a few pounds. Seen rightly though, Lent is serious. It is a fight! I think that sometimes the reason that we don't take Lent seriously is that we don't take ourselves seriously. Maybe we don't think that we are worth it? Maybe we think it would be seemly for us to fight for our holiness? Here's the thing, Jesus thinks that you are worth it. In fact, Jesus went out into the desert to fight for you!

This Lent, I want to encourage you to take Lent seriously. Get off of the porch and fight for yourself. Go into the desert and fight for your humanity. Fight for your holiness. Face down your false idols. You are worth it.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Rick Neff
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
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
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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
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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 9, 2025

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

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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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





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

Della George Lehmeier

daughter of Clayton & Jessica Lehmeier

Welcome to our faith community!



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

William Green

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

Attention youth of St. Francis and St. Clare parish:

Come join us at St. Mary church as a part of the **Living Stations**. This is a long lasting tradition where the youth reenact the Stations of the Cross. We need both narrators and actors. Practices will be on March 30th, April 6th and April 13th from 11:30am-1 pm. The show is on **Good Friday, April 18th at 8 pm**. Participants will meet at 5:30pm for a pizza party and final practice. Please contact Amy Pettinato (call St. Francis office for her contact info) if you want to join in! Thank you for helping us to keep this tradition going.



Prayer for Pope Francis

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful,
look favorably on your servant Francis,
whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd;

Grant, we pray, that by word and example
he may be of service to those over whom he presides
so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care,
he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

St. Francis

Friday, March 14 7:00 pm

Friday, March 21 7:00 pm

Friday, March 28 7:00 pm

Friday, April 4 7:00 pm

Friday, April 11 8:00 pm

Friday, April 18 8:00 pm

Saint Mary

Saint Joseph

Saint John

Saint Mary

Saint Joseph

Saint Mary

St. Clare

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

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**

Evening Prayer & Benediction

Every Sunday of Lent at 5 pm at St. Mary
in Herman- All are welcome!

St. Francis Marian Guild Easter Giving Baskets

The Marian Guild is collecting nonperishable food and paper products to provide local families in need with food, not just for Easter, but for meals after the holiday. Drop off bins will be located in the back of each church for **donations from March 9th to April 6th**. Especially appreciated items include canned yams, applesauce, boxes of cereal, peanut butter and paper towels. Monetary donations are also welcome. Checks may be made payable to St. Francis Marian Guild. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

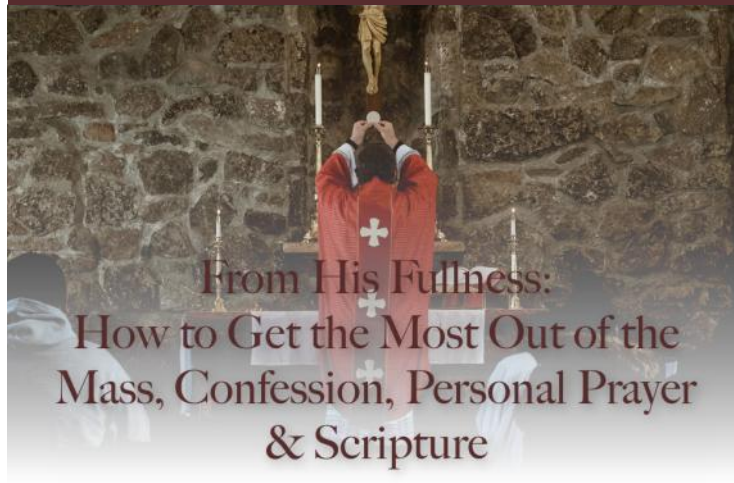
If you know of a local family in need who would benefit from a food basket, please contact Allison Hawk at the parish office (ext 212) no later than March 21th. Thanks for your help!

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 Association 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.



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



7:05-8:05 PM

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. **All are welcome** and the club will be providing pizza for attendees. The next Guest Speakers will be **Father Al Morris on March 10th at 7 pm**. Father Al will be talking about the American Battlefield Trust and will share how this organization is leading the charge in preserving our history for upcoming generations. On **March 20th, the Guest Speaker will be Father Ward**. Father Ward will discuss the Passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians 2: 1-11, which focuses on the nature of Jesus. **Fr. Jim will be the Guest Speaker on March 24th**, discussing the Jubilee Year that we are celebrating in the Catholic Church this year and will explain what it is and how we celebrate it.

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.

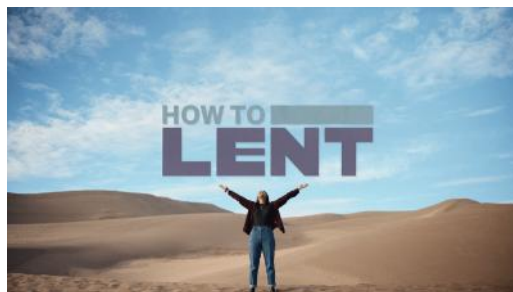


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You can download the **Hallow App**. You will find a complete guide to all their Lenten resources here <https://hallow.com/lent/>. The **Amen App** has many Lenten resources as well. For our **diocesan resource guide**, visit <https://diopitt.org/lent>.

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Offertory - Mass	\$10,673.00
Offertory - Online	\$2,982.84
Total Offertory	\$13,655.84

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$6,858.00
2025 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$36,025.03
2025 Parish Appeal Goal.....	\$123,427.50
2024 Parish Appeal	\$135,414.08
2024 Parish Appeal Goal	\$118,154.00

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$5.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$890.00
Ash Wednesday	\$25.00
Easter	\$50.00
Holy Land-Good Friday	\$20.00
Human Development Camp.	\$130.00

ST. CLARE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –MARCH 2, 2025

Offertory - Mass	\$8,378.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,295.00
Total Offertory	\$9,673.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$945.00
2025 Parish Appeal to Date....	\$4,875.00
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	\$322.00
School Support	\$908.00
Human Development	\$10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$40.00

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

If anyone coming from Butler to attend either weekend Mass at Mater Dolorosa that would like to help someone out who needs a ride to Mass, please contact Sue at the St. Clare office, thank you.



St. Joseph Council (St. Francis) of the **Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast** is **Sunday March 16th** at **St. Joseph Church Hall in Cabot 8 AM – 1 PM**

Eat-In or Carry-Out

Menu will include a variety of pancakes, sliced ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, juice, tea, and coffee!

Best breakfast around - anywhere!!!!

Give us a try, you'll be glad you did!!



Prayer Blanket Ministry Spring Raffle

Tickets for the Spring Basket Raffle will be sold at St. Joseph in Cabot after all the Masses this weekend, after the 5:30 pm Mass on March 15th, and at the Pancake Breakfast next weekend. Don't miss out on winning one of these spring lovelies! Winning tickets will be pulled at 1 pm on March 16th. The winner need not be present.



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 pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa.



Girl Scouts will be offering **cookies** for sale after **all Masses this week-end** (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!



St. Wendelin hosts the **Community Dinner at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, April 1st.** Volun-

teers 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, March 28. Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries that have proximity to downtown Butler.

The next monthly **St. Francis Marian Guild** meeting is **Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 pm in the St. John hall.**

All women of the parish are welcome to attend. On the agenda- upcoming projects such as the Easter food collection, Ladies Day luncheon in May and the Cross Catholic Outreach.





Children's Faith Formation

St. Francis Parish

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 9: Elementary

March 16: OFF

March 22: First Reconciliation- 9AM

Mater Dolorosa

March 23: Elementary

Middle School 6-8PM

March 30: Elementary

Save the Date! St. Wendelin School's
Good Friday Fish Dinner
Friday, April 18, 2025
Details to follow!



St. Wendelin School Monthly 50/50 Raffle Winners for February

Winner: Karen Ricciardella \$482.50
\$50 (sold winning ticket): Collin Ricciardella
\$50 (sold 10 + books): Ruth Geibel
\$100 (sold 25 + books): Pete Green

Congratulations to all the winners!

Thanks to all for the support!



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. Tickets are available from any school family! Contact Nicole at the St. Clare office with any questions.

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

Joel McKissick!

Joel is in sixth grade and has been at Saint Wendelin for eight years. Joel has three siblings, Elias, Khloe, and Victoria. Joel's favorite subject is gym because he loves playing sports and being outside. Outside of school you can find Joel listening to rap music, specifically his favorite rapper Kendrick Lamar. He also loves playing football and writing outside of school. His most recent achievement was last year's spelling bee when he placed 2nd in the school. When he grows up, he would love to become an NFL player because he loves playing football. He also one day dreams of making enough money to buy his dad a Harley. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week,

Joel McKissick!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is being freely
accountable for our actions
through knowing what's
right and good and striving
to do our best.



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL BUNNY BREAKFAST

SUNDAY MARCH 30TH
8AM TO 12PM

PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, BREAD & MUFFINS,
FRESH FRUIT, BEVERAGES

Adults (13+) \$8

Children (Under 12) \$5

Purchase Pictures with the Easter
Bunny

Kids Crafts, Raffle Baskets, & 50/50





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**

We are need of desserts
each Friday & volunteers
are always appreciated!

Just a friendly reminder,
we no longer need/take
the prior year's palms. You
can properly dispose of
them at home. Thank you.



**The next St. Wendelin School
BINGO is March 21, 2025**

at St. Wendelin Church Hall

Doors Open 6pm, Bingo at 7pm

Bingo, Concessions, 50/50,

Winner Takes All

Cost \$20 for Triple Row Packet

\$10 Single Row Packet &

\$5 for additional Single Row Packet

\$8 Dinner Special- 2 Slices of Pizza, Salad,
Dessert, Drink

\$4 Mini Special- 1 Slice of Pizza & Drink



Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmation students of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parishes took part in Catholic events and learned some Catholic history Pittsburgh has to offer. Fr. Matt and chaperones joined them for noon Mass at St. Paul Cathedral, the Holy Stairs at St. Patrick Church and the relics at St. Anthony Chapel. A fun day was had by all.



A Nite at the Races ...

... And what a nite it was! The fellowship was plenty; the buffet and beverages were Grade A; and the race calling was over the top. Our thanks to those who participated in the event, bought horses/jockeys, donated food items, prepared the buffet, sold tickets, decorated, helped set up and take down.

Great team effort by all! Our appreciation to those who donated baskets for the raffle. Congratulations to the

basket winners: Black Beauty Crystal Jewelry Set- Kelly DiPasquale, **Bourbon Street Essentials-** JoAnn Lindstrom, **Lucky Lottery-** Samuel Brosenitsch, **Wine From The Grapevine-** Chuck Kriley, **Chocolate Indulgence-** Carol Campbell, **The Lion of Judah (water color painting)-** Don Knoch, **Santa-** Kim Yakulis, **Welcome Ironing Board-** Allison, **Baa Baa Black Sheep Hanging -** Chris Felock, **All Wood-** Scott Medley, **Wet Your Whistle-** Don Nebel. **Until the next Race Nite-GIDDY UP!**



The Difference Between Fasting and Dieting



The critical difference between fasting and dieting is **intention**. Both involve a limited intake of food, but they are utilized and implemented differently. Dieting is purely for the sake of physical health or even personal vanity, while fasting is a spiritual exercise. **What does this spiritual exercise do?** A few of the main benefits of fasting: it tames our bodily appetites, which can be sources of temptation for us; detaches us from physical comforts, which can weaken us and impede growth in virtue; and aids us in personal self-mastery, so that we can resist sin and choose the good even when it's difficult to do so. Fasting also purifies and liberates our prayer. The detachment it produces sharpens our focus on God and helps us to enter into prayer more freely. It quiets the demands of the body so that we can focus on God without hindrance. In fact, fasting isn't just helpful to prayer: *it must be joined to prayer*. It's ineffective on its own. St. Peter Julian Eymard said:

"The two actions must be joined and never separated, filling our soul with love by prayer, and purifying ourselves exteriorly by mortification. It is easy to say 'I love God,' but if this word is not followed by mortification, it is vain and unfounded. Self-love has quickly taken the place of the love of God."

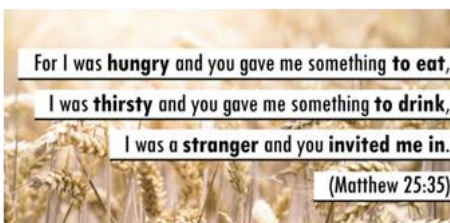
Fasting has physical benefits, as well, as the secular world has recently discovered. It goes to show that God takes care of *all* our needs, physical and spiritual—body and soul! This ancient spiritual practice isn't optional. Fasting combined with prayer is a crucial part of our progress towards God. The Church actually prescribes two obligatory fast days a year: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

~ The Catholic Company

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.



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 the QR Code on your device to go directly to the donation page.

You can also find a link on both parish websites!

SCAN ME



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.



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.



Are you open to the Holy Spirit's call to help women and preborn babies?

Here are ways you can be involved!

- Intentionally pray **daily** for all human life
- Join a 40 Days for Life campaign (40DaysForLifePittsburgh.com)
- Become a Sidewalk Advocate volunteer (SidewalkAdvocates.org)
- Donate to and/or volunteer at a Pregnancy Resource Center
- Become active in Parish's Respect Life Committee
- Become active in Parish's Elizabeth Ministry (ElizabethMinistry.org)



Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will Psalm 40: 7-8



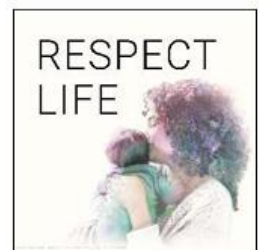
Learn more at our Meet & Greet in the Café at the Hall
during the Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, March 16, 2025

8 am – 1 pm

Saint Francis Parish, St. Joseph Church

Or email: outreach@saintfrancisparish.net



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 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 ocdspa06@gmail.com or call the parish office for a contact number to talk with someone about attending our meetings to find out more.

BINGO! on March 10th, 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.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage, Mary's Travel Ministry-May 16-26, 2025- Join **Mary's Travel Ministry Bernadette Burke** on this spiritual journey to **The Shrine of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in Medjugorje**. While in Medjugorje, we will attend daily Holy Mass, Adoration, climb Apparition Hill and Cross Mountain, and visit other villages. Deposit of \$500 due by March 25, 2025 to hold your space. Please contact Bernadette Burke 412-400-0107 / email: marystravel2@gmail.com

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