



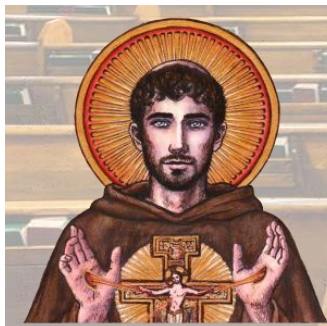
Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 23, 2025

Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3



Saint Francis of Assisi



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ST. FRANCIS WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 22	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	James Heagy	Linda & Dave
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Tom Rapinski	Mary Kay & Barbara
Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Intentions of Caitlin Trettel	John & Diane Ciafre
	8:30 AM	St. John	Lou Bauldoff	The Marian Guild
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Joan Neigh	Charlotte Ruediger
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Betty Neff	Trudy Neff
Monday, March 24	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Gary Beers	Charlotte Ruediger
Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	8:00 AM	St. John	Irene McLafferty	Family
Wednesday, March 26	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Sick Parishioners	St. Francis Christian Mothers & Women
Thursday, March 27	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Gary Beers	Ken Collins Family
Friday, March 28	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Daniel Jonczak Jr.	Joan Lingelbach
Saturday, March 29	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Victoria Raub	Mary
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Darlene Harbison	Mom
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Edward Moore	Greg & Annett Newman
Sunday, March 30 4th 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	Mary DiGregorio	Gary & Yolanda
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Joan Neigh	Rege Convery
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Wayne & Cecelia Watson	Aunt Rose

ST. CLARE WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, March 22	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	Esther Stephenson	Family
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Robert Zanella	His Wife, Joyce
Sunday, March 23 3rd Sunday of Lent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Edward & Shirley Tomasovic	Carol Tomasovic
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tyler Barger	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi & Saint Clare of Assisi Parishes	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Linda Slater	Stacy, Lance and Olivia Slater
Monday, March 24	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Leo Benson	Don Benson
Tuesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Living Intention for Melissa Tang	O'Loughlin Family
Wednesday, March 26	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Stella Smith	Patty & Dick Sanderson
	6:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Sid Callihan	Kathy Edwards
Thursday, March 27	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Genevieve Pearl Ritzert	
Friday, March 28	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Anna Marie Magill	Margie & Family
Saturday, March 29	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Wendelin	John F. Neff	Brothers & Sisters
	5:30 PM Vigil	Mater Dolorosa	Tom Dunn	Judy & Family
Sunday, March 30 4th Sunday of Lent	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Grace Weiland	Shane & Betty Hohn
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Dunmyre	Brian & Karen Callihan
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Wayne Pennington	Dick & Shirley Graham
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Rita Musthaf	

MESSAGE FROM FR. MATT.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the most awesome things about our Church is that it is Universal. In fact, the word "catholic" means universal. A super cool aspect of this universality is that the Readings that we hear each Sunday are the same ones that the Pope hears in Rome and that people in Korea hear, and in Australia, and in Mexico, and in Ireland, and in Kenya. Universal, get it? However, for the next three weeks, some people in our Parish will hear one set of readings and the people at one Mass will hear another. For instance, this week, at 11 of our 12 Masses we will hear Luke's Gospel proclaimed, but at the 9:30 AM Mass at St. Joseph in North Oakland, we will hear from John's Gospel. The next two weeks, one Mass at one of our other churches will have different Readings. Why is that?

The reason is a good one, an exciting one actually. When a parish has people preparing to come in to the Church at the Easter Vigil who are not yet Baptized, the Church calls on us to celebrate what are called the Scrutinies with these people. After the homily, the priest prays over each of the candidates and there is an exorcism (for real!) and the community also offers prayers for the candidates. The Church prescribes that when there is a Mass with Scrutinies, the Readings for Year A are to be read. There is a 3 year cycle of readings. Year A, B and C. We are in Year C of the cycle so that is mainly Luke's Gospel. Year A is mainly Matthew's Gospel, but in each cycle, John's Gospel is interspersed as well. Maybe you didn't need to know all of that but it makes something like this message that I share with you each week a little bit challenging.

The First Reading for both Masses comes from Exodus. Moses encounters God in the burning bush in our Year C readings. God tells Moses that His Name is "I AM." It is a mysterious name. It is a name that Jews would never pronounce. To them, to say God's name is a blasphemy. Christians say "Yahweh" or "Jehovah" when trying to translate and pronounce the Hebrew word in the Scripture but both of those are wrong. In Hebrew, the markings for vowels are left out, it is not pronounceable, not sure why we try. It is a mystery, as is God. In the Year A readings, Moses is again present with God. The people of Israel are complaining about their time in the desert. They are thirsty (a major theme for the Year A readings this week). God provides for them, bringing forth water from the rock at Horeb. This continues on the theme from last week. God is mysterious yet we can see His love for His people in His actions.

This theme is carried through into both Gospels for this week. Luke's Gospel challenges us to repent, to change our ways and it is kind of threatening. Jesus tells the parable of the Fig Tree. The tree has not brought forth any fruit for three years so the owner says to cut it down. The gardener however convinces the owner to give him one more year to cultivate the tree. If, after that year, there is no fruit, then they will cut it down. Jesus is warning us that time is short, we need to repent and change. We need to bear fruit. But He is also saying that He is the gardener and He is willing to help us. He is giving us a chance!

In John's Gospel we see Jesus doing that very thing. He meets the woman at the well. He knows her brokenness but He does not condemn her. He gives her a chance. He offers her life-giving water so that she may never be thirsty again. At first she thinks that Jesus is just speaking of earthly water, but Jesus is offering her something much greater. Once she realizes who Jesus really is, she leaves one of her most valuable possessions, her water jar (let's say this would be like leaving your car with the keys in it) and runs in to town to tell everyone about Jesus and the chance that He has offered her!

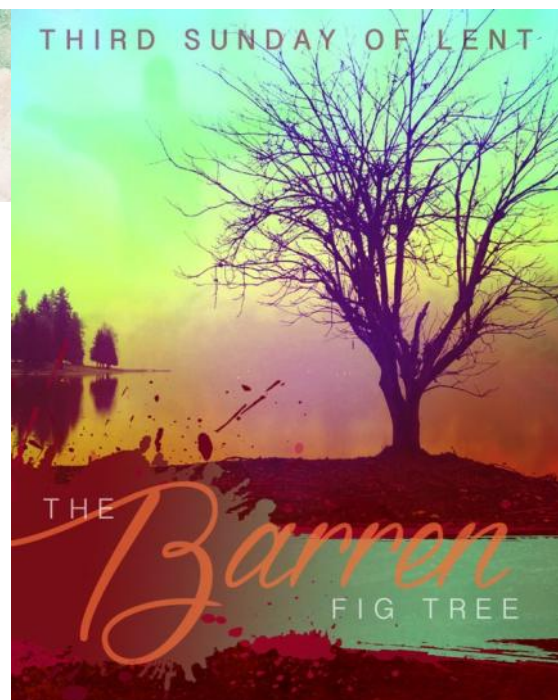
The Readings from both Year A and C show us a lot about God. God is a mystery but we can learn so much about Him by what He does. God knows our thirst and in fact knows what we are truly thirsty for more than we know it ourselves. God wants to help us, to give us a chance, but are we humble enough to accept it? Are we willing to repent and change our ways. Will we allow the gardener to work on us, prune us, rid us of what we don't need and give us what we do, so that we may bear good fruit?

This is time to do it.

He is giving us a chance.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt





REMEMBER *in your prayers*

Janice Schmidt
Georgie Bartoe
Geraldine Wiefeling
Pam
Ray & Marcella
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
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
Jennifer Perkins
Paul Erkens
Rodger Davis
Erik Fry
Lynn Toward
Michael Black
Peg Moser
Nicholas Kerr
Regis Convery
Emilia Schaffner
Marilyn DiGiacomo
Marek Wabazewski
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Joseph McCloskey
Fr. Rick Thompson
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Lena Jane Steiner
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 23, 2025

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a)/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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

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. Clare Parish:

Janet E. Marzolf

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



The next monthly first Tuesday **Eucharistic Adoration** is **Tuesday, April 1st**, at **St. John Church** immediately following the **8:00am Mass until 5pm** (No Benediction at the end of the day). **Open to attend 8:30am and 5pm.**

We are looking for volunteers to sign up for half hour coverage slots (*the Blessed Sacrament can never be left unattended*). Please contact Angie Robb at the St. Francis Parish Office (724-352-2149, ext. 208 or by email: angela@saintfrancisparish.net) if you are interested in signing up for a time slot, or visit either parish website for a *Sign Up Genius* link to sign up.



FEAST OF
*the Annunciation
of the Lord*

Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent

St. Francis

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 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 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!

Lenten Resources-In addition to the little Black Book for Lent, you can download the **Hallow App**, and the **Amen App**. For our **diocesan resource guide**, visit <https://diopitt.org/lent>. Visit the parish website for a link to all of the valuable FORMED resources for Lent!

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 pizza and final practice. Please contact Amy Petinato (call St. Francis office for her contact info) if you want to join in! Thank you for helping keep this tradition going.



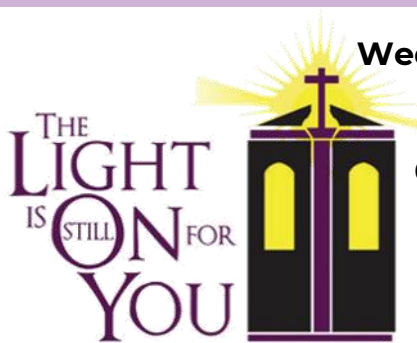
Wednesday, April 9th

St. Francis

6 to 9 pm at St. Mary & St. Joseph, Cabot

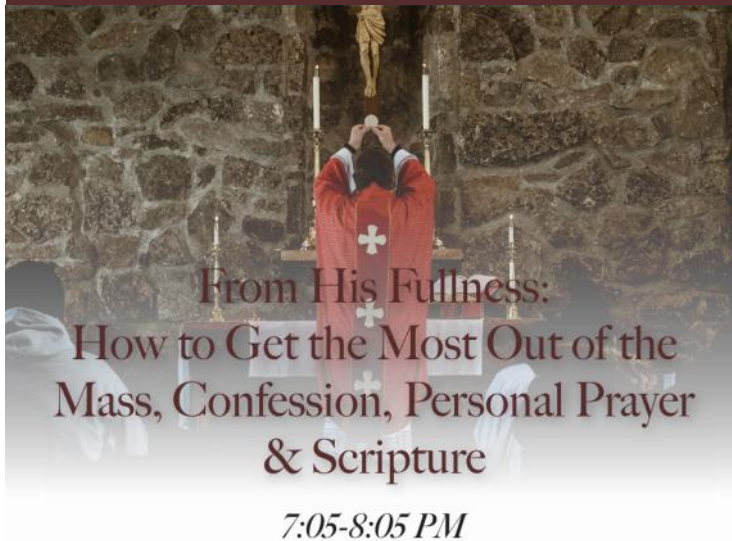
St. Clare

**6 to 9 pm
at Mater Dolorosa**



Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

DAVE VANVICKLE fell in love with the Lord at the age of 14 and has dedicated his life to bringing others into a radical relationship with Christ. He is a popular speaker and retreat leader who presents on topics related to spiritual warfare, the universal call to holiness, and authentic Catholic spirituality. He is a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville and has years of experience assisting priests with their ministries of deliverance and exorcism. He is also co-host of the popular Ascension podcast "Every Knee Shall Bow." Dave resides in Pittsburgh with his five children: Sam, Max, Judah, Josie, and Louisa.



Lenten Retreat Morning
Led by **DAVE VANVICKLE**

SATURDAY, MARCH 29
9:00 AM-12:00 PM
Begins with Mass, ends with time for Confession
St. Joseph Church • Cabot, PA

The St. Joseph Council **Knights of Columbus** are once again sponsoring an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all Parish kids twelve years old and younger!!

Saturday April 19th at
St. Joseph Hall in Cabot
Registration will be from
10:45 - 11:00 am in the hall.

Egg Hunt will begin at 11:00!

Refreshments of cookies & drinks (and Coffee for adults) will be provided afterward. All kids from our Parish are welcome to attend so come on down and have some fun! In case of poor weather the Egg Hunt will be held in the hall.



Knights of Columbus – St. Joseph Council would like to thank everyone for coming to our breakfasts this year. We have had a lot of fun cooking, serving, socializing, and appreciated your positive comments on the meals! Hope to see everyone back in October. The Blood Drives were also very successful and we are already planning to continue in the Fall.

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 Last Call will be **on March 24th with Guest Speaker Fr. Jim**, discussing the Jubilee Year that we are celebrating in the Catholic Church this year, he will explain what it is and how we celebrate it. On **April 7th, the Guest Speaker will be Fr. Matt**.



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 St. Francis church for **donations through 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) ASAP.*

Parish Giving

ST. FRANCIS PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –MARCH 16, 2025

Offertory - Mass	\$8,737.60
Offertory - Online	\$3,359.39
Total Offertory	\$12,096.99

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$1,865.68
2025 Parish Appeal to Date ...	\$41,917.37
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	\$25.25
Easter Flowers.....	\$602.10
Good Friday-Holy Land	\$20.20
Easter	\$50.00
Human Development Camp.	\$180.00
Utility/Energy Fund	\$21.10

ST. CLARE PARISH

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS –MARCH 16, 2025

Offertory - Mass	\$8,597.00
Offertory - Online	\$1,380.00
Total Offertory	\$9,977.00

PARISH APPEAL

Weekly Parish Appeal.....	\$170.00
2025 Parish Appeal to Date....	\$15,280.00
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	\$285.00
School Support	\$20.00
Human Development	\$35.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$50.00
Easter Offering	\$50.00

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

St. Clare is looking for a volunteer to help water the Easter flowers at St. Wendelin for the weeks after Easter. If you could possibly help, please call the St. Clare office!



The Catholic Relief Services Collection funds six agencies working to reveal Christ's love to those in need overseas and here in the United States. The collection shares its name with the flagship international relief and development



agency of the Catholic bishops of the United States, but it also supports other initiatives: the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Migration and Refugee Services department for resettlement; the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), which helps immigrants with work permits, residency, family reunifications, and citizenship; the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace for advocacy of human rights and education on Catholic social teaching; and the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church, whose ministries address the unique pastoral needs of Catholics from a range of cultures as well as itinerant peoples. Finally, this collection supports the Holy Father's Relief Fund, through which the Holy Father aids people in distress worldwide. **Recent decisions by the federal government to pause and even terminate international humanitarian assistance have resulted in immediate and critical gaps in Catholic Relief Services' ability to deliver lifesaving programs across all areas of its work. We ask that you please consider this and donate generously next weekend.**

Desserts are needed each Friday for the Fish Fry! We appreciate all of the delicious donations thus far and hope you will continue to donate!



St. Wendelin hosts the Community Dinner at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, April 1st. 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, March 28. Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among Catholic churches and their ministries that have proximity to downtown Butler.

Mark Your Calendars! The St. Francis Christian Mothers & Women Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale after Masses on April 12th & 13th at St. Joseph in Cabot





Children's Faith Formation

St. Francis Parish

March 23: Elementary

March 30: Elementary

Middle School 6-8PM

St. Clare Parish

March 22: **First Reconciliation- 9AM**

Mater Dolorosa

March 23: Elementary

Middle School 6-8PM

March 30: Elementary

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: REVERENCE

Reverence shows
honor, love, and
respect in our words
and actions.



The North Hills Regional Catholic Elementary Schools (NHRCES) has generously provided St. Wendelin with **yard signs** to **promote Catholic Education and St. Wendelin School** for families and parishioners to put in their yards! Anyone interested in displaying a sign, **please contact the school office.**

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



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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, typically 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:

Finnian Moongy!

Finn is a 4th grade student that is currently in Mrs. Dittman's homeroom. He likes Math, baseball, fishing and playing games. He enjoys reading books from The Magic Tree House series. Finn's favorite food is hot dogs! He is very interested in planes, History and WWII. Myrtle Beach is one of his favorite vacation spots and his Mom is his hero. When Finn grows up, he would like to become a pilot!

Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin

School student of the Week,

Finnian Moongy!

NEXT WEEK

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



Congratulations to our youngsters at St. Francis Parish who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time, on Saturday, March 15, 2025!

May they always feel the peace and mercy of God's forgiveness in their lives.

Please continue to pray for them as they continue their journey to celebrate their First Communion on April 27, 2025.



St. Francis Parish Lenten Baby Bottle Drive

This year's Baby Bottle Drive will benefit our **Elizabeth Ministry**.

As Mary and Elizabeth were there to support each other during their childbearing years and beyond, we hope to do the same through our Elizabeth Ministry. Mary was young, unwed, and pregnant. She also understands the pains of a suffering child and the loss of a child. Elizabeth was dealing with infertility before she became pregnant at an older age. Saints Anne & Joachim were unable to conceive until Mary. As grandparents of Jesus, we turn to them in prayer for our grandchildren too. Please consider joining us as we expand this ministry in our Parish. **Mentors are needed at all three churches.** Volunteer sheets and more info can be found in the church entrances.

We would like to pray for you and your family, and offer you resources and gifts.

Please email outreach@saintfrancisparish.net or fill out a contact card near the rosebud vase at St. Joseph (and hopefully the other two churches soon) if you...



- * Recently welcomed a new child to your family
- * Lost a child before or after birth (be it recent or many years ago)
- * Have a child with special needs or a crisis that is ongoing and life limiting/threatening
- * Are a grandparent who is instrumental in instilling "the faith" in your grandchildren or have concerns about them
- * Would like more information about adoption or foster care; have started the process; or have already adopted or are fostering children

...more to come as we find Mentors

Please grab a bottle from St. Joseph in Cabot, St. Mary, or St. John and fill it with coins, cash or a check payable to *Saint Francis of Assisi Parish*. Another available option is to make a purchase from our Amazon Wish List using this QR Code:

For more information about Elizabeth Ministry, please visit their website at www.ElizabethMinistry.org. Thank you for supporting this Drive!





**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

St. Clare & St. Francis Service Project

St. Clare and St. Francis of Assisi Christian Mothers & Women, St. Francis Marian Guild 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 Pon-

tifical 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: either parish website for link, find *September 28* event with our parish names, Click 'Donate' and follow the prompts. Or Scan the QR Code on your device to go directly to the donation page.

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.



SCAN ME



It has been brought to our attention that several parishioners have not received their envelopes for March/April. OSV, our envelope supplier, has checked on their end as well as with the postal service and has not come up with a reason for this. For now, parishioners may use any regular envelope with their name and envelope ID (if known, ID is not necessary) for their offertory.

The next mailing of envelopes for May/June should arrive near the end of April. Anyone that does not receive their envelopes by May, please contact the office and let us know so that we may investigate further and try to resolve this issue. Thank you.



Prayer Blanket Ministry

Thanks to those who supported the spring basket raffle. The proceeds benefit the ministry's blanket outreach program.

Congrats to our Basket Winners

Mary Lou Cypher, Mary Kay Horton, and Deanna Elliott

DID YOU KNOW?

St. Tarcisus

Tarcisus was an altar server during the Christian persecution under the Roman Emperor, Valerian. During this time, Christians had to celebrate the Mass in underground tunnels called catacombs. One day, the priest asked who would be willing to risk their life to carry the Holy Eucharist to their fellow Christians in prison. Young Tarcisus volunteered, saying his youth would be the perfect disguise.

On his way to the prison, Tarcisus met a few boys from school and they invited him to play. When Tarcisus refused, they became suspicious and noticed he was clutching something to his chest. They started trying to pry his hands away from whatever he was holding. Tarcisus muttered a prayer to Jesus to give him strength. One of the boys heard him and shouted, "He is a Christian," and the boys started beating him, trying harder than ever to get whatever he was holding. While this was happening, a man walked up and demanded to know what the problem was. The boys explained that Tarcisus was a Christian, and the man struck him hard on the head, knocking Tarcisus to the ground. However, Tarcisus clung to the Eucharist.

By the time a Christian soldier passing by drove them off, Tarcisus was mortally wounded. The soldier gathered the martyr in his arms, where he soon died. Still grasped in his faithful hands, safe and untouched, was the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Tarcisus' feast day is August 15.

He is the patron of altar servers, deacons, and First Communicants. ~The Catholic Company





LIVE THE LIFE
STRENGTHENING MARRIAGES AND FAMILIES

ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE

ST. AUGUSTINE PARISH
116 Thorndale Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010
APRIL 25, 6:30-9:00 PM | APRIL 26, 10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
APRIL 27, 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

DETAILS:
• Childcare and Meals provided
• Registration Required

LOCATION:
St. Augustine Parish
Saint Monica Church Hall
116 Thorndale Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010

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, MARCH 25TH - 2 to 3 pm** at ABBA'S HOUSE, 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 to find out more.

BINGO! on March 24th 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.

HOST AN EXCHANGE STUDENT LOOKING FOR A FAITH-ORIENTED HOST FAMILY IN THE US

WRAP YOUR ARMS AROUND THE WORLD

AVAILABLE STUDENTS

- Valentin (Male, 15 years old, Germany)
- Martha (Female, 16 years old, Germany)
- Louan (Male, 16 years old, Germany)
- Niklas (Male, 17 years old, Germany)
- Sara (Female, 14 years old, Spain)

These students are passionate about their church and eager to find a community where they can connect through shared faith and interests.

The only requirements are:

- a warm bed
- a place to study
- three meals a day
- a loving family

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

GAIN A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION

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acypher@borderlessfriends.org

encounterministries.us Register: encounterschool.org

Encounter Ministries Alumni Present
Sunday, March 30, 3 p.m.
ENCOUNTER
Diving Deeper

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me" Luke 4:18

St. Barbara's Church Hall
45 Prestley Road, Bridgeville, Pa 15017

Join the Encounter Ministries movement and learn how you can become activated in your Catholic faith, and go deeper with the Lord in the power of the Holy Spirit!

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY FORMATION AT SAINT VINCENT SEMINARY

The Art of Accompaniment

One-Day Workshop

April 12, 2025 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Diocesan Pastoral Center
2900 Noblestown Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Through the Art of Accompaniment, we walk alongside others, sharing in their journey with the Lord, and recognizing His presence. *Come to learn this beautiful ministry!*

Scan the QR code to register

diopitt.org/art-of-accompaniment