



SAINT
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Mater
Dolorosa



Saint
Wendelin

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County

I CAN DO
All THINGS
THROUGH
Christ
WHO
STRENGTHENS ME

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October 11, 2020

The Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I sat down to work on the homily this week, I wasn't in my regular place. I usually work on these thoughts each week from my desk at Mater Dolorosa or from the desk in the guest room at my sister Mary Grace's house, where I go on my day away. This week, I was at my brother Ted's house, sitting with my Dad, who is recovering from a nine-week stay in the hospital. Man, he is tough. He has done really well, but the process of him getting better is still a long slog. He is working hard and each of his kids is stepping in to help in a rotation. My sister-in-law Michele and brother Ted are the primary caregivers and they



are so good. They are making amazing sacrifices for my Dad. But that is what you do for someone you love and who has made amazing sacrifices for you.

The Readings this week are so beautiful. In some ways, it's an ironic and unfair set of Readings for my Dad to hear. The First Reading, Responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel speak of the banquet that God has prepared for us. In the First Reading, there is word of rich food and choice wines. The Psalm speaks of God spreading the table before us with cups overflowing. The Gospel likens the Kingdom of God to a great wedding banquet. My dad hasn't eaten any rich food

or choice wine in two and a half months! I wonder what these Readings sound like to him? For that matter, what do these Readings sound like to anybody who is struggling, or who doesn't feel like God has prepared much of a banquet for them? Everyone has some kind of struggle in their life. Everybody's got something, the saying goes. Do you feel like maybe these blessings aren't for you? Maybe you feel that God decided to not prepare a banquet of blessings for you. I know that some of you have had tough things in your life. I don't blame you for feeling this way.

But here's the thing. The Readings say that the banquet, the blessings, and the consolation spoken of are for all people! They are for you! But maybe you say, hey what about the guy who wasn't wearing the wedding garment in the Gospel? The banquet wasn't for him, was it? Well, yeah, it was. It was sitting there before him but he wasn't prepared. That's the thing with God. He has the stuff we need and it is available to us for free, but we have to make the choice. We have to choose to put on a wedding garment. How do we do that?

I think the wedding garment is found in the Second Reading. It is a choice. It is faith. St. Paul says, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." It is a choice to believe. A choice to focus on Jesus, rather than the hard stuff going on around you. Believing that Jesus has got your back and keeping your eyes focused on Him rather than the storm, this is the wedding garment. This is what we need to sit and enjoy at the banquet.

I know that it is easier for me to stand here and say this than it is for my Dad to do it. I know that a lot of you have so much going on and have been through so much. But if you can just move your eyes away from your troubles and focus on Jesus, He promises you that He has just what you need. The banquet is prepared for you. He wants to console you and help you. All He asks is that you put on the wedding garment, that you believe, that you focus on Him rather than the storms in your life. That you trust in Him.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

Matthew M. Baptiste

whose Funeral Mass was October 5, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Ryan & Alexandria Cumberland
on the baptism of their daughter
FINLEY JADE CUMBERLAND
on September 27, 2020

Allison Snyder
on the baptism of her children
**MELODIE NOEL &
CAMERON DAYVON**
on October 4, 2020

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE THEIR LIGHT



OCTOBER 12-18

MONDAY:

GAL 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1;
PS 113:1B-5A, 6-7; LK 11:29-32

TUESDAY:

GAL 5:1-6; PS 119:41, 43-45, 47-48;
LK 11:37-41

WEDNESDAY:

GAL 5:18-25; PS 1:1-4, 6; LK 11:42-46

THURSDAY:

EPH 1:1-10; PS 98:1-6; LK 11:47-54

FRIDAY:

EPH 1:11-14; PS 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; LK 12:1-7

SATURDAY:

EPH 1:15-23; PS 8:2-3AB, 4-7; LK 12:8-12

SUNDAY:

IS 45:1, 4-6; PS 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;
1 THES 1:1-5B; MT 22:15-21

PARISH NOTES

This week, Fr. Lou celebrates 40 years as a priest, ordained October 4, 1980.

Thank you!

*He said to them, "Come after me,
and I will make you fishers of men."*

*At once they left their nets and
followed him. Mt 4:19-20*

~ **Young Adult Gatherings** are most third Thursdays at the Dew Drop Inn, with the next one on **Thursday, October 15, 6:30-8:00pm**. Come for social time, appetizers, and a relaxed Q & A with Fr. Matt. For Young Adults ages 21-40-ish.

~ 2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS ARE IN!

Purchase them on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-Noon in the SW office. \$20 each with 1,000 calendars for sale. Winners are determined by the three-digit PA Lottery "The Daily Number," pulled at 7pm. Cash winnings figured by the amount of money on that calendar day. Winners paid at the end of the month.

~ Every December, "**Wreaths Across America**" honors Veterans by placing wreaths on graves throughout the U.S. and abroad. The mission is to honor and remember the Fallen, and to teach our younger generation about the value of their freedoms. Each wreath is \$15, and they will be placed on graves near December 19. Order forms available soon. Sponsored by our own Knights of Columbus Council 14103.

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us
in battle, be our protection against
the wickedness and snares of the devil.*

~ October is **Respect Life Month**, and this year's theme is "Live the Gospel of Life". It is inspired by the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*, defending the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized. Resources around the theme are available at USCCB's respectlife.org. The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life filled with love, promoting that the decisions we make be rooted in the Gospels, imitating Christ.



Youth Group volleyball has moved outside! During October, games will be played at the SW ball field. **In high school? 2:00pm on Sundays!**

Monday-Sunday, October 12-18 ~ MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES

Monday, October 12

Noon Mass at MD

For *Bean Callihan*

By *Pat & Sharon O'Donnell*

Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, October 13

8am Mass at SW

For *Anna Tomsey*

By *Carol Tomasovic*

Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, October 14

10am School-only Mass at SW

(Due to building capacity limitations)

For *Regis Neff*

By *Wilkin Family*

(Open church temporarily suspended for school Mass)

Wednesday, October 14 continued

6pm Confessions at MD

Open church 6pm till Mass

starts at 7pm at MD

For *Mary Jeanne Rodgers*

By *Chuck & Ruth's Children*

Thursday, October 15

8am Mass at SW

For *Anthony Fello*

By *Sister Natalie Lann*

Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, October 16

Noon Mass at SJ

For *Jarrod Bowers*

By *Mary Paserba*

Open church 11am till Mass starts

Saturday, October 17

11am Confessions at SW and MD

and 11:45am at SJ

4pm Mass at SW

For *Paul Miller*

By *Ron & Robin Hasychak*

Sunday, October 18

8am Mass at MD

For *Tyler Barger*

By *Rob & Janet Grey*

9:30am Mass at SJ

For *Loretta Hillwig*

By *Bernadette Conerty*

11am Mass at SW

For *Parishioners of St. Joseph,
Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin*



Parish Offertories

October 3 & 4

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 10/4	\$779.00
Offertory Online	\$65.00
Total Offertory	\$844.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$75,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$8,594.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$35.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$35.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$12,462.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$10.00

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 10/4	\$1,465.00
Offertory Online	\$255.00
Total Offertory	\$1,720.00
Weekly Goal	\$3,400.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$175,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$22,425.00
House	\$135.00
House Online	\$10.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$345.00
PSP Online	\$20.00
Total Parish Share	\$365.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$15,875.00
World Mission Sunday	\$5.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 10/3 & 10/4	\$2,954.00
Offertory Online	\$771.00
Total Offertory	\$3,725.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$300,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$56,165.96
Project Fund	\$125.00
Adopt A Child	\$135.00
Parish Share	\$465.00
Parish Online	\$150.00
Total Parish Share	\$615.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$23,191.00
All Saint's Day	\$10.00
World Mission Sunday	\$40.00

Grouping Information

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

ELYZABITH ROBINSON

Elyzabith is in second grade
at St. Wendelin School.

She is sweet, helpful, and
kind. Elyzabith has two
siblings, Kristofer who is
in the 7th grade at
St. Wendelin, and
Madelyn, who is 3 years old.

Elyzabith loves to learn
about art, math, and
spelling. In her spare time,
she loves to learn how to
cook, dance, swim, and
to play with her Barbies.
When Elyzabith grows up,
she would like to be
a school teacher and
a dance teacher.

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

Catholic Identity Program

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values
through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This Week's Virtue:

HUMILITY

Humility is
the virtue that
enables us
to acknowledge
that God
is the source
of all good.



ONLINE PURSE RAFFLES

DRAWINGS ARE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 6PM

Tickets for the main raffle are \$20 each, which gives
you a chance at winning one of 12 purses. There
is also a side raffle for a chance for one winner to
win three amazing purses. And there is a chance on
the 50/50. To purchase tickets for any of the three
raffles, use the links on the school or Parish website:
<https://www.stwendelinschool.com/>
<https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>



Pictures will be posted of the main ticket purses
leading up to the event on the school's Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/St-Wendelin-School-311866048839741/>
You can also get tickets from Nicole Karenbauer (724-290-8611) or
contact her with questions.

GOBBLE!
ANNUAL
TURKEY
DINNER
is ON!



Basket Raffle, too!

Drive by St. Wendelin Church
on Sunday, November 15 to get
your DRIVE THRU Turkey Dinner

We'll be serving the mouth-watering
meal including turkey, stuffing, mas-
hed potatoes & gravy, green beans,
coleslaw, cranberries and a delicious
pumpkin dessert from noon to 5pm.

While you wait for your meal to be
readied, you'll have an opportunity
to purchase tickets for the PTG Basket
Raffle, all from the comforts of your
own car. Prefer to just grab your meal

and go? That's ok, too,
because Basket Raffle
tickets will be available
for pre-purchase online
via the SWS and Parish
websites soon. Dinner
tickets available for \$10
each, only at the event on
November 15, no pre-sale.

Willing to help? Bakers & Volunteers
are needed and welcome! Are you a
baker itching to get in the fall mood?
We are looking for and accepting
Pumpkin Pie, Pumpkin Rolls or
Pumpkin Cupcakes and lots of them!

If you can spare some time, check out
the **Sign-Up Genius Link**, also on the
websites and avail-
able now. Help is
needed the day of
the dinner and the
week before.



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