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JOSEPH**



**Mater
Dolorosa**



**Saint
Wendelin**

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County

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St. Wendelin Parish

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Butler, PA 16002

724-287-0820

www.stwendelinbutler.com

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday, 9:00am-Noon

May 24, 2020

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the cool things about the last few months for me is that I have been in regular contact with my high school friends. We had a group of guys and girls that did everything together back then. It has been so nice to catch up with them. A few even join us for Mass online each week. Awhile ago I made a joke in the group text that we have going. I thought it was pretty funny. I was sitting there waiting for at least a "haha" or smiley face but probably a "McClain, you're hilarious!" What I got was...nothing. Crickets. So after an hour or so I said something like "Come on that was funny!" One of my friends teased me sarcastically. I laughed and said that I was sorry for my solipsism. She asked what that meant. I explained that it is kind of like narcissism, where you think that everything revolves around you. Except with solipsism, you don't necessarily think that you are the greatest, just that everything that happens or doesn't happen, is about you. As if my friends weren't perhaps busy with their kids or their work, but were just sitting there deciding not to respond to my joke. I think that this attitude can come upon any of us, especially in times of isolation and uncertainty. We see the world, our situations, through a narrow lens of our personal reality. It is a danger that can lead us to confusion and despair.



This week I got a call from a dear friend who told me that he was diagnosed with colon cancer and was going in for surgery this week. As we were talking, he told me about waiting for the biopsy results. He has some pretty good connections at the hospital and could have used those to maybe get his tests done and read sooner, but he didn't call in those favors or ask for a hook up. What he said was amazing. He said, "Why is my colon and my test results more important than someone who doesn't have the same connections? I mean, it's my colon, not THE colon." His words were funny and humble and beautiful and the exact opposite of a narcissist or a solipsist.

His words really stuck with me as I looked at the Readings this week. The prevailing theme that came to me is glory. The word glory is used in some form eight times in our Readings this week. In Greek, the word translated "glory" is doxa. Doxa, strictly speaking, means "the common belief". When the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures were translated into Greek 200 years or so before Jesus was born, scholars translated the Hebrew word for glory, kavod, as doxa. So what does doxa mean? Does it mean the understood truth or glory? The answer is yes to both.

We use the word orthodoxy to mean what is correct and true. The prefix ortho means just that, correct or proper or what is right, and doxa means what we said, the truth and the glory. So orthodoxy means, right glory! Now maybe you're saying, hold on Orthodoxy is a religion. And yes, when we say Orthodox with a capital "O" that is what we mean. But the word itself means "right glory." Okay so how does all that I have said connect? Or even does it? Well, I think maybe it does.

The Readings speak of God's glory and that Jesus wants to share that with us. Pretty cool stuff, but maybe what is most important to note is that it is God's glory. It isn't ours. It never was. It never will be. God is the maker. God is the center, not me, not you. How wonderful it is to know that God cares about us and all of our stuff, but sometimes we are so focused on ourselves and our reality that I wonder if we really believe that. Is God the center or are you? One way leads to humility and salvation and a sharing in glory. The other leads to confusion and despair.

So here's the question for this week. Are you orthodox? Meaning, do you give the right glory? Meaning who do you believe is the center of the world? Last week we were reminded that it is not all up to you. Do you believe that? Are you orthodox?

My friend said it best, "It's my colon, not THE colon." Let the Lord give you perspective this week. Let Jesus be the center of your life instead of you. Let Him share with you some of His glory. Let Jesus lead you away from the despair and confusion that comes with self centeredness and self concern. Be humble. Let Him be the center. Be orthodox.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa, and St. Wendelin ARE OPEN for PRIVATE PRAYER

Schedule for May 24-31:

- Sunday, 9am-Noon,
all Churches
- Monday, 11am-1pm, MD
- Tuesday, 9am-11am, SW
- Wednesday, 9am-11am, SW
6pm-7pm, MD
- Thursday, 9am-11am, SW
- Friday, 11am-1pm, SJ
- Saturday, 11am-1pm,
all Churches

Social distancing and face masks are required. Blessed palms are available. The Diocese looks to return to public celebration of the Holy Mass, with changes in place to allow for a safe experience, respectful of social distancing, and health and hygiene guidelines. More details to come. In the meantime, Livestream Masses will continue. Please see the Confession schedule listed on the next page. For questions about baptisms, weddings or funerals, call any Parish office.



**MAY 25
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MONDAY:

ACTS 19:1-8; PS 68:2-3, 4-5ACD, 6-7; JN 16:29-33

TUESDAY:

ACTS 20:17-27; PS 68:10-11, 20-21; JN 17:1-11A

WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-36AB;
JN 17:11B-19

THURSDAY:

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; PS 16:1-2A, 5, 7-11;
JN 17:20-26

FRIDAY:

ACTS 25:13B-21; PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB;
JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY:

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; PS 11:4, 5, 7; JN 21:20-25

SUNDAY:

VIGIL: GN 11:1-9 OR EX 19:3-8A, 16-20B;
PS 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30;
ROM 8:22-27; JN 7:37-39

DAY: ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13; JN 20:19-23

SAINT JOSEPH Mater Dolorosa Saint Wendelin

2021 Lottery Calendar

We are beginning to layout our 2021 Lottery Calendar, and it's a little different! Many of you are familiar with the SWP Lottery Calendar. With the exciting news of the merger of our three Parishes, we want to extend an opportunity to businesses that serve all Parishioners of our new and vibrant Grouping, soon to be Parish. Our Lottery Calendar will be good for the entire year of 2021. If you have a business in the surrounding area of our Parishes, you have the opportunity to advertise in our Lottery Calendar. Questions? Nicole Karenbauer, 724-287-0820.

Virtual Bar Talk - Sit-n-Sip!

THURSDAY, MAY 28, ABOUT 7:00PM

Text/call Sue for Zoom log on info at 724-504-3166. Bar Talk is for adults ages 21-40. It's virtual talk but NOT virtual beverages! Fr. Matt will discuss any Catholic topic you want to hear about!

Confessions At All Parishes

Drive thru Confession schedule:

Wednesdays

Mater Dolorosa at Noon
St. Wendelin at 6:00pm

Saturdays

11:00am at both Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

11:45am at St. Joseph - *New Time!*

Please remain in your vehicle and follow directional signs and cones. If there is more than one occupant, Confessions can be heard individually.

Deer Classic Rescheduled

Originally planned for April 25, St. Wendelin School's Deer Classic is rescheduled for the **Fourth of July!** Gun raffles, adult beverages, food, day-of raffles, and rack scoring. It's still at Happy Hunters, 676 Chicora Fenelton Rd., Noon-6:00pm. All tickets with the original April 25 date will be honored. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE REISSUED OR REDATED.** Questions? Christine at 724-504-7366.

How To Turn In Offertory Envelopes

You can mail Weekly, Special Offertory, and Parish Share to your Parish:

- **ST. JOSEPH**
864 Chicora Road
Chicora, PA 16025
- **MATER DOLOROSA**
PO Box 243
Chicora, PA 16025
- **ST. WENDELIN**
210 St. Wendelin Rd.
Butler, PA 16002

- OR - ONLINE offertory is available for all three parishes with links at:
<https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>
- OR - ALL Parishioners (not just SW) can leave envelopes in the SW Rectory drop slot. This is the door facing the church if you walk down the long, narrow walkway next to the church.



Andrew Murray & Sarah Bauman
married on May 16, 2020
at St. Wendelin Parish



Sympathy is extended to the families of

Lois "Sue" Fallecker Green

who was laid to rest on May 18, 2020

at St. Joseph Cemetery

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

May she rest in peace.

The Family is planning a Memorial Mass at St. Joseph Church to be announced at a later date.

Richard J. "Rick" Stutz

who passed on May 15, 2020

with private burial at

St. Mary of the Assumption Cemetery

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

May he rest in peace.

Sister Therese Burns

who passed on May 15, 2020

at the Motherhouse of

the Sisters of Charity in Greensburg.

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

May she rest in peace.

Sister Therese entered the Congregation on September 8, 1951 from Mater Dolorosa Parish.



Parish Offertories

May 17

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/17	\$425.00
Offertory Online	\$125.00
Total Offertory	\$550.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$32,583.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$975.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total PSP	\$975.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$8,232.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1.00

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 5/17	\$815.00
Offertory Online	\$220.00
Total Offertory	\$1,035.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$102,843.50
House	\$20.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$265.00
PSP Online	\$15.00
Total Parish Share	\$280.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$9,705.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$15.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$15.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Easter	\$25.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/17	\$2,256.00
Offertory Online	\$806.00
Total Offertory	\$3,062.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,139.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$272,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$186,106.78
Project Fund	\$5.00
Adopt A Child	\$15.00
Parish Share	\$395.00
Parish Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$395.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$13,063.00
Endowment Fund Y-T-D	\$500.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$75.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$45.00
Easter	\$100.00

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

JOHN WILLIAMS

*John was in our
Preschool Program last
year and is currently in
the Kindergarten Class.
John loves Math Class
and especially enjoys
taking Rocket Tests
(addition timed tests)!
At home, John takes
pleasure in playing
outdoors. He loves riding
his bike and sled riding
with his little brother
Luke, a preschool
student, as well as
watching his favorite
show together, Blaze and
the Monster Machines!
Congratulations to
this week's
St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week,
JOHN WILLIAMS!*

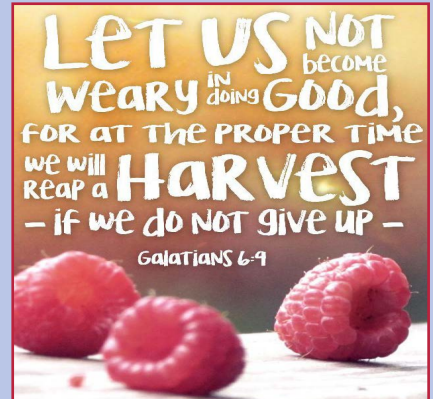
Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue is:

Service

Service is providing useful assistance or contributing to the welfare of another. Jesus called us to be of service to one another.



REFERENCES FROM SCRIPTURE

Galatian 6:9

Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up.

John 13:14-15

If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do.

Revelation 2:19

I know your works, your love, faith, service, and endurance, and that your last works are greater than the first.



Flags memorialize our deceased Veterans at St. Joseph & St. Wendelin Cemeteries.

