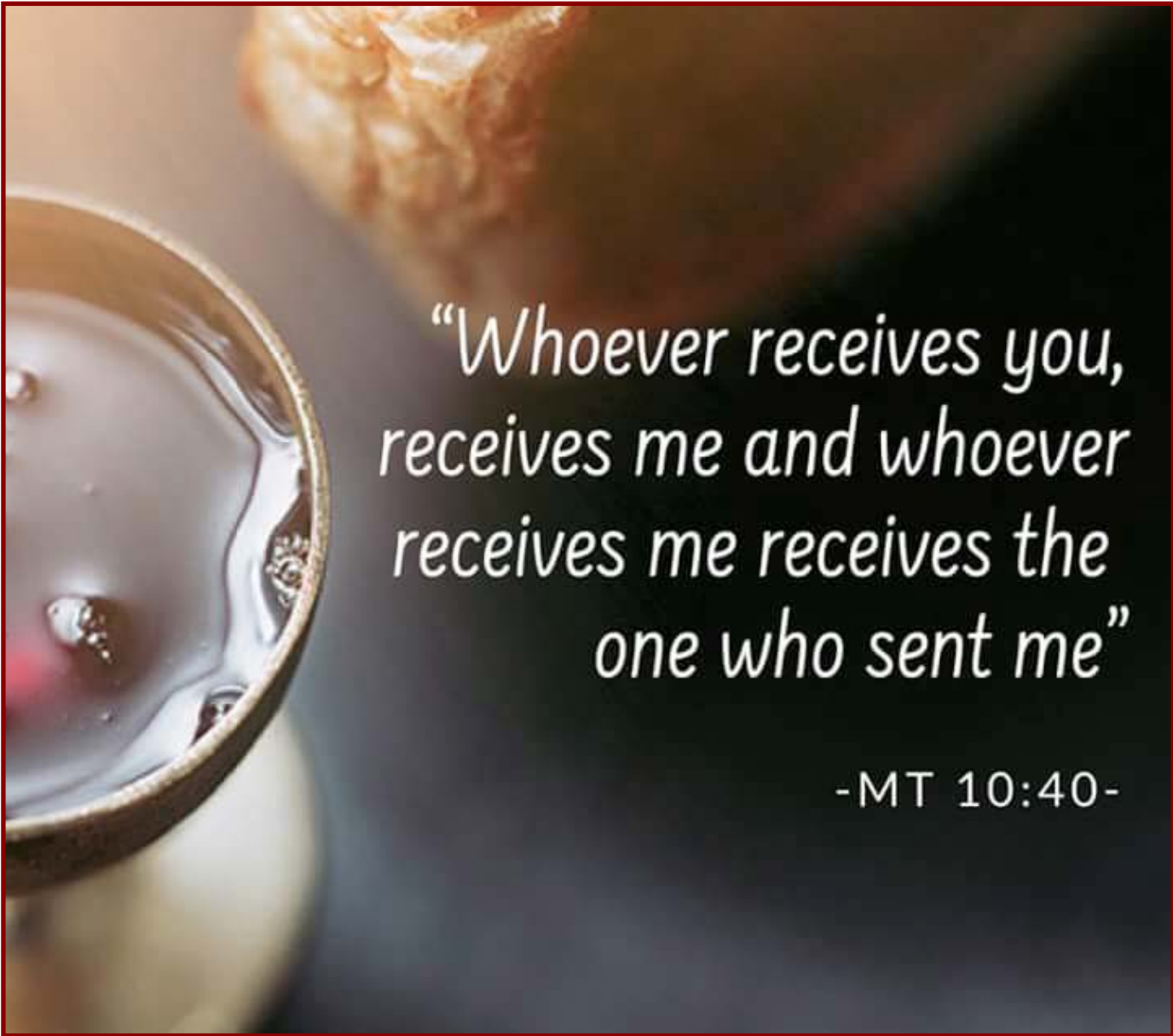




*“Whoever receives you,
receives me and whoever
receives me receives the
one who sent me”*

-MT 10:40-

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www.stwendelinbutler.com
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June 28, 2020

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A long time ago, Frank Sinatra sang a song called "My Way". It is a legendary Sinatra tune. There is something very appealing, very American, about the sentiment of that song. He is saying that he didn't co-opt anybody else's way of thinking. He figured it out himself. In the song he says that he has made mistakes and has a few regrets but in the end, he is proud that he did it his way. That is good stuff. It resonates with us.

There is a dark side to that attitude however. When it becomes "my way or the highway" for others. When we think that we are always correct. When we develop a sentiment of entitlement. Sometimes we can get stuck in doing it "My Way".

The Scriptures offer us this week an alternative to this approach. When the woman in First Reading, from the Second Book of Kings, recognizes that Elisha is a man of God, a Prophet, she thinks not of herself, not of what she could get from this relationship, not of how she could make "her way" better. She puts God before herself, even before her family, and makes a huge sacrifice to serve God through His Prophet.

In the Gospel, Jesus says those disturbing and challenging words that amount to this: we must love God first, and more than we love husbands, wives, and children! Wow! That is tough. Can you imagine choosing to love anyone more than you love the child you bore? Why would Jesus want us to love our children or our spouses less? Guess what? He doesn't. In fact, what Jesus is challenging us to do will lead to something all together more wonderful.

You see, that woman in the First Reading, she put loving and serving God ahead of herself, her way, her family and what happened because of that? New life! More love! A greater family to love! When Jesus challenges the Apostles, and thereby the Church, and thereby us, to love Him more than we love our parents, spouses and children, He is offering us the same gift. If we love Jesus first, we will love our families even better than we ever were able to before. There will be new life in our relationships. There will be even more to love. It is a tough challenge, but an incredible return.



Following Jesus means that we will face the Cross. Like the Second Reading says, we were baptized into His death. But remember, the Cross and the death of Jesus give meaning to all other things, and they are not the end. The Cross of Good Friday leads to the new life of Easter. New life, new joy, new meaning, new love, more love, this is what Jesus offers us if we follow His Way, instead of our individual "My Ways".

Can you do it? Can you put what God deserves before what you think you deserve?
Can you put love and service

of God before love and service of anyone else? Can you choose to do it His Way instead of yours? There is a cross in there for sure, but there is also new life and better love to share with those closest to you. There is an opportunity in this to change every relationship you have, with God, with those you love most, with those you love least, all for the better. It is worth the cross. This week, give it a shot. Do it His Way!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

Forever I
will sing the
goodness of
the LORD.

Psalm 89:1

<http://arlene156.wordpress.com>



**JUNE 29
THRU
JULY 5**

MONDAY:

ACTS 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;
2 TM 4:6-8, 17-18; MT 16:13-19

TUESDAY:

AM 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4B-8; MT 8:23-27

WEDNESDAY:

AM 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16BC-17;
MT 8:28-34

THURSDAY:

AM 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; MT 9:1-8

FRIDAY:

EPH 2:19-22; Ps 117:1BC, 2; JN 20:24-29

SATURDAY:

AM 9:11-15; Ps 85:9AB, 10-14; MT 9:14-17
OR, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY, ANY READINGS
FROM THE MASS "FOR THE COUNTRY,"
NOS. 882- 886, OR
"FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE," NOS. 887-891

SUNDAY:

ZEC 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;
ROM 8:9, 11-13; MT 11:25-30



CONGRATULATIONS!

Troy & Christine Bellis
on the baptism of their daughter
EMMA OLIVIA BELLIS
on June 21, 2020
at St. Wendelin Church

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE HER LIGHT

SAINT JOSEPH

Mater Dolorosa

Saint Wendelin

Parish Name Proposal

All Parishioners should have received in the mail information about the status of our Grouping's merger and a *New Parish Name Proposal Form*. There are several ways to get your information back to us **by Tuesday, July 7:**

1. Complete the form online through Survey Monkey. The link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Gr438NewParishName>
2. Return the form you received in the mail to SJ Rectory, 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025.
3. Check the website where you can access a hard copy of the form and directly link to Survey Monkey. It's stwendelinbutler.com.

High School Baccalaureate

Our Parishes' recent High School graduates and their families are invited to our Baccalaureate Mass and Pizza Party on **Saturday, July 11, 4:00pm**. Invitations have been mailed and emailed, but if we missed you, please let us know by calling any Parish office. **RSVP by Thursday, July 2.**

Baskets for SWP Chinese Auction

Many have asked and **YES**, SWP will host an August 16 Picnic Dinner and Chinese Auction ... kinda! Details are still being organized, but we know for sure that SOMETHING will happen that day! To donate for the Chinese Auction, please no individual items, **ONLY COMPLETED BASKETS**, cash or gift cards. Drop at the SWP Office.

**Schedule for
Monday, June 29-Sunday, July 5
MASSES, CONFESSIONS
OPEN CHURCHES
THIS SCHEDULE IS TEMPORARY.**

Monday, June 29

Noon Mass at MD
For Mary Lou Waltman
By Norma Miller
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, June 30

8am Mass at SW
For Paul Miller
By Vince & Elaine Santus
Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, July 1

Noon Mass at SW
For Justina Baron
By Larry & Carol
Open church 11am till Mass starts
6pm Confessions at MD
Open church 6pm till Mass starts at 7pm at MD
For Robert Zanella

Thursday, July 2

8am Mass at SW
For Loretta Geibel
By Bucky Hindman
Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, July 3, For Independence Day

9am Mass at SJ
For Mary Ann Tedder
By St. Joseph Christian Mothers
NO NOON MASS
Open church 8am till Mass starts

Saturday, July 4

NO CONFESSIONS
4pm Mass at SW
Edward Young
By Children

Sunday, July 5

8am Mass at MD
For Parishioners of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin
9:30am Mass at SJ
For Rose Filges
By Norma Geibel & Family
11am Mass at SW
For Phyllis Hindman
By Bucky & Family

**Please be sure to log on
to the new Grouping
website for information
about schedule changes.
stwendelinbutler.com**

We Have A New Website

In keeping with DioPitt Communications Department, our Grouping has switched to an e-Catholic website. Yes, it looks a little different! Until January, 2021, when our merger is complete, it will remain accessible through the current domain name: stwendelinbutler.com.

TECH GEEKS NEEDED!

We are looking for a few TECHIES interested in volunteering with our new Live Stream programming. All ages are welcome, but you need to be

comfortable with computers, cameras, and video and audio equipment. Call Gina at the SWP Office.

2021 Lottery Calendar

Plans are underway for advertisements in the 2021 Lottery Calendar. As our three Parishes come closer to merger completion, we want for all businesses in our area to have the opportunity to advertise. The calendar is good for all of 2021, which means people will see your business ALL YEAR LONG! Contact Nicole Karenbauer, at 724-287-0820.



Parish Offertories

June 20 & 21

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 6/21	\$542.00
Offertory Online	\$50.00
Total Offertory	\$592.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$34,881.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$25.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total PSP	\$25.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$9,204.00
Ascension	\$15.00

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 6/21	\$655.00
Offertory Online	\$105.00
Total Offertory	\$760.00
Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$107,703.50
House	\$20.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$160.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$160.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$11,020.00

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 6/20 & 21	\$1,778.00
Offertory Online	\$676.00
Total Offertory	\$2,454.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,139.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$272,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$204,016.78
Project Fund	\$19.00
Project Fund Online	\$25.00
Adopt A Child	\$9.00
Adopt A Child Online	\$00.00
Parish Share	\$465.00
Parish Online	\$20.00
Total Parish Share	\$485.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$14,783.00
Endowment Fund Y-T-D	\$530.00

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

ERIK SEYBERT

Erik has attended St. Wendelin since Kindergarten and is looking forward to starting the Third Grade in the Fall.

His favorite color is red.

Erik enjoys Math class, and he was excited to learn cursive.

Outside of school, he loves to play soccer and video games.

He is going to learn to play the guitar too.

His favorite food is soup, and he likes Pizza Hut.

When he grows up, he plans to become a race car driver.

Congratulations to this week's

St. Wendelin School Student of the Week,

ERIK SEYBERT!

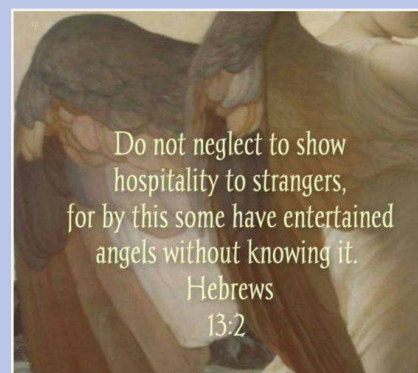
Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue is:

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is the friendly and generous reception of guests, visitors, or strangers, welcoming them as we would welcome Christ.



Reflection: Hebrews 13:1-8

- 1 Let mutual love continue.
- 2 Do not neglect hospitality, for through it some have unknowingly entertained angels.
- 3 Be mindful of prisoners as if sharing their imprisonment, and of the ill-treated as of yourselves, for you also are in the body.
- 4 Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the immoral and adulterers.
- 5 Let your life be free from love of money but be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never forsake you or abandon you."
- 6 Thus we may say with confidence: "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"
- 7 Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.
- 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

DEER CLASSIC IS VIRTUAL AT NOON ON THE FOURTH OF JULY!

A \$20 ticket gives you a chance on one of 23 prizes, totaling \$10,000 in cash and guns, with final mystery Grand Prize valued over \$1,500. Log onto Eventbrite to purchase your ticket:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/deer-classic-sportsman-raffle-2020-tickets-110723729656>. The drawing will be live streamed at Noon on the Fourth, from the school website: <https://www.stwendelinschool.com/> **IT COULD BE YOU WHO WINS!**

St. Wendelin School Notes

HELP WANTED - The school is looking for a full-time custodian and a part-time secretary. For details, contact Principal JoLynn Clouse at 724-285-4986 or stwend@zoominternet.net. Safe environment clearances are required prior to commencement of employment.

FALL REGISTRATION - Registration is open for Grades PreK through Eighth for the 2020-21 School Year. Contact the school for information: 724-285-4986 or stwend@zoominternet.net. You can download registration forms at <https://www.stwendelinschool.com/> and click the drop-down menu under Admissions.