



**SAINT
JOSEPH**



**Mater
Dolorosa**



**Saint
Wendelin**

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



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June 7, 2020

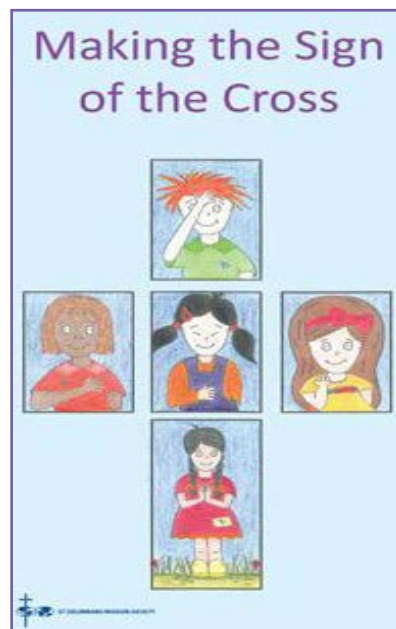
The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. For some, this will be a chance to be together again in Church. For others, it will be best to wait a while for that time. I have gotten to see a few of you this week. Well, I've seen your eyes at least, behind a mask, and to share the Eucharist with you. It has been a beautiful experience to witness your love and desire for the Eucharist. I don't know about you but I have kind of gotten tired of all of those TV commercials that say "We are together even though we are apart," or something like that. Honestly though, that has been true for us, hasn't it? What a blessing it has been to be able to come together online. Not the same, but a blessing none the less. I am so grateful to those who have helped to make that possible and to so many of you who have sent me encouraging messages during this time. We will continue to have our Mass online even as we begin to return to Mass in-person and into the future.

This week is very special in a number of ways. Not only are we returning to Mass in-person, albeit in a limited way, but at the Saturday Vigil Mass, we welcome into the Church our Catechumens and Candidates, who would have come into full Communion at the Easter Vigil. They have worked hard to know and accept the Faith. They are an outstanding group of young people who will add so much to the richness of our community.



This week is also very special because of the Feast that we celebrate, the Most Holy Trinity. It is just one of those Catholic things that we tend to begin all of our prayers by making the Sign of the Cross. This is one of the very first things that we teach people when they begin "Catholic class" or RCIA. I always get a kick out of most people's first attempt. It usually looks like they are making a wiping motion on their face and mumbling some words! But it is important. Both the action and the words. What word in that prayer is most important?

Honestly they all are. A few years ago on this Feast we talked about how important the word "and" is when making the Sign of the Cross. The "and" reminds us of the great mystery of the Trinity. Our God is three distinct persons, equal in substance and majesty, undivided in unity, yet three persons, in one God. They are apart yet together! The "and" reminds us of this.

The fact that we sign ourselves this way is important too, because it reminds us that not only is this a real mystery to be pondered but it is also

to be lived by us! Pope St. John Paul II says "In...the Trinity, man's 'living area' is broadened and raised up to the supernatural level of divine life. Man lives in God and by God." So we aren't just called to believe this but to recognize that we live in the Trinity!

What the heck does that mean? Let's think about it like this. We believe and were told in the Scriptures that we were made in the image and likeness of God. We believe and are told in the Scriptures that God is a community of three persons. It is a community of unselfish love, where each person is distinct, different in some ways from the other, yet united by love. One person is not the same as the other, the "and" remains, but instead of dividing the Trinity, the distinctness of each one draws out the love and respect of the other. This is the image and likeness that you and I were created in. This is the image and likeness that each other person was created in. This is the image and likeness that every black person was created in. This is the image and likeness that every police officer of whatever color was created in. We were created in, we are most truly ourselves, we will find peace and respect and hope, when we embrace who we are made to be, the image and likeness of the Trinity, a community of persons united in unselfish respect and love for the other.

We have so much to be thankful for! We thank God for walking with us through these trying times. We thank God for inspiring the hearts of our newest members.

We thank God for this feast of the Most Holy Trinity and for reminding us in whose image and likeness we are made. Let's be who we truly are. Let us live like the Trinity.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

From Bishop Zubik A PRAYER FOR RACIAL HEALING

Evil such as we are witnessing these days can only be overcome by prayer. At this most critical time in the history of our country and our towns and cities, I ask that in every one of our Parishes we focus on the absolute necessity of praying to God for guidance, courage and the vision that tears down walls and helps to build bridges.

WAKE ME UP LORD

Wake me up Lord, so that the evil of racism finds no home within me.

Keep watch over my heart Lord, and remove from me any barriers to your grace.

Fill my spirit Lord, so that I may give services of justice and peace.

Clear my mind Lord, and use it for your glory.

And finally, remind me Lord that you said "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

Amen.

This prayer is from For The Love of One Another (1989), a special message from the Bishops' Committee on Black Catholics of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Pastoral Letter, Brothers and Sisters to Us, the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Racism (1979).



**JUNE 8
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JUNE 14**

MONDAY:

1 KGS 17:1-6; Ps 121:1BC-8; MT 5:1-12

TUESDAY:

1 KGS 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7B-8; MT 5:13-16

WEDNESDAY:

1 KGS 18:20-39; Ps 16:1B-2AB, 4, 5AB, 8, 11; MT 5:17-19

THURSDAY:

ACTS 11:21B-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; MT 5:20-26

FRIDAY:

1 KGS 19:9A, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9ABC, 13-14; MT 5:27-32

SATURDAY:

1 KGS 19:19-21; Ps 16:1B-2A, 5, 7-10; MT 5:33-37

SUNDAY:

DT 8:2-3, 14B-16A; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 COR 10:16-17; JN 6:51-58

Tech
ARE YOU A TECH GEEK?
If so, we need YOU!

geeks

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 any Parish office *and the sooner the better!*

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.

Schedule for Monday, June 8 - Sunday, June 14
MASSES, CONFESSIONS
OPEN CHURCHES
THIS SCHEDULE IS TEMPORARY.
 As directives evolve regarding group assembly and safety regulations, so will the schedule. The goal is to return to a pre-pandemic schedule, but it will take time.

Monday, June 8
 Noon Mass at MD
 Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, June 9
 8am Mass at SW
 Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, June 10
 Noon Mass at SW
 Open church 11am till Mass starts
 6pm Confessions at MD
 Open church 6pm till Mass starts at 7pm at MD

Thursday, June 11
 8am Mass at SW
 Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, June 12
 Noon Mass at SJ
 Open church 11am till Mass starts

Saturday, June 13
 Indoor Confessions at 11am at both MD at SW and 11:45am at SJ
 4pm Mass at SW

Sunday, June 14
 8am Mass at MD
 9:30am Mass at SJ
 11am Mass at SW

Reservations are required for Masses on Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14.
 Call 724-287-0820 x1 or email to registration@stwendelinbutler.com by Friday

3pm to save a seat for one of the WEEK-END Masses. You will receive a confirmation call to let you know we received your message. You MUST call each week. Thank you for remembering that this is TEMPORARY.

Important information:

- Face masks and socially distanced seating are required.
- The handshake at Sign of Peace and Offering of Precious Blood are suspended.
- Communion will occur **AFTER** Mass and please exit like this:
St. Joseph—proceed up side aisles and exit through front doors.
Mater Dolorosa—proceed up side aisles and exit through side doors.
St. Wendelin—proceed up center aisle and exit through side door by the office.
- If you are unable to reserve a seat for Mass, you may receive Communion by arriving at the church approximately 40 minutes after the scheduled Mass time and proceed into the church.
- Holy water has been removed.
- Hymnals and misselettes are not available. Disposable worship aids will be provided.
- Collection baskets will NOT be distributed during Mass but placed on a table in the entrance of the church.
- Mass capacity per church:
 The diocese has set the number of attendees at weekend Masses as:
 Mater Dolorosa—80 people;
 St. Joseph—50 people;
 St. Wendelin—110 people
- Live stream Masses continue at 4:00pm on Saturdays.



Parish Offertories

May 31

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/31	\$75.00
Offertory Online	\$25.00
Total Offertory	\$100.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$33,209.50
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$80.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total PSP	\$80.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$9,024.00

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 5/31	\$455.17
Offertory Online	\$225.00
Total Offertory	\$680.17
Weekly Goal	\$2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$104,303.67
House	\$30.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$225.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$225.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$10,030.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00
Ascension of the Lord Online	\$30.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 5/31	\$2,007.00
Offertory Online	\$581.00
Total Offertory	\$2,588.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,139.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$272,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$193,235.78
Project Fund	\$10.00
Project Fund Online	\$20.00
Adopt A Child Online	\$30.00
Parish Share	\$15.00
Parish Online	\$150.00
Total Parish Share	\$165.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$13,903.00
Endowment Fund Y-T-D	\$530.00
Ascension of the Lord	\$19.00

Grouping Information

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

WYATT MITCH

Wyatt has attended
St. Wendelin since
Kindergarten and recently
completed second grade.

Wyatt excels
academically across
his classes, but his
favorite subject was
Handwriting and Cursive.
Outside of school, he
loves to play basketball
and making crafts.
Wyatt's favorite food is
sauerkraut, and he likes
stopping at McDonald's
for dinner out sometimes.

He is going to learn
to play guitar.

When Wyatt grows up,
he plans to be a mechanic.

Congratulations to
this week's

St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week,

WYATT MITCH

Catholic Identity Program

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

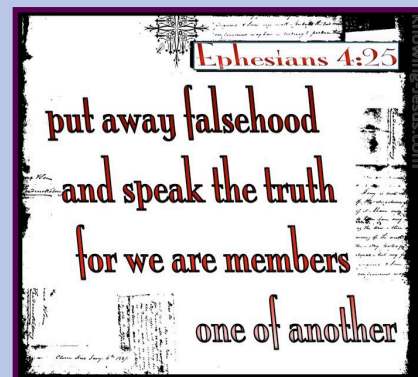
This Week's Virtue is:

Honesty

Honesty is
being truthful in
thoughts, words,
and actions.

Ephesians 4

25 Therefore, putting away falsehood, speak the truth, each one to his neighbor, for we are members one of another. 26 Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger, 27 and do not leave room for the devil. 28 The thief must no longer steal, but rather labor, doing honest work with his [own] hands, so that he may have something to share with one in need. 29 No foul language should come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for needed edification, that it may impart grace to those who hear. 30 And do not grieve the holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. 31 All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. 32 [And] be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.



Congratulations!
**Nicholas Richards &
Faith Schnur**
married on May 30, 2020
at St. Wendelin Parish



Sympathy is extended to the family of
Eleanor "Ellie" L. Fallecker

whose Blessing Service was
May 31, 2020

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace.

Mass to be held at St. Wendelin Church



CONGRATULATIONS!

Travis & Kristen Clouse
on the baptism of their son
BRADEN CHARLES CLOUSE
on May 31, 2020
MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE HIS LIGHT

