



SAINT
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Mater
Dolorosa



Saint
Wendelin

Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



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St. Joseph Parish

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M. T. Th. - 9:30am-Noon

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St. Wendelin Parish

Located at 210 St. Wendelin Rd.

Butler, PA 16002

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www.stwendelinbutler.com

Office Hours:

M. W. F. - 9:00am-Noon

August 2, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Prayer from USCCB ...

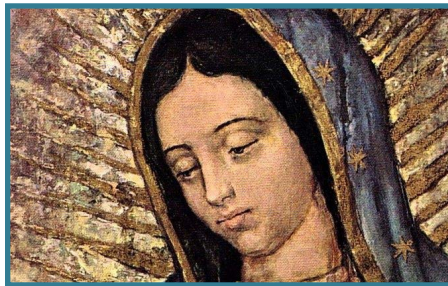
From Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), regarding COVID-19:

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity; that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God. God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. It is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace. We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

*Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and
Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as
your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us
with your Son,
as you did at
the wedding in Cana.*



*Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.*

*For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.*

*In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another
and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.*

*We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.*

*Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.
~ Amen ~*

PARISH NOTES

Our Grouping is in need of people who can [crochet baptismal blankets](#), and a pattern is available. Call the St. Wendelin office.

Are you having your first child? [Baptismal Preparation Classes](#) are being held through Zoom. Contact Barb at 724-445-3713 X4 to schedule.

[Votive candles](#) are available for lighting in all Churches. Hand sanitizer is available at each location.

Thank you for continuing to [make weekend Mass reservations by 3:00pm on Friday](#). If you're new to the process: call 724-287-0820 X1 or email registration@stwendelinbutler.com. You will receive a confirmation call.



Congratulations!
**Matthew &
Brianna McGarrah**
married on July 18, 2020
at Mater Dolorosa Parish



**AUGUST 2
THROUGH
AUGUST 9**

MONDAY:

JER 28:1-17; PS 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95;
MT 14:22-36

TUESDAY:

JER 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22;
PS 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
MT 14:22-36 OR MT 15:1-2, 10-14

WEDNESDAY:

JER 31:1-7; JER 31:10-12AB, 13;
MT 15:21-28

THURSDAY:

DN 7:9-10, 13-14;
PS 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 PT 1:16-19; MT 17:1-9

FRIDAY:

NA 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7;
DT 32:35CD-36AB, 39, 41; MT 16:24-28

SATURDAY:

HB 1:12-2:4; PS 9:8-13; MT 17:14-20

SUNDAY:

1 KGS 19:9A, 11-13A; PS 85:9-14;
ROM 9:1-5; MT 14:22-33

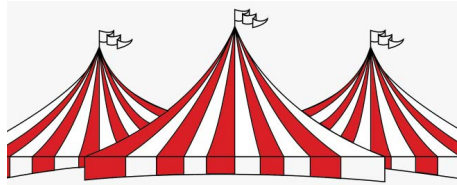
SWP "PICNIC" INFO

Final Picnic Meeting

JOIN US **TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 6PM**, SWP HALL, FOR OUR FINAL MEETING BEFORE THE DINNER & RAFFLE.

In case you haven't heard...

SWP plans to host a Chicken Dinner and Basket Raffle **Sunday, August 16**, Noon-4:00pm. It is a **DRIVE THRU** dinner only, featuring our famous char-grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, cole slaw, cucumbers, and dessert. Please note: **DRIVE THRU only**. Also available on August 16 are tickets for a chance on our awesome Raffle Baskets. You can purchase Basket Raffle tickets online NOW thru August 14, on the website: <https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>



ALL OTHER PICNIC ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED THIS YEAR

Cupcakes: Bake Away!

To keep items as hands-off as possible and the drive thru line moving, donate only cupcakes for the dinners. Call SWP office to let us know how many to expect. We have many committed bakers but can use a few more. YUM!

Volunteers

Eighth grade and older can offer a two-hour time slot on **Sunday, August 16**; or for veggie cutting on **Saturday, August 15**; or bread cutting on

Wednesday, August 12. All days start at 8am. For bread and veggie cutting, plan to work about three hours. On Sunday, August 16, volunteers are needed all day to pack dinners and delivery them to cars, sell raffle tickets, and of course, dishes! Think of a two-hour shift that works for you, and call SWP office to let us know.

Donations

Cash donations welcome anytime to defer the cost of the dinners. Drop off or mail your donation to the SWP Office. Placed in offertory is fine too.

THANK YOU!

There have been loads of creative and fun baskets donated! And many gracious donations of money. Thank you parishioners and businesses for your generosity! *It warms the heart!*

Schedule: Monday, August 3-Sunday, August 9 ~ MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES

Monday, August 3

Noon Mass at MD
For Charles & Agnes Hilderbrand
By Mark & Kathy Johnson
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Tuesday, August 4

8am Mass at SW
For Dottie Green Finn
By James & Hazel Green
Open church after Mass till 10am

Wednesday, August 5

Noon Mass at SW
For Albert Rozic
By Gordon & Bev Leech
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Wednesday, August 5 *continued*

6pm Confessions at MD
Open church 6pm till Mass starts at 7pm at MD
For Jimmy Hippy
By Bake & Jane Wagner

Thursday, August 6

8am Mass at SW
For Joe & Mary O'Donnell
By Larry, Cathie & Family
Open church after Mass till 10am

Friday, August 7

Noon Mass at SJ
For Sue Fallecker Green
By Mary Paserba & Family
Open church 11am till Mass starts

Saturday, August 8

11am Confessions at MD and SW and 11:45am at SJ
4pm Mass at SW
For James Edward Neff
By Wife Mady & Children

Sunday, August 9

8am Mass at MD
For Parishioners of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin
9:30am Mass at SJ
For Rose Filges
By Nancy Long
11am Mass at SW
For Jeff Neigh
By Family



Parish Offertories

July 25 & 26

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 7/26	\$331.00
Offertory Online	\$00.00
Total Offertory	\$331.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$75,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$2,942.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$350.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$350.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$10,643.00

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 7/26	\$1,300.00
Offertory Online	\$95.00
Total Offertory	\$1,395.00
Weekly Goal	\$3,400.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$175,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$5,560.00
House	\$220.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$170.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$170.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$12,435.00

Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 7/25 & 26	\$2,748.00
Offertory Online	\$536.00
Total Offertory	\$3,284.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$300,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$18,032.00
Project Fund	\$35.00
Project Fund Online	\$65.00
Adopt A Child	\$35.00
Parish Share	\$260.00
Parish Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$260.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$17,649.00
SWS Endowment Y-T-D	\$530.00
Assumption of the Lord	\$55.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$10.00

Grouping Information

This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

BLAKE SEYBERT

Blake is going to be a second grade student in the Fall of 2020 at St. Wendelin School. He has three brothers. Blake just welcomed a new baby brother, and Karson and Erik will be attending St. Wendelin in the Fall.

Blake's favorite subject is Art. Outside of school, Blake likes to play with his brothers, wrestle with his dad, golf, and play soccer.

He is a Boy Scout. Blake does a wonderful job with academics, has beautiful handwriting, and is very creative.

Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **BLAKE 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:

COURAGE

Courage is the ability to face difficulties and overcome fear with faith.



Reflection on Courage

By Cesar Pirateque, Immaculate Conception Seminary, Seton Hall University

To be a faithful follower of Christ, you need courage. We need the courage to deny ourselves and the courage to allow God to grow in us. The denial of ourselves is a crucial part of being a follower of Christ. Participating in the life of God and allowing Him into our lives takes more than just saying it, we must apply it.

On many occasions our relationship with God is based on how much, when and what we receive from God. We measure our relationship with God according to our own needs, thus ignoring the will of God in our lives and reducing our faith to a faith where we use God, a faith where our comfort prevails and where we look for what only we come to think will make us truly happy. This is a faith where God is not heard.

As Christians, we are called to follow the faithful example of Our Lord Jesus Christ in his intimate relationship with the Father, where is evident that the Lord rests in the perfect will of his Father. In Jesus, God himself becomes a man in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary and gives himself to the Father in a living sacrifice for the redemption of humanity. It is essential that Christians have courage and follow the example of Christ on the Cross. We must understand love, not as a feeling, but understanding love as a sacrifice. The sacrifice that we are called to live is for the salvation of our souls. Christ himself invites us to follow him, carrying our cross and in this way to be participants in his presence in heaven.

In order to transmit Christ in every place, and by this I mean, that we should not be satisfied with thinking merely about being good people, but we should be persons who long for heaven and who work for the grace of God in order to reach heaven. By grace, we understand that we are called as Christians to live in a supernatural way and that only then, in those supernatural moments, we will find true happiness.



Warr;or Walk for Hope 5K
in Loving Memory of Tyler J. Barger
Sunday, September 13

Karns City High School Track
Opening ceremony at 2:00pm

All in the community are asked to come out to support the Irise Suicide Prevention Program, the recipient of the Walk's proceeds. Registration deadline August 31, includes T-shirt.

Forms on our website: <https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>
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