



A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Feast of the Epiphany is a very special one to me, as my Mom died on Epiphany Sunday a number of years ago. The Readings are so beautiful. The First Reading speaks of Israel rising up in splendor to be a light to those around them. In the Second Reading, St. Paul speaks of the stewardship of God's Grace and that we are partners in the promise of Jesus Christ. The Gospel tells the story of the Magi, the Three Wise Men, who follow the guidance of a star and greet the newborn King. They offer to the baby in the manger, gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.



This day is a special one in another way. Tomorrow, our three Parishes, Mater Dolorosa, St. Joseph and St. Wendelin, will officially merge and become St. Clare of Assisi Parish.

I couldn't think of a better Feast to celebrate today. Just as the three Magi walked together and presented their gifts, each one different and each one important, we have walked together on a journey and now we present the giftedness of our Parishes, each one different and each one important, to Jesus' Church. The gifts the Magi presented: Gold befitting a king, Frankincense befitting a servant priest, and Myrrh befitting one who would suffer and die for the sake of others. Those aren't exactly the gifts that we three Parishes present, but we give what we have, and that will be good enough for the baby in the manger, our Savior.

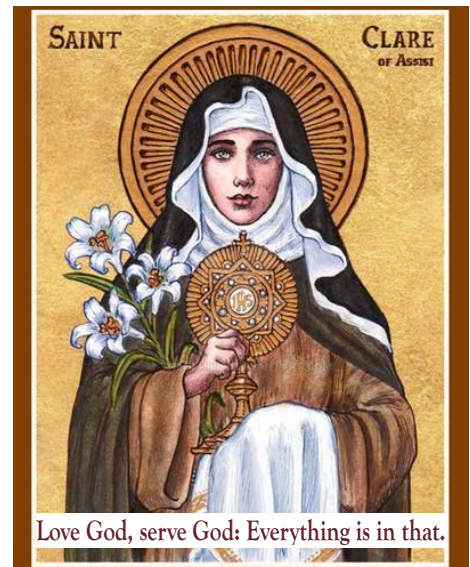
Our gifts will be good enough because to the Lord, we are partners in His Promise. He wants just what we have, and if we keep giving what we have and who we are to Him unselfishly, our Lord, our partner in the promise, will make up what we lack. That is how He does it.

I am so confident that St. Clare Parish will become what the Lord intends us to become. We will become a light for those around us. We will share what we have, the way we worship, the way we care for each other, and for those in need. We will be what someone from a neighboring Parish called us this year, "The Parish of the Possible."

I have been so blessed to be the Pastor of Mater Dolorosa, St. Joseph, and St. Wendelin. I feel like the luckiest guy in the world to have been with you for the last number of years. Thank you for your faithfulness and examples of holiness.

Tomorrow, let us become St. Clare, The Parish of the Possible. A light of Hope for our neighbors. Partners in the promise of Jesus Christ. Unselfish givers of the gifts we have.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt



Effective TOMORROW,
Monday, January 4, 2021,
our Grouping is
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

We are a Sister Parish with
St. Francis of Assisi.

OFFICES RELOCATED

As part of the merger, all offices have relocated to the St. Joseph Administration Center. Employees can be reached at 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025, 724-445-3713. Phone extensions and emails are being updated, so please bear with the technology glitches that are sure to happen! The St. Wendelin Office is closed except for when certain programs are being held, such as CCD, RCIA, and Live Streaming.

WEEKEND MASSES ADDED

Saturday and Sunday, January 9 and 10, we return to six Masses per weekend and registrations are still required. The Mass and Confession schedule is listed on Page 3, as well as information on how to register for weekend Mass. Weekday Mass registration is not required.

OUR SHARED CLERGY

St. Francis of Assisi Parish is comprised of St. John, Coyleville; St. Mary, Herman; and St. Joseph, Cabot. The two Parishes of Assisi will be served by a shared clergy team of Fr. Matt, who is Pastor; and three Senior Parochial Vicars: our own Fr. Lou, and Fr. Ward Stakem, OFM Cap., and Fr. James Kurtz, OFM Cap., who presently serve what will be St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

PARISH NOTES

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ADDITIONS

These names are to be included on the Grouping's Christmas Flower List for "In memory of..."

Anthony & Helen Fello

Ann & Will Baptiste

Catherine & Dante Borghini

Rev. John Haney

Ann, Tony, Madge, & Duke Funari

Clare & Harry Bielewicz, Sr.

Fr. Wendel

Fr. DePaul

Don Troyan

Gert & George Troyan

Agnes & Ray Rettig

Maxine Geibel

Norman A. Geibel

Delbert M. Geibel

Lee R. Fair

Ruth Y. Fair

The full Christmas Flower List is on the website under December 20 bulletin insert, <https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>.

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

The online giving program has changed. Letters were mailed to Parishioners who regularly participate in the program, explaining the updates for the St. Clare online giving site. If you participate in online giving and have not received a letter or if you have any questions, call Nicole at 724-445-3713 x7. Online giving is great way to simplify church offertory. *ASK about it!*

DISPENSATION FROM MASS

In light of updated Covid guidelines set forth by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 10, the Diocese of Pittsburgh reminds its Faithful that:

1. Elderly and at-risk individuals should not attend Mass
2. All Parishioners are dispensed of their obligation to attend Mass
3. The announcement by the Commonwealth has not changed Church capacity limits

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

If you haven't been to Mass for awhile because of pandemic restrictions, please note that there needs to be a pause between Eucharistic recipients. Let the person in front of you receive and move on before you attend to the

Priest or Eucharistic Minister. Additionally, at Mater Dolorosa, remember that all Eucharistic recipients receive in the middle aisle and return to pews from the side aisles.

2021 LOTTERY CALENDARS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

You've only missed a few days!

Calendars are on sale on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9am-Noon in the SJ Admin Center. \$20 each with 1,000 calendars for sale. Winners determined by the three-digit PA Lottery "The Daily Number," pulled at 7pm. Winnings figured by the amount of money on that calendar day. Winners paid at the end of the month. The 2021 Lottery Calendars DO NOT list Wednesday, March 31 and Friday, April 30. They are both valued at \$20. Sorry for the oversight. If your number hits that day, you will still receive a \$20 check!

2021 BAPTISM CLASSES

Parents are required to take a Baptismal Class prior to having their first child baptized, or if it has been a few years between children. Online Zoom classes are being scheduled on four Mondays throughout 2021, at 6:30pm. Dates are: **February 1, May 3, August 2 and November 1**. To register for a Zoom session or to schedule a baptism, contact Barb at 724-445-3713 x4.

PRAYER LIST UPDATES

Please remember to call the appropriate Parish Office to add or remove a name from Parish Prayer Lists. For SJ & MD, call Fran Parker @ 724-445-7421 or Nancy Long @ 814-935-5303. For SWP, call the Office @ 724-287-0820. Thanks for helping to keep this Ministry up-to-date.

SPECIAL EDUCATION OFFERTORY

The **weekend of January 16-17** has been designated for the special collection to benefit St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. St. Anthony's and DePaul both fill a necessary role for special education within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Both programs empower students to become active and contributing members of their respective communities.

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE BEGINS MONDAY, JANUARY 4

THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

MONDAY

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

TUESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

WEDNESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 10:00AM

SCHOOL-ONLY - IF SCHOOL IS IN REMOTE LEARNING STATUS, MASS IS CANCELED

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 6:15-6:45PM

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - 7:00PM

THURSDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

FRIDAY

ST. JOSEPH MASS - NOON

SATURDAY

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. WENDELIN CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. JOSEPH CONFESSION - 11:45AM-12:15PM

ST. WENDELIN VIGIL MASS - 4:00PM

MATER DOLOROSA VIGIL MASS - 5:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES

ST. WENDELIN - 7:00AM

MATER DOLOROSA - 8:15AM

ST. JOSEPH - 9:30AM

ST. WENDELIN - 10:30AM

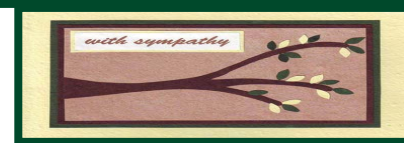
OPEN PRAYER TIMES WRAP AROUND **WEEKDAY MASSES**, WITH CHURCHES AVAILABLE FOR QUIET REFLECTION:

> AN HOUR AFTER THE TWO 8AM MASSES

> AN HOUR BEFORE THE TWO NOON MASSES AND THE ONE 7PM MASS

WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

Registration for weekend (Saturday Vigils and Sunday) Masses needs to continue for a while longer. Call 724-445-3713 x1 or email to registration@stwendelinbutler.com by 3pm on Fridays. At this time, registration is for one week at a time.



Raymond E. Neff

whose Blessing Service
was December 16, 2020

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

May he rest in peace.

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

MAISIE RIMER

Maisie has attended St. Wendelin School since Preschool and is currently in First Grade. Her older sister, Mila, also attends St. Wendelin School. Maisie is a sweet student who always has a smile on her face that makes everyone around her happy! Maisie's preferred subject at school is Art because she loves to paint! One of her favorite school activities is the annual All-School Walk-a-Thon that raises money for the Chimbote Mission. Outside of school, Maisie enjoys participating in gymnastics and swimming at the YMCA. She also takes pleasure in watching her favorite show "Descendants" while eating a delicious slice of pizza! When she grows up, Maisie would like to become a Dog Trainer. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **MAISIE RIMER!**

Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

GRACE

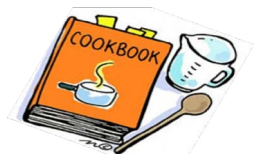
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the gift
of God's life
in us.



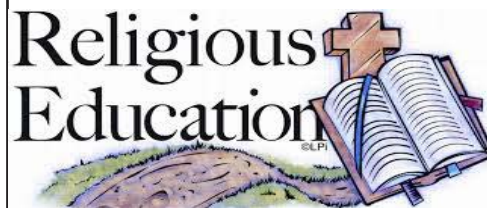
A TASTY NEW BOOK - Recipe Deadline EXTENDED

St. Wendelin School PTG is creating a new recipe book from our three Churches of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa and St. Wendelin. The book will be under the school and new Parish name, St. Clare of Assisi. Submit recipes **ASAP** to:

1. PTG email at ptgstwend@zoominternet.net
OR
2. Mail to St. Wendelin School, 211 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002
OR
3. Place a hard copy in the school drop box.



Forms for submitting a recipe are on the school and Parish websites. Sales start mid-Spring. Questions? Email the PTG at the above address.



Religious Education

CCD REMINDER
All CCD grades that meet at St. Wendelin Church have class next Sunday, January 10.
• Grades 1-5 - 9:00-10:15am
• Grades 6-8 - 6:30-8pm
Grades 2 & 8 in the Church Hall
All other Grades in the School

Confirmation Class Hey - STUFF IS DUE!
Confirmation Candidates! **STUFF** is due on Sunday, January 24 for the CCD class and Monday, January 25 for SWS candidates. **STUFF** is: the Confirmation Candidate Sheet and Card, and it needs to list information about You, Your Sponsor & Saint. **STUFF!**



**JANUARY 4
THRU
JANUARY 10**

MONDAY:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Ps 2:7BC-8, 10-12A;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY:

1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY:

1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15BC, 17;
Lk 4:14-22A

FRIDAY:

1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16

SATURDAY:

1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6A, 9B; Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY:

Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4BCD-6;
1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



St. Wendelin Church volunteers at the community dinner before Christmas were festively dressed - and busy! Community dinners are held every Tuesday at St. Paul Church. It is a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among the Catholic churches and their ministries that have proximity to downtown Butler. Special thanks to Confirmation Candidates who breaded and bagged and scooped and smiled!

~ Monday-Sunday, January 4 - January 10 ~ MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES ~

MONDAY, JANUARY 4

Noon **Mass** at MD

For Pat Liberto

By Amy Woodward

Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5

8am **Mass** at SW

In Memory of Regis Neff

By Wilkin Family

Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

10am School-only **Mass** at SW
is CANCELED, as school is in remote learning status

6pm **Confessions** at MD

Open church 6pm till **Mass**

starts at 7pm at MD

For Dr. Edward McClain

By William Liberto

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

8am **Mass** at SW

For Garnet Kriley

By Juge & Susan Baptiste

Open church after Mass till 10am

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

Noon **Mass** at SJ

For Lawrence "Curtie" Curtis

By Travis, Mary & Lex Twentier

Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

Confessions are

11-11:30am at both MD & SW

11:45am-12:15pm at SJ

NEW MASS SCHEDULE STARTS

4pm **Mass** at SW

For Diane Neal

By Ward & Sue Quinlan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 (continued)

5:30pm **Mass** at MD

For Robert Zanella

By George & Cathy Rodgers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

7am **Mass** at MD

For Rose Marie Snyder

8:15pm **Mass** at MD

For Bernard "Bean" Callihan

By Armando, Beth (Callihan) & Olivia Ricci

9:30am **Mass** at SJ

For Gertrude Berteotti

By Mike & Sandy Potchak

10:30am **Mass** at SW

For the Parishioners of

St. Clare of Assisi Parish



Parish Offertories December 19 & 20

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Offertory at Mass 12/20	\$1,434.00
Offertory Online	\$25.00
Total Offertory	\$1,459.00
Weekly Goal	\$1,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$75,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$16,082.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$650.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$650.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$6,289.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$17,268.00
All Saints Day	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas Offertory	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass 12/20	\$3,135.00
Offertory Online	\$150.00
Total Offertory	\$3,285.00
Weekly Goal	\$3,400.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$175,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$42,549.01
House	\$00.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$40.00
PSP Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$40.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$20,985.00
Total Received 2020/21	\$19,248.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH

Offertory at Mass 12/19 & 12/20	\$1,961.00
Offertory Online	\$756.00
Total Offertory	\$2,717.00
Weekly Goal	\$5,800.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$300,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$90,472.96
Project Fund	\$45.00
Project Fund Online	\$25.00
Adopt A Child	\$15.00
Parish Share	\$85.00
Parish Online	\$00.00
Total Parish Share	\$85.00
2020 Parish Share Goal	\$47,710.00
Total PSP Received 2020/21	\$25,817.60
All Saints	\$10.00
World Mission	\$10.00
Retired Religious	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$57.00
Christmas Flowers	\$110.00
Christmas Offertory	\$157.00
Children's Christmas	\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$27.00

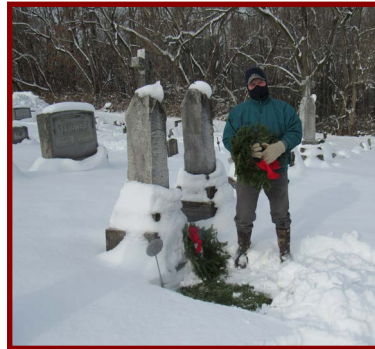
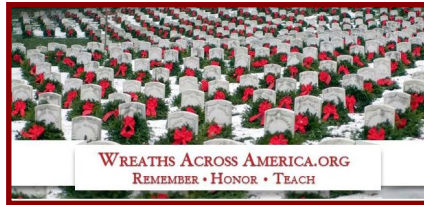
Thank you for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

Offertory listings delayed
due to early bulletin deadlines.

Snowy, cold weather did not deter our Knights of Columbus, who, on December 19, organized placement of Christmas wreaths on veterans' graves at Hemphill, St. Joseph, and St. Wendelin Cemeteries, and at the War Memorial Site on Main Street in Chicora.

The festive greenery was placed as part of **Wreaths Across America**; with 1.7 million veterans honored at 2,557 locations across the country, including Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. This is the first year our Knights participated.

John Cook, who organized the wreath placement, said he hopes to grow the event so all veterans in our Parish cemeteries will receive a wreath at Christmas.



ON MISSION FOR
**THE CHURCH
ALIVE!**

VICARIATE FOUR - GROUPING 438 - North Oakland, Chicora, Carbon Center
SOON TO BE ... St. Clare of Assisi!

St. Joseph Parish, North Oakland

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025
724-445-3713 Fax: 724-607-1183

M. T. Th. - 9:30am-Noon - Due to Covid, BY PHONE ONLY

Mater Dolorosa Parish

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025
724-445-2275

Office Hours at St. Joseph Rectory - See above

St. Wendelin Parish & School

Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002
Parish - 724-287-0820 School - 724-285-4986

Parish Office Hours: M. T. F. - 9:00am-Noon

WEBSITE FOR ALL PARISHES: <https://www.stwendelinbutler.com/>

Prayer Lists for all Parishes

For SJ & MD, call Fran Parker @ 724-445-7421
For SWP, call the Office @ 724-287-0820

Cemetery Inquiries for all Parishes

Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road,
New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, cpc@cpca-pgh.org

Bulletin Information for all Parishes

Current email is: stwendelinbulletin@gmail.com
Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am and
information and/or pictures must pertain to Parish events.
To place an ad, call 1-800-945-6629, Parish Number 947100

Facilities Scheduling for all Parishes

Contact Barb @ 724-445-2275, scheduler@stwendelinbutler.com
Facility usage temporarily suspended due to Covid

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