



# SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

*LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.*

Whatever  
do it **YOU** do,  
for the  
**ALL** GLORY  
of God

1 Corinthians 10 v31b

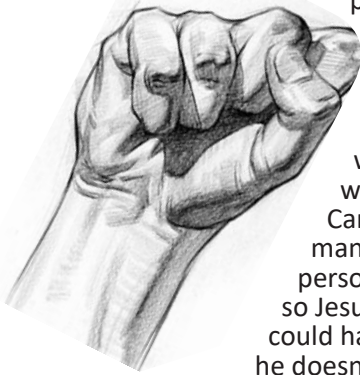
## A Message from Fr. Matt ...

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever noticed that I have a very crooked middle finger on my right hand? I know that I have pointed it out in the past, but some of you whom I haven't known long, you may not have noticed. Now don't get distracted looking for it during Mass! It is crooked because of football and probably some genetics. It is one of the main reasons that I don't think I will ever be Pope! That, along with the fact that I am not holy enough, smart enough or talented enough!

When my dad retired as an orthopedic surgeon a number of years ago, we had a party. At the party, one of his partners saw my finger, grabbed my hand and said, "Matt, we can fix stuff like this!" I explained to him that I had shown my finger to my dad and he noted that it was healing crookedly. But my dad asked me, "Does it hurt?" It didn't. He asked me to make a fist and I could. My dad said, "You're fine." You know how they say that plumbers always have leaky pipes in their own houses? Well, I guess orthopedic surgeons' kids have crooked fingers!

That came into my head as I looked at the Readings this week, as our Readings focus on healing. We could say that the Readings focus on leprosy, right? The First Reading has instructions for when a person in a community has leprosy, and in the Gospel there is a man with leprosy. But did you notice that he isn't following the instructions of the First Reading? He isn't crying out "Unclean! Unclean!" He isn't staying away from others. He comes directly to Jesus. And Jesus heals him. So in some ways the Readings are about leprosy, but Jesus isn't. Jesus is about the person and Jesus heals what needs healing.



The first healing that Jesus gives the man is even before the leprosy is gone. Jesus listens to him. He doesn't run away. He doesn't correct. He listens, because he can see the whole person, not just the sickness. The second way Jesus heals him is that He touches the man. Can you imagine how long it had been since this man had had any physical contact from another person? His physical isolation needed healing and so Jesus gave him what he needed. At this point Jesus could have waved his hand and healed the man, but he doesn't. The man with leprosy already had faith.

He already had confidence in Jesus. That part of him didn't need healing, so Jesus let it ride. All of this is done before what we would call the moment of healing. So there are many moments of healing in this passage. But Jesus only healed what was needed.

This week we start Lent and I want to encourage you to come to Jesus and ask Him to heal in you what needs healing. Call to mind the wounds in your heart that need healed, the parts of our lives, families and community that maybe need some rebuilding. Place it all before Jesus with trust, with faith, and let Him do His work. Believe that He will do it. But remember, Jesus knows more than you. He may leave a few crooked fingers in your life. Just trust that if he doesn't heal it, then you don't need it.

Does it hurt? Can you make a fist? You're fine.

Peace and Love,  
Fr. Matt



## ASHES AT MASSES & LITURGIES AT ST. CLARE & ST. FRANCIS ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30am - Mass, St. John

7:30am - Mass, St. Wendelin

9:00am - Mass, St. Joseph, Cabot

10:00am - School-only Mass

Noon - Mass, Mater Dolorosa

Noon - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes,  
St. Joseph, Cabot

4:00pm - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes,  
Mater Dolorosa

5:30pm - Liturgy of the Word & Ashes,  
St. Wendelin

7:00pm - Mass, St. Joseph, N. Oakland

7:00pm - Mass, St. Mary  
*Registration required.*

*See "Important Info" to the right >>>*

### MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

*THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS*

#### MONDAY

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

#### TUESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - NOT CELEBRATED THIS WEEK

#### 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 THURSDAY 8AM MASS

> 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 X0 or email to [registration@saintclareparish.com](mailto:registration@saintclareparish.com) by 3pm on Fridays. Registration is for one week at a time.

## PARISH NOTES

### IMPORTANT INFO FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday services on **February 17** will be different this year due to pandemic health guidelines. The sign of the cross with ashes on the forehead is eliminated and instead each person **WILL HAVE ASHES SPRINKLED ON TOP OF THEIR HEAD**. Registration is required for Ash Wednesday services by **Monday, February 15** at 3pm. Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email [registration@saintclareparish.com](mailto:registration@saintclareparish.com).

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at age 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. Individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but can consider an act of penance or charity.

### ONE CALL NOW UPDATING SYSTEM

Saint Clare Parish has purchased a subscription to One Call Now, a messaging service, which will allow the Parish to send text messages, emails, and phone calls with updates about important information. It is understandable that people do not like receiving robocalls similar to this, but there are numerous benefits. Not everyone has a computer to access the website or receive emails, but everyone does have a phone. Telephone numbers associated with the parish census will be used. If you have changed your number and did not notify the Parish Office, contact Nicole at 724-445-3713 x7 or email [nicole@saintclareparish.com](mailto:nicole@saintclareparish.com).

A test message will be sent to all Parishioners on Tuesday, February 16. Your caller id may show 724-445-3713 or ONE CALL. It may even say SPAM: ONE CALL. If you do not receive a call on that day, let us know. The test will be a telephone call to each family, but for future notifications if you would like to receive a text and not a phone call, notify Barb at 724-445-3713 x4 or [barb@saintclareparish.com](mailto:barb@saintclareparish.com).

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**At St. Clare & St. Francis of Assisi Parishes, Fridays at 7pm**  
February 19 - St. Joseph Cabot & Mater Dolorosa  
February 26 - St. John & St. Joseph North Oakland  
March 4 - St. Joseph Cabot & St. Wendelin  
March 12 - St. John & Mater Dolorosa  
March 19 - St. Joseph Cabot & St. Joseph North Oakland  
March 26 - St. John & St. Wendelin

### LENTEN ROSARY SERIES: SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

Saint Clare Parish's online Rosary Series continues with the Sorrowful Mysteries on Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm. **Session One is February 23 and features THE AGONY OF CHRIST IN THE GARDEN.** Contact Sue Fraley to sign up for Zoom links at 724-445-3713 or [sue@saintclareparish.com](mailto:sue@saintclareparish.com). Attend all five sessions or whatever you can make. The Sorrowful Mysteries Rosary Series might be just what you need this Lent.

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALES

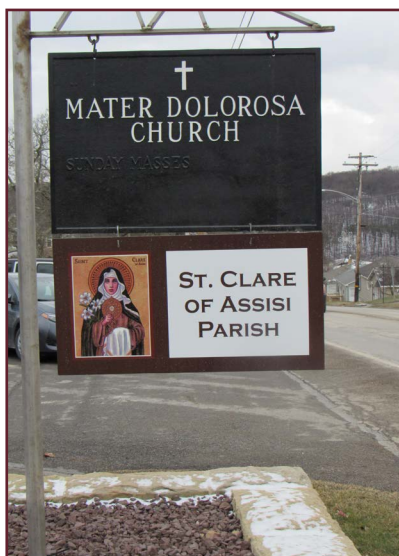
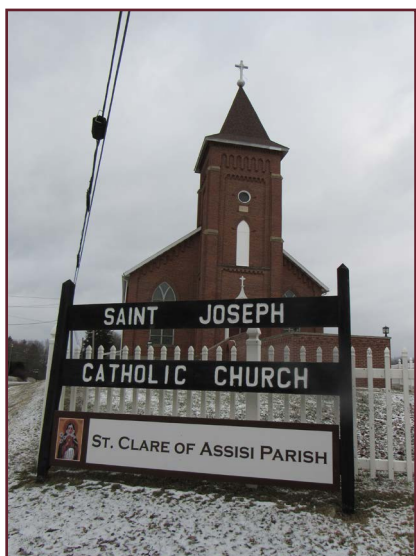
Girl Scout cookies will be for sale AFTER all Saint Clare Parish Masses the weekend of February 27 and 28. Boxes are \$5 each and include your favorites: Lemon-Up, Trefoil, Do-Si-Do, Samoa, Tagalongs, Girl Scout S'mores, Toffee-tastic and those irresistible Thin Mints!

### CONGRATULATIONS!

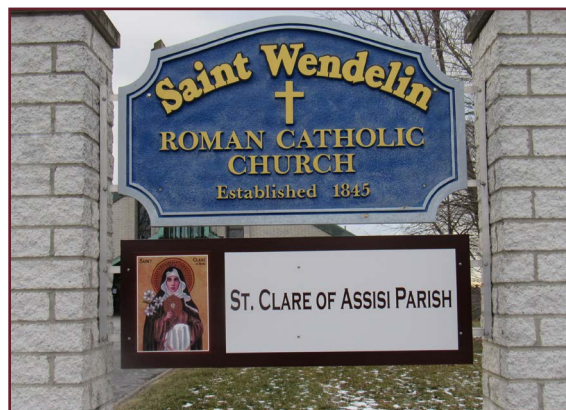


*Kenneth & Jennifer Koss*  
on the baptism of  
their daughter  
**AMELIA ANN KOSS**  
on February 7, 2021

**MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE HER LIGHT**



**HAVE YOU SEEN...  
THE *NEW*  
SAINT CLARE PARISH SIGNS?**



This week's St. Wendelin School

Student of the Week is:

**LAYLA BALDAUF**

Layla has been at St. Wendelin School since she was in the three-year-old Preschool Program and is currently in First Grade. Layla has one sister, Natalie, who also attends St. Wendelin School in Fourth Grade. Layla's favorite subject is Math because she enjoys counting and using manipulatives to solve equations. One of her favorite school activities is the all-school Walk-a-thon because she loves to spend time with her friends. Outside of school, Layla enjoys playing with her dog, Scout, and spending time with her family playing games. When she grows up, Layla would like to become a Teacher, just like her Mom! Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **LAYLA BALDAUF!**

### Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

#### COMPASSION

Compassion is a sympathetic understanding of another person's pain with the desire to relieve it.

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

- Ephesians 4:32 -



St. Wendelin School is holding **VIRTUAL REGISTRATION MEETINGS** for the 2021-22 school year on:

- Tuesday, February 23, 6:00pm for Grades K-8
- Thursday, February 25, 6:00pm for Preschool

At these Virtual Meetings procedures for completing the online School registration process will be reviewed.

Registration is required for these virtual meetings.

Call the School office at 724-285-4986 to register.

Visit our website at [www.stwendelinschool.com](http://www.stwendelinschool.com) to take a virtual tour. Registration packets emailed upon request.



## Catholic Schools Week!

*Always the BEST week of the year!*

## Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

### MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES, MASS INTENTIONS

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Noon **Mass** at MD  
For Holy Face of Jesus  
**Open church** 11am till Mass starts

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

8am **Mass** at SW - *not celebrated this week*  
**Open church** - *unavailable this week*  
8:00am **Mass** at St. John's, Coyleville

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:30am **Mass** at SW  
For Anna Tomsey  
By Anna Tomsey Families  
10:00am School-only **Mass** at SW  
For Gino Pascazi  
Noon **Mass** at MD  
For June Lowers  
By Pat & Sharon O'Donnell  
4:00pm **Liturgy & Ashes** at MD  
Liturgy of the Word  
5:30pm **Liturgy & Ashes** at SW  
Liturgy of the Word  
7:00pm **Mass** at SJ  
For Dr. Edward McClain  
By Alberta & Kelly Dunn  
NO CONFESSIONS AT MD  
ON ASH WEDNESDAY.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8am **Mass** at SW  
For Paul Miller  
By Karen Geibel  
**Open church** after Mass till 10am

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Noon **Mass** at SJ  
For Holy Face of Jesus  
**Open church** 11am till Mass starts

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Confessions** are  
11-11:30am at both MD & SW  
11:45am-12:15pm at SJ

4pm **Mass** at SW  
For Esther Stephenson  
By Stephenson Family

5:30pm **Mass** at MD  
For Robert Zanella, His Birthday  
By Wife, Joyce

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21

7am **Mass** at SW  
For Parishioners of St. Clare Parish  
8:15am **Mass** at MD  
For Bill Graham  
By Steve & Dixie Mennor  
9:30am **Mass** at SJ  
For Rodney Kriess  
By Stephanie Clouse  
10:30am **Mass** at SW  
For John Miklos  
By Rev. Matthew McClain



### Parish Offertories

#### February 6 & 7

##### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

**Offertory at Mass** ..... \$5,243.00  
**Offertory ONLINE**..... \$1,706.00  
**TOTAL Offertory**..... \$6,949.00  
**Weekly Goal** .....\$10,700.00  
**Fiscal Year Goal** .....\$550,000.00  
**Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal**... \$191,718.97  
**Maintenance Fund** ..... \$254.00  
**School Support**..... \$193.00  
**School Support ONLINE** ..... \$25.00  
**Parish Share (PSP)** ..... \$785.00  
**Parish Share ONLINE**..... \$10.00  
**TOTAL Parish Share**..... \$795.00  
**2020 Parish Share Goal**.....\$74,984.00  
**2020 Total PS Received**.....\$71,744.60  
**St. Anthony & DePaul Schools**..... \$10.00

**Thank you for your generosity  
to Parish Ministries!**



#### FEBRUARY 15-21

##### MONDAY:

GN 4:1-15, 25;  
Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13

##### TUESDAY:

GN 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10;  
Ps 29:1A, 2, 3AC-4, 3B, 9C-10;  
Mk 8:14-21

##### WEDNESDAY:

JL 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6AB, 12-14, 17;  
2 COR 5:20-6:2; MT 6:1-6, 16-18

##### THURSDAY:

DT 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

##### FRIDAY:

Is 58:1-9A; Ps 51:3-6AB, 18-19;  
MT 9:14-15

##### SATURDAY:

Is 58:9B-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

##### SUNDAY:

GN 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 PT 3:18-22;  
Mk 1:12-15



**CSW!** Always the BEST week of the year!

# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish & Around The Diocese

## 40 DAYS SAVES LIVES! Join our Parishes' Campaign

You can help save lives in Pittsburgh by participating in the **LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**, which kicks off **Tuesday, February 16 at 6pm** with Mass at Epiphany Church followed by Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. The Campaign ends on Palm Sunday. You can participate by:

**Joining our Peaceful Prayer Vigil** – The Vigil is daily from 7am-7pm, outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh. Our Parishes signed up for the following times:

St. Francis of Assisi – Sunday, February 28, 1-3pm (departing after 11am Mass)

St. Clare of Assisi – Saturday, March 6, 11am-1pm

Contact Sue by **Monday, March 1** (sue@saintclareparish.com, 724-504-3166) to sign up for St. Clare Vigil. Or Cil (cecilia@saintfrancisparrish.net, 724-822-0614) to sign up for St. Francis Vigil. Weekly trips will be made to the Vigil on Thursdays, too, departing from St. Joseph, Cabot, at noon and returning about 4pm. Contact Cil if you are interested. Carpooling can be arranged.

**Praying and Fasting** – If you can't join in the Pittsburgh events, anyone can pray and fast from anything at any time. To ensure there is coverage throughout the Campaign, sign up on the fasting calendar, if you are able: <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/647009578267430019/false#invitation>

See the [40daysforlifePittsburgh.com](https://40daysforlifePittsburgh.com) website for more information. Join in this worldwide effort to save lives, offer hope, and raise awareness.

All young adults ages 18-30 are invited to **"Our Call to Love,"** a virtual Lenten Retreat hosted by young adults and religious sisters during the weekend of February 19-21. The retreat focuses on your relationship with God, yourself, and others. It includes an evening Zoom gathering, quiet reflection time, and written and video reflections. Questions to Sr. Michele Schroeck, RSM: [mschroeck@sistersofmercyorg](mailto:mschroeck@sistersofmercyorg) or [mschroeck@mercy.org](mailto:mschroeck@mercy.org).

## St. Joseph Church & Administrative Center

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025

**724-445-3713 Fax: 724-607-1183**

**Office Hours: M. W. F. - 9am-Noon**

Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

Names and emails listed to the right.

## Mater Dolorosa Church

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

## St. Wendelin Church & School

Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

WEBSITE: <https://www.saintclareparish.com/>

### Sunday Mass Registrations (temporary)

Reservations are required for the six Sunday Masses.

Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email by Friday at 3pm to [registration@saintclareparish.com](mailto:registration@saintclareparish.com). You will receive a call to confirm and be assigned an attendance number. Until further notice, you must call every week.

### Prayer List

For ALL Prayer List updates, call Fran Parker @ 724-445-7421

### Cemetery Inquiries

Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, [cpca@cpca-pgh.org](mailto:cpca@cpca-pgh.org)

### Bulletin & Website Information

Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Contact Gina at [communications@saintclareparish.com](mailto:communications@saintclareparish.com)  
To place an ad, call 1-800-945-6629, Parish Number 947100

### Facilities Scheduling

Contact Barb @ 724-445-3713, [barb@saintclareparish.com](mailto:barb@saintclareparish.com)  
Facility usage temporarily suspended due to Covid

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