

SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



*As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.*

May 16, 2021

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have you ever seen the movie "The Blues Brothers"? I remember seeing it once and have seen parts of it many times. There are some great scenes and some not so great scenes. One of my favorite parts is when the Brothers declare, in full Chicago accents, that they are on a mission from God. Only when they say it, it sounds like "Gaaahhd"! The things the characters endure are amazing and hilarious, all because they believe they are on a mission from God.



There is a word in the Gospel that jumps out for me this week. Consecrate. The dictionary says to consecrate means "to make or declare holy or to dedicate to a higher purpose". I think that the word consecrate is the heart of our Readings today. In the First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Matthias is chosen as the replacement for Judas. Matthias is made an Apostle. This moment took place in the same time frame that we are in now, after the Ascension and before Pentecost. Peter understood the importance of having twelve Apostles. The twelve Apostles are a symbol of the twelve tribes of Israel. Theologian Dr. Scott Hahn says this is a sign that the Church is the fulfillment of God's plan for Israel. Peter wanted to fill the vacant position so that when the promised Spirit came, the fullness of the Church would receive it. Pretty cool! So they choose and consecrate Matthias to this higher purpose.

The Second Reading returns us to familiar words from the last two weeks. Remain and Love. The repetition of these themes reminds us that remaining and loving are actions to which we must be dedicated. We must consciously and deliberately choose to remain, choose to love. Remember the definition of consecrate...to dedicate to a higher purpose? The Church gives an example of consecration in the First Reading. St. John calls us to give example in the Second.

At the end of today's Gospel, Jesus says that He has been consecrated for us and that we have been consecrated by Him, in truth. Can you grasp that? The Only Begotten Son of God is dedicated for the higher purpose of...US! We are so special to God. You are the whole reason Jesus became one of us, suffered, died, rose again, ascended into Heaven and sent the Holy Spirit. Jesus consciously and deliberately chose to do all of this for you and for me. We should feel good about that! But we have to also remember that we are consecrated. We are also dedicated for a higher purpose. That purpose according to our Readings today? Love and Truth.

This week our challenge is, first, to remember that Jesus is consecrated for you. He is dedicated to you. He wants joy for you. He wants Heaven for you. Secondly, remember that you are on a mission from God! You have been consecrated, set apart, for Love and Truth. This means that our mission is to consciously and deliberately choose to remain in love and to seek and speak truth. This is not easy but I think that we will find, like in the movie, that it is amazing what we can endure when we remember that we are on a mission from God. This week, accept this mission. Be deliberate with your words and actions. Choose to love and speak only what is good and true. It is your mission from God.

Peace and Love,
Fr Matt



As many of you know...

Saint Clare Parish Weekend Mass registration is no longer required, which means you can attend whichever Mass you want without calling in. Face coverings are requested; and if you can, please space your group comfortably apart from a neighboring group. There are no more "Mass helpers" as you enter the Church. Also, Worship Aids are discontinued and *Breaking Bread* books with Readings and Hymns are in each pew.

Please pray for these welcomed changes to continue...

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

MASSSES, 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

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Saint Clare Parish's online Rosary Series continues with the Glorious Mysteries on Tuesdays, 7-8:15pm. **Session FIVE is May 18 and features THE CORONATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY.** The program continues through **May 25**, ending with a presentation on Pentecost and Mystagogy. Zoom links are posted on Tuesday mornings on the website. Questions? Sue@saintclareparish.com.

2022 LOTTERY CALENDAR

We are beginning to layout our 2022 Saint Clare Parish Lottery Calendar. We want to extend an opportunity to businesses that serve all Parishioners of our new Parish. Our Lottery Calendar will be good for the entire year of 2022. If you have a business in the surrounding area of our Parish, you have the opportunity to advertise in our Lottery Calendar. If your business did not receive a letter in the mail, contact Nicole Karenbauer for information by Monday, June 7, 724-445-3713 X7, or nicole@saintclareparish.com.



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PITTSBURGH

2020 PARISH SHARE UPDATE

During 2020, the Parish Share Program totaled more than \$70,000 for the three churches combined. However, yearly goals were not met and monies collected were used to supplement operating expenses throughout the year. Unfortunately, this is occurring at many churches, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh is also suffering financially. The Diocese has asked that our 2020 Parish Share Assessment be brought up-to-date. Saint Clare is blessed with savings accounts; one of which all three churches have money in is On Mission For the Church Alive! To support transparency and accountability in best fiscal practices, Saint Clare has petitioned the Diocese to amend case statements for all three churches' On Mission Deposit & Loan accounts held in savings by the Diocese. Once case statements are amended to include "debt payments for Parish Share," those monies can be withdrawn from the savings and applied to the 2020 Parish Share assessment.



LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
STS. PETER AND PAUL HOME

The Little Sisters of the Poor have been caring for the elderly poor of Pittsburgh since 1872. If you can contribute to their good works, **the weekend of June 12 and 13**, their offertory basket will be in our three Churches. You can also mail a donation to: 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Your contributions allow the Sisters to care for the neediest of the elderly with dignity and God's grace.

AUGUST PICNIC INFO!

RAFFLE BASKETS

It's a few months away, but NOW is the time to start thinking about the Picnic Basket Raffle. Looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, money donations, and any items that can be used to prepare baskets. Parishioners have always been so generous and creative with basket donations. New Basket Raffle contact person is Nicole Karenbauer at 724-445-3713, x7.

CHAIRPERSONS, WORKERS NEEDED

Plans are underway for the August Picnic. A meeting is TBA. Please stay tuned and plan to attend - EVERYONE NEEDED!

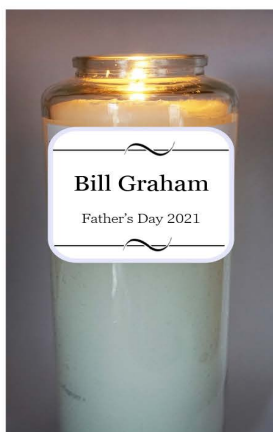


Cut out and use this form: Final week in the bulletin, is also on website

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Honor or Remember Your Father with

Father's Day Candles at the Altar



Quality Glass Candle
Your candle will be placed
at the church requested
and lit at the Altar for all
Father's Day weekend
Masses.
Candles may be taken
home after Sunday's
last Mass.

Your Name: _____ Phone: _____

Circle Location: Mater Dolorosa St. Joseph St. Wendelin

Father's Name _____

Father's Name _____

I have enclosed \$3.00 for each Father's Day Candle. Please mail to:

Saint Clare Parish Office
864 Chicora Road
Chicora, PA 16025

Or any collection basket by Sunday June 6, 2021

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

**GRACELYN
WOOLDRIDGE**

*Gracelyn is currently
in Mrs. Harmon's
Kindergarten Class.
Last year, she
participated in the
All-Day Preschool Program
with Mrs. Bauldauf.
Her favorite subject is
Math because
she loves to count!
Outside of school,
she loves playing with
her Barbie Dream
House and her unicorns!
When she grows up,
she would like to
become a veterinarian!
Congratulations to
this week's
St. Wendelin School
Student of the Week,
**GRACELYN
WOOLDRIDGE!***

SPRING VOLLEYBALL

KIDS IN GRADES 9-12:
JOIN IN YOUTH GROUP FUN ON
SUNDAYS MAY 16 (**TODAY!**) & 23
SHOW UP AT THE ST. WENDELIN
BALL FIELD AT 1:45PM
GAMES START AT 2PM
**COME WHEN YOU CAN!
BRING A FRIEND!**

Catholic Identity Program

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

*This Week's
Virtue:*

CREATIVITY

Creativity is using
our imaginations
and abilities to
evangelize and
spread the
Kingdom of God.



WESTERN COWBOY

*End of the Year Round Up
Middle School Dance*
For all youth finishing 5th-8th Grade
Friday, June 4, 6:30-9pm
at St. Wendelin Church Pavilion
Wear your hats, flannel shirts, jeans and boots for an
end of the school year celebration, dancing with friends!
All students must have:

- face covering
- signed permission slip (on school & parish websites)
- attended grade 5-8 for the 2020-21 school year

The Dance is sponsored by St. Wendelin School STUCO

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

MASSSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES, MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MAY 17

Noon **Mass** at MD

For Jean Dunmyre Helton

By Brent & Bernadette Francisco

Open church 11am till Mass starts

TUESDAY, MAY 18

8am **Mass** at SW

For John Clouse

By Jay & Susie Gillespie

Open church after Mass till 10am

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

10am School-only **Mass** at SW

For Edward & Margaret Young

By Children

6:15pm **Confessions** at MD

Open church 6pm

till **Mass** starts at 7pm at MD

For Chipper Hile

By Ron Huff Family

THURSDAY, MAY 20

8am **Mass** at SW

For Sue Ross

By Sue Fraley

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Noon **Mass** at SJ

For Herman A Neff

By M/M James R Young

Open church 11am till Mass starts

SATURDAY, MAY 22

Confessions are

11-11:30am at both MD & SW

11:45am-12:15pm at SJ

4pm **Mass** at SW

For Francis Gabby Weiland

By Hilands Women's Tuesday

Morning Golf League

5:30pm **Mass** at MD

For Robert A Zanella

By Sid Callihan Family

SUNDAY, MAY 23, Pentecost

7am **Mass** at SW

For Loretta Geibel

By Norma Geibel

8:15am **Mass** at MD

For Shirley Heitingler

By Fred & Martha Callihan

9:30am **Mass** at SJ

For Mae Boltz

By Joe Boltz Family

10:30am **Mass** at SW

For Robert Weiland

By Bob & Joyce Geibel



Parish Offertories

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

May 8 & 9

Offertory at Mass..... \$4,532.00

Offertory ONLINE..... \$1,097.00

TOTAL Offertory..... \$5,629.00

Weekly Goal.....\$10,700.00

Fiscal Year Goal.....\$550,000.00

Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal... \$265,960.97

Maintenance Fund..... \$60.00

Maintenance Fund ONLINE... \$205.00

School Support..... \$110.00

School Support ONLINE..... \$30.00

Parish Share (PSP)..... \$475.00

Parish Share ONLINE..... \$185.00

TOTAL Parish Share..... \$660.00

2021 Parish Share Goal.....\$80,599.00

2021 Total PS Received.....\$31,933.00

Catholic Relief Services..... \$20.00

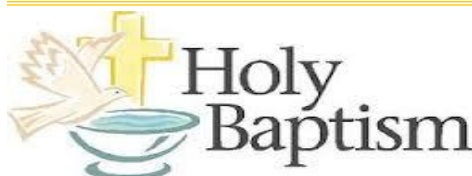
Feast of the Ascension..... \$111.00

World Mission Sunday..... \$100.00

**Thank you for your support
of Parish Ministries!**

ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL OFFERS TOURS ON TWO DAYS IN MAY

Individual family visits for potential students in St. Wendelin Pre-school through 8th Grade are available on **MONDAY, MAY 24 AND THURSDAY, MAY 27**. Contact the school office to schedule individual family tours of the pre-school and main school building, to meet staff, observe classroom lessons, and to view new technologies being initiated for students' academic achievement. To remain compliant with safety guidelines, these tours are by appointment only: call 724-285-4986 or email stwendfroffice@zoominternet.net. Parking in the lot below the pre-school. Bring photo ID, and visitors must wear a mask while in school buildings.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Kris & Angela Simmons
on the baptism of their son
LUKAH NEIVIV
on May 9, 2021

John, Jr. & Kasey Stepansky
on the baptism of their daughter
NORA ROSE
on May 9, 2021

MAY JESUS ALWAYS BE THEIR LIGHT!



**MAY 17
THRU
MAY 23**

MONDAY:

ACTS 19:1-8; PS 68:2-3AB, 4-5ACD, 6-7AB;
JN 16:29-33

TUESDAY:

ACTS 20:17-27; PS 68:10-11, 20-21;
JN 17:1-11A

WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-36AB;
JN 17:11B-19

THURSDAY:

ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11; PS 16:1-2A, 5, 7-11;
JN 17:20-26

FRIDAY:

ACTS 25:13B-21;
PS 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20AB; JN 21:15-19

SATURDAY:

ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31; PS 11:4, 5, 7;
JN 21:20-25

PENTECOST SUNDAY:

DAY: ACTS 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
1 COR 12:3B-7, 12-13 OR GAL 5:16-25;
JN 20:19-23 OR JN 15:26-27; 16:12-15



It's been a year and two months since the final session of Sharing Christ was covid-cancelled, but this week at Mater Dolorosa participants were able to finally finish! The 21-week ChristLife course, which started in January 2019, also included Discovering Christ and Following Christ. The entire three-part program will be offered again in January, 2022.

DISCOVER, FOLLOW, AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST
The ChristLife series helps people discover Jesus Christ, follow Him in their daily lives as Catholic disciples, and share Him with others. Stay tuned through the summer and fall for information



about joining in on this life-changing adventure with Jesus Christ!

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

Church Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

St. Wendelin Church & School

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

Church Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

School: 724-285-4986 & stwend@zoominternet.net

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

Mass Registration

No longer required as of Monday, May 10, 2021

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

Bulletin & Website Information

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.
Contact Gina at communications@saintclareparish.com
To place an ad, call 1-800-945-6629, Parish Number 947100

Mass Live Streaming

Mass at 4:00pm on Saturdays from St. Wendelin is streamed

Facilities Scheduling

Contact Barb @ 724-445-3713, barb@saintclareparish.com
Facility usage temporarily suspended due to Covid

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