



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

June 6, 2021

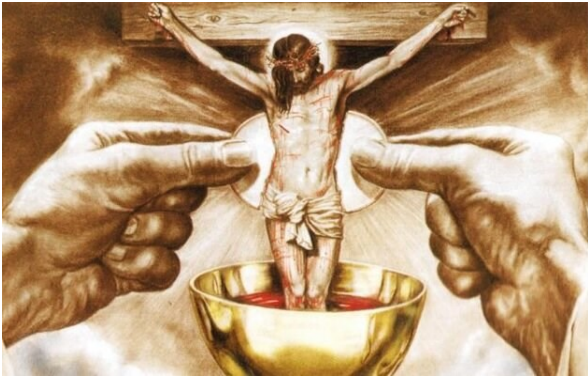
THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. We celebrate the fact that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. That at the consecration, the bread and wine that is brought forward is really, truly and substantially transformed into the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. We believe this because Jesus said so! Jesus did not say "this is to remind you of the Last Supper." Jesus did not say "this is a symbol that points to Me." Jesus said "This is my Body." Jesus said "This is my Blood." Jesus said "Do this." So we do and we believe.



When we look at all of the readings for this Feast, they all focus on covenant. God's covenant with Israel is described in the First Reading. Our salvation through the covenant is described in the Psalm. Jesus is called the mediator of the New Covenant in the Second Reading. In the Gospel, Jesus shows us the New Covenant in His blood.

A covenant is an agreement

between at least two parties, each side commits. In the First Reading, God makes the commitment to save Israel. Israel commits that "all that the Lord has said, we will heed and do." The covenant is sealed by the blood of a sacrifice. The New Covenant far exceeds this. In the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, God commits to saving us not just from other nations, but from ourselves, our sins, and Satan. His commitment is for our eternal salvation. So what is our end of the deal? What are the commands of the New Covenant? Love God. Love others before yourself. And "do this." Do what? Believe and receive the Eucharist.

I know this past year has given some of us a new appreciation for the Eucharist. I felt so guilty and also very blessed during the early part of the shut down when the churches were closed and you could not receive the Eucharist, that I could receive. So many of you spoke so beautifully about your desire to receive communion and were so joyful when you could again. This is wonderful because receiving the Eucharist is a part of our commitment in the New Covenant. We need to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. Now some of you may say that you enjoyed watching the live stream of Mass and maybe feel like this is enough for you. I'm glad you like it. I'm glad you get something out of it. But it is not enough. Sometimes our health dictates that we cannot come to Mass. But sometimes we just get used to not coming. You need Jesus in the Eucharist. So do I. Is this just my opinion? Nope. Jesus said so. Encourage your friends and family who have not been coming to Mass and receiving the Eucharist to come and receive Jesus. They need it. The Eucharist is the way that God allows us to participate in the New Covenant that saves us.

So today is a great and challenging feast. It is a feast that is about the New Covenant. It is a feast about doing. God wins our salvation by the Body and Blood of His Son Jesus, broken and poured out for us. But we also have a part to play. Don't get me wrong, God is not asking us to win our salvation. He has already done that. God is asking us, to accept our salvation. We do this by loving God and our neighbor and receiving the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus. We do this by going to Communion. We believe that this is true because Jesus told us it is true. That is enough for me. Is it enough for you?

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



Confession Times

WEDNESDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 6:15-6:45PM

SATURDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 11:00-

11:30AM

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

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of June 6, 2021

Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9]/Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Cor 1:18-22/Ps 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 [135a]/Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1, 3-6/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/Mt 5:20-26

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [3]/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 2:41-51

Next Sunday: Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-3

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday June 5 St. Boniface, Bishop & Martyr	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Robert Weiland	Butch & Tina Hay
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Chris Rothman	Don Hershberger Family
Sunday, June 6 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Loretta Geibel	Norma Geibel
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Martha Robinson
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Sue Fallecker Green	Dan & Joyce Burns Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Leo Rosenbauer Jr.	Rom & Linda Cornetti
Monday, June 7	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Tera Callihan	Family
Tuesday, June 8	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	No Mass— Fr. Lou is on retreat	
Wednesday, June 9 St. Ephrem, Deacon & Doctor of the Church	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Meryl Fugini	
Thursday, June 10	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gabby Weiland	Harry & Cecelia Jackson
Friday, June 11 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Ed Knoll	Anna & Family
Saturday June 12 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Robert Weiland	Grace Weiland
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Mary Jeanne Rodgers	Anna Marie Sherwin
Sunday, June 13 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Bob Forster	Becky Forster
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patricia Liberto	Becky Groger
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	John & Carlene Cook

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

Father's Day Candle forms Due TODAY

The Father's Day altar candle deadline is **today, June 6**. A form is available on the website. You can place a candle on the altar of your choice on Father's Day, **Sunday, June 20**, either "in honor of" or "in memory of".

Order of the Pious Schools

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's annual Mission Cooperation Sunday is **this weekend, June 5 & 6**. The Diocese has asked our Mission group, *the Piarist Fathers: Order of the Pious Schools in Kentucky*, to submit a written appeal that will be read at Masses. This Mission group has been hit hard by the Covid virus and that has made it difficult to secure basic essentials such as medical care, food and shelter. While the appeal is not in-person this year, the need is greater than ever. Now, more than ever, be as generous as possible.

Little Sisters of the Poor

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.

2022 Lottery Calendar

****Only a few sponsor spots left****

We are beginning to layout our 2022 Saint Clare Parish Lottery Calendar. It 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. Contact Nicole Karenbauer for information by **Monday, June 7**, 724-445-3713 X7, or nicole@saintclareparish.com.

Funeral Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00pm, a meeting will be held at St. Clare Administrative Office, 864 Chicora Rd., to discuss the future of funeral dinners in the Parish. If you have organized or helped with funeral dinners at any of the Churches in the past, or would like to volunteer to help with dinners now, please plan to attend. Questions? Contact Martha (x5) or Barb (x4) at 724-445-3713.

Ministry scheduling

A reminder to those who volunteer as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers, a schedule will start July 1, so please update your preferences in the Ministry Scheduler.

AUGUST PICNIC UPDATE

Informational Meeting

Picnic Planning Meeting, **Thursday, June 10 @ 6PM** at St. Wendelin Church Hall. All those interested are welcome to attend! Chairpersons and volunteers needed!

Raffle Baskets

NOW is the time to start thinking about the Picnic Basket Raffle. Looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, monetary donations and any items that can be used to prepare baskets. Parishioners are always so generous and creative with basket donations! New Basket Raffle contact person is Nicole at 724-445-3713, x7

Picnic Envelopes

Envelopes containing the picnic letter and raffle tickets can be found in the vestibule of each Church for all registered parish families. Envelopes will be at the Church location you originally registered with, if you registered this year, your packet will be at St. Wendelin. Feel free to grab your extended family or neighbor's envelope if they are not currently attending Mass. More tickets are available, please contact the Parish Office for information.

Watch for the Picnic Worksheet Volunteer sign-up insert in next week's bulletin. The Picnic takes months of planning and many hardworking hands to make it a success. Please be sure to grab a bulletin to get your worksheet.



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Offertory at Mass	\$5,931.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$836.00
TOTAL Offertory	\$6,767.00
Weekly Goal	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal ..	\$283,757.97
Maintenance Fund	\$100.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE	\$15.00
School Support	\$0.00
School Support ONLINE	\$0.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$555.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$110.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$665.00
2021 Parish Share Goal....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received....	\$36,138.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$47.00
Feast of the Ascension.....	\$58.00

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

Faith Formation and St. Wendelin School

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

Aspen Viehmann

Aspen recently completed the Third Grade expectations, but has attended St. Wendelin since preschool with her twin sister, Sierra. Aspen's favorite academic subject is Mathematics because she thinks that facts are fun! Aspen participates in the Sign Language, Drama, Chorus, and Dance and Cheer Clubs at school. In fact, Aspen represented our school at the last Cheer Competition and won a Third Place Medal for Jumps! Outside of school, she participates in track, gymnastics, and enjoys spending time with her family. When she grows up, she hopes to become an Engineer! Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, **Aspen Viehmann!**

Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

HONESTY

Honesty is being truthful in thoughts, words and actions. It means telling the truth.

Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving.

James E. Faust

Be ACTIVE
not PASSIVE!

Your parish is hoping you will answer the call to actively participate in its Faith

Formation Program. Do you enjoy sharing the faith on your own with your children or grandchildren? We "echo" God's Word when we share the teachings of the church. Did you know the best way to learn something is to teach? If you ask any instructor, they will tell you that one of the best ways to learn is to teach.

- You "echo" God's Word when you share the teachings of the church.
- Your own faith will come alive.
- You become an ACTIVE participant in one of the essential responsibilities of a Church community.
- You show your own family that you value the faith.
- You become a role model.

There are other ways of assisting in the Faith Formation program, such as, hall monitor, parking lot assistance, office assistance (copying, delivering to catechists, preparing supplies and materials for future events), Catechist's aides, and hospitality. Let's come together "ECHOING" God's Word! We need assistance in all grade levels K-8th grade in person and remote teaching. Teens come forward and be active. Children look up to you. Thank you to all who help make this program energetic, rich with faith, and fun in CHRIST! Preparation and training available. Contact Audra Brown at dre@saintclareparish.com.



Congratulations to Gina Beaver on her retirement! Gina was a dedicated volunteer for many years before she became part of the staff in 2015. As a staff member, Gina served as Director of Religious Education, Bulletin Editor (where she worked hard trying to make me sound smart!), and Website Editor for both the parish and the school. Gina was an integral part of live-streaming Mass during the past year and a half. She also did so many other things that no one else wanted to do! I am so happy that Gina will get to take a break and spend more time with her husband Bruce, especially as he approaches ordination to the Diaconate, and her children Vincent, Samuel and Augusta (or Vinny, Sam and Gussie!). I will miss her dedication, her commitment to speak out for those who don't have a voice in decisions, her devotion to her parish and her love of Our Lord. Gina has promised to continue to be an active parishioner and volunteer.

Congratulations Gina! Thank you for all that you have done and all that you are for us!



Diocesan Covid updates

- FULLY VACCINATED individuals are not required to wear a mask at Mass or parish activities.
- Mass registration is no longer required.
- Worship aids are discontinued and Breaking Bread books are in pews.
- Holy water is available in fonts by entrances and exits.

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

St. Wendelin Church & School

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

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

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

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, cpc@cpca-pgh.org

Bulletin & Website Information

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.
Contact Jenn at communications@saintclareparish.com

Mass Live Streaming

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

Facilities Scheduling

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