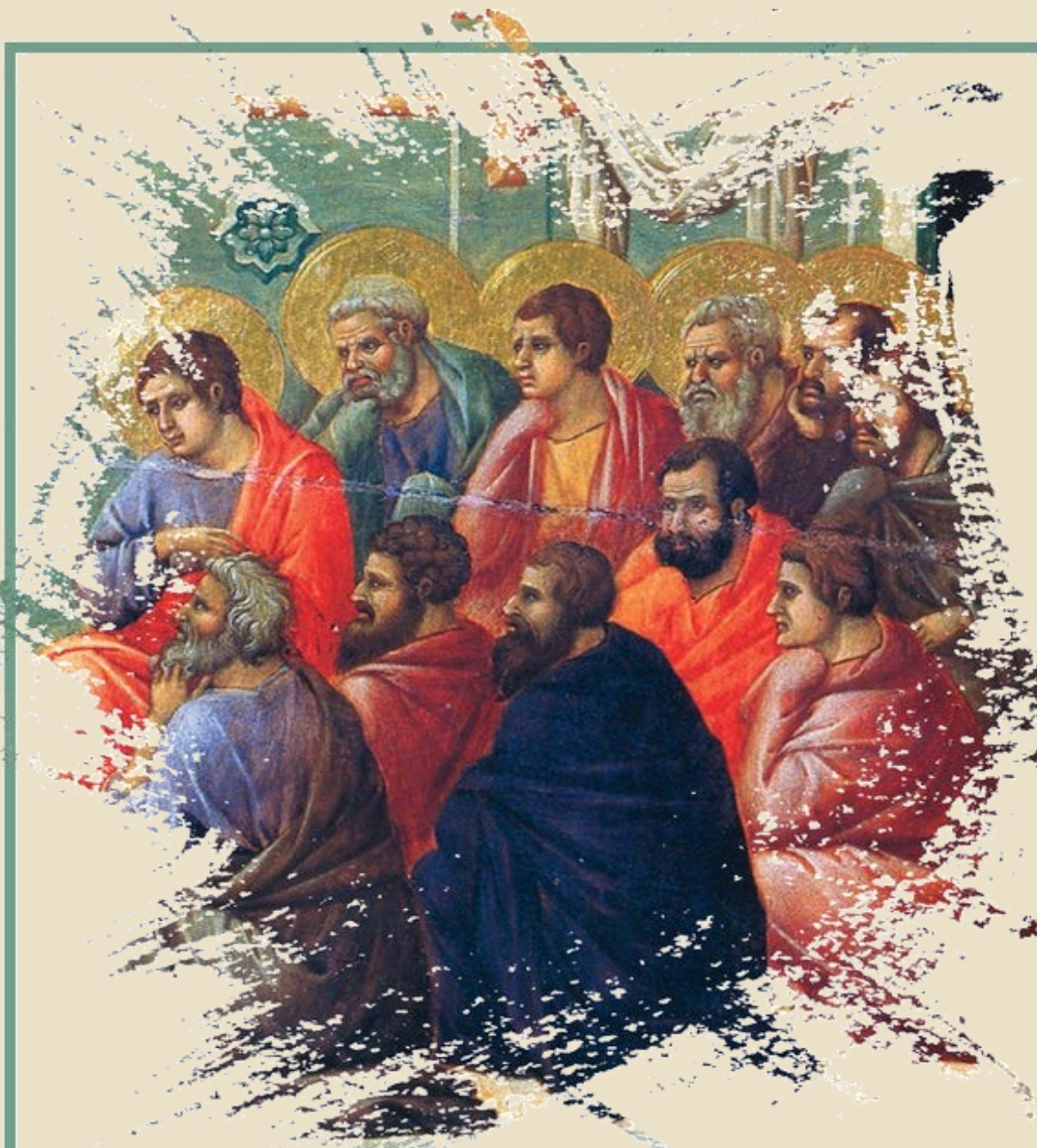




SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



July 11, 2021

JESUS SUMMONED THE TWELVE AND BEGAN TO
SEND THEM OUT TWO BY TWO. - MK 6:7

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I remember one time, seven or eight years ago, I pulled into the parking lot at the Seminary in Pittsburgh for a meeting. I was greeted by the laughter of another priest, who made a comment about the dusty bottoms of my black pants. He said, "man, you can tell you live in Butler County!". Now to be honest, not all priests in Butler county have dusty pant legs. I almost always do. I think it has to do with the running boards on my vehicle and the fact that I don't take the time to clean them very often! But there is more dust, dirt, ash and tar and chip stuff on the roads around here than in Pittsburgh. But we come by that honestly though, this is farm territory! But wearing black, it shows. So he got his little chuckle in. I laughed and brushed off the dust. I am happy to be a Butler County priest.

So let me ask you a question: Are your shoes dusty?

Before you look down, let me tell you what I mean. In the Gospel today, Jesus sends out His disciples, two by two, to preach repentance and cure the sick. He gave them instructions about what to take with them, He wanted them to be poor, he told them if people welcome you, stay with them. If someone doesn't welcome or listen to them, He says, "leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them". That sounds kind of harsh. But what Jesus is saying is that they should not carry the rejection around with them. Why? Because they are on an important mission, that is heavy enough. They don't need to add any weight by carrying hard feelings with them. It will slow them down. So shake the dust off of your feet!



Fr. Harry Bielewicz once taught me something along these lines that was very powerful and remains with me to this day. Fr. Harry said "other people's opinions of you are none of your business". Look at the Prophet Amos in the First Reading today. The priest Amaziah is very upset with him. He kicks Amos out of Bethel. Amaziah is offended that Amos would dare to come to this holy and royal place and preach. Amos doesn't care. What Amaziah thinks of him is none of his business. God asked him, a shepherd and dresser of sycamores (who probably had very dusty pants) to go and do this. So Amos did. He isn't concerned about what Amaziah thinks of him. He is only concerned about what God thinks of him and fulfilling the mission God gave him. To worry about anything else would get in the way of what he was called to do. So Amos won't hold on to a grudge, he won't be offended. He will shake the dust of Amaziah's rejection off his feet and do what he was called to.

So let me ask you again...are your shoes dusty?

In the Second Reading, St. Paul writes beautifully about our mission. Just as with Amos in the First Reading and the Twelve in the Gospel, St. Paul says that we were chosen. We were chosen to be Holy, meaning to be most fully who we are (because God loves us, not who we think we should be). We are chosen to exist for the praise of His Glory (our lives becoming actual songs of praise to God). We are chosen to have Hope in Christ, to live the Truth, to listen to the Holy Spirit and see ourselves as God's beloved. Our hearts aligned with His. This is our mission. This is what matters. Anything that gets in the way of this mission, we need to shake off of our feet.

This week, think about the "dust on your shoes". What are you carrying around that is keeping you from joy, from hope, from loving God, yourself or others? What hurt are you carrying? We need to shake that dust off our feet. What opinions of others are you holding on to? They are none of your business. They are holding you back. Shake them off. We have been called. We have been chosen. We have a mission. Don't let anything get in the way of it. Shake the dust off your feet.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday July 10	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Ashley Hasychak	Ron & Robin Hasychak
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Gertie Flick	Paul & Brenda
Sunday, July 11 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat Liberto	Fred & Martha
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Mary Louise O'Donnell	Anna McGill & Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Barbara Billings	Bev
Monday, July 12	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	All Souls in Purgatory	
Tuesday, July 13 St. Henry	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	Ed & Mill Benson
Wednesday, July 14 St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Pauline Boyle	Marie Brobeck
Thursday, July 15 St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Francis J. Gabby Weiland	Tracy
Friday, July 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Rodney Kriess	Ken & Jeanne Karenbauer
Saturday July 17	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Gertrude Berteotti	Steve & Carol
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Rosalie Hartzell
Sunday, July 18 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Vince & Elaine Santus
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Tyler Barger	Paul & Jill Izenas
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	William L. Neff	Bob & Norma Miller
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Joseph Stephenson	Stephenson Family



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

St. Joseph

864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025

Mater Dolorosa

409 North Main St., Chicora, PA 16025

St. Wendelin

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday- 9am-Noon

Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

Names and emails listed on right

PARISH WEBSITE: [https://](https://www.saintclareparish.com)

www.saintclareparish.com



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

JULY 3 & 4

Offertory at Mass	\$4,910.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$841.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$5,751.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$5,751.00
Maintenance Fund	\$372.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$25.00
School Support	\$251.00
School Support ONLINE	\$10.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$975.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$35.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$1,010.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received.....	\$40,249.12
Peter's Pence	\$40.00
Feast of the Assumption	\$15.00

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

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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 Jenn at communications@saintclareparish.com

Daily Mass Readings

Week of July 11, 2021

Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 10:34—11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 [cf. 33]/Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 [8a]/Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 [13]/Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42/Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15/Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Ps 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34



Confession Times

WEDNESDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 6:15-6:45PM

SATURDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 11:00-11:30AM

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

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

A reminder: All registers from the three former parishes will be retained at the **Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives & Records Center**. If you need proof of a sacrament for any reason, you will need to contact the Archives & Records Center directly. Sacramental Record Request Forms can be printed from the website diopitt.org/sacramental-record-request or call 412-456-3158.



Warm wishes and blessings to those baptized last week in our parish. Welcome to our faith community!

Nancy Maria Beach
daughter of Ryan & Mary Cate Beach



WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Prayers for comfort and peace to the family & friends of those our parish family has lost.

Patrick Neff

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel July 16th

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

Community Dinner

Saint Wendelin will host the Community Dinner at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, July 13. If you are interested in volunteering, call or text Gina at 724-991-7967, by Monday, July 12. Workers are needed from 3-6:30pm to pack and distribute the carry out dinners. You will have to be "buzzed in" the main entrance at the St. Paul Church office. 2022 Confirmation Candidates: this is a great opportunity to earn service hours! Community dinners are a Corporal Work of Mercy shared among churches and their ministries that have proximity to downtown Butler.

St. Wendelin School Alumni, WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

We are updating our current alumni listing with email addresses. Please take a minute and send your email to: sw.alumni1@gmail.com. If you're not receiving our annual newsletter, please forward your address/email and we will gladly add you to the listing.

Help Wanted!

St. Wendelin School is seeking a part-time school custodian. Hours would be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. High School Diploma or equivalent, plus all clearances, required. Please submit resume to Mrs. JoLynn Clouse, Principal, St. Wendelin School, 211 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002, by Friday, July 16, 2021.

ONLINE GIVING

Summer is in our midst! While you are on the go this summer, make giving easy and give online with Online Giving. Safe and simple! Visit www.saintclareparish.com to get started today!

Christian Mothers are holding a meeting in DePaul Hall at St. Joseph Church, North Oakland, Tuesday, July 27th at 6:30pm. All women of our parish are invited to attend. Voting on New officers for President, Vice-president, Treasurer and Secretary will be on this evening. If you find in your heart you wish to be an officer, please come. Pray on it, and hope to see you there .

Wreaths Across America

Knights of Columbus Council 14103 are once again participating in the Wreaths Across America Fundraiser. A wonderful way to support the Knights and honor veterans at the same time. A sponsor sheet can be found on our website, or sponsor online directly at, www.wreathsassamerica.org (Click **Local Sponsorship Group**, Enter sponsor **PA0269P**) Sponsorship forms are requested by October 10, 2021.

In the community

Caregiver needed

Looking for a caregiver for an elderly woman, part time, full time, overnight, mornings, etc. If interested please contact Julia Revitsky at 724-822-8614 for more details.

Discernment Retreat

A retreat for Catholic men between the ages of 16 & 40. Experience joy and fraternity in a peaceful Franciscan setting. Take part in prayer, contemplation, Mass, confession and adoration at our Alverno Capuchin Retreat House in Salisbury, Pennsylvania. August 13-15, 2021 and October 8-10, 2021. For more information & reservations, contact Vocation director, Fr. Rafael Anguiano, OFM, Cap., email Rafael@capuchin.com or call 215-592-7552.

Recitation of the Rosary in Commemoration of the 3rd Apparition of Our Lady Fatima will be at the grotto at the Butler Catholic School parking lot at 6Pm on Tuesday July 13. All are welcome.

To Jesus through Mary

The Saint Michael Rosary Makers have been making rosaries for 15 years and have sent over 128,000 rosaries all over the world. If you would like to join this fun, worthwhile ministry, consider coming to a meeting. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall – 432 Center Ave, Butler. Rosaries are easy and fun to make. All materials are supplied. For more information, contact Barb at 724-287-2805 or Rosemary at 724-282-8834.

Weekend Retreat for Post-Abortion Healing

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to address the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held August 13-15, 2021 at The Ark and the Dove. The retreat begins at 1PM on Friday. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, the Rachel's Vineyard team demonstrates God's love, mercy, and forgiveness to women and men struggling in the aftermath of abortion. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester 412-352-5348, or email toniafj1@comcast.net You can also visit our website www.rvofpgh.com

HOPE AND HEALING ARE POSSIBLE!!!

For those struggling with addiction or substance abuse, for their families and those who have lost loved ones to the disease of addiction and overdose. We come together in prayer!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS



TUESDAYS: July 13th and 27th - 2:30 to 3:30pm
July 20th - 7 to 8pm

WHERE: ABBA'S HOUSE, 320 W. MAIN ST., SAXONBURG, 16056

CDC recommends wearing a mask if you have not been vaccinated

St. Maximilian Kolbe (patron saint of addictions) pray for us!

Questions: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

ST. CLARE PARISH PICNIC

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 15TH
11AM-6PM**

Kitchen Chairperson Still Needed

We are still looking for a volunteer, or a team of volunteers, to be chairperson of the kitchen. If you would be willing to volunteer, please contact Nicole at the parish office.

Raffle Baskets

WE NEED RAFFLE BASKETS!!! Looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, monetary donations or any items that can be used to prepare baskets! Parishioners are always so generous and creative with basket donations, we appreciate and rely on your support and creativity! Donations and baskets can be dropped off at the Administrative Office during office hours, or contact Nicole at 724-445-3713, x7 to make other arrangements. We ask that ALL raffle donations be in by August 1st, to allow time to finish preparations. Want to donate but aren't sure what? Nicole has a list of ideas that can be mailed, emailed, or picked up at the office! Just give her a call!

Raffle Tickets

A reminder that sold raffle tickets can be returned to the office or any of the Churches any time leading up to the picnic date. They can also be brought directly to the picnic!

Need more to sell? Contact the office.

Picnic Volunteer sign-up

If you haven't yet, please fill out the picnic volunteer sheet and return to the Administrative Office by **THIS** Monday, July 12th. The sheet can be found on the website, and can be emailed to nicole@saintclareparish.com. The Picnic takes months of planning and many hardworking hands to make it a success.

We are so thankful for our volunteers.

Picnic yard signs

Thanks to everyone for displaying the yard signs!

There are a limited amount still available, if you need one or know of a great place to post one, contact the office!

St. Clare Parish Picnic
Chicken or Baked Ham
St. Wendelin Church
210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler
August 15th
11:00 am to 6:00 pm

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

Crosby Lunn!

Crosby will be starting the Fifth Grade in the Fall, and he has attended our school since Kindergarten. His brother, Jackson, also attends St. Wendelin School. He enjoys Art class because he loves to draw and be creative. Outside of school, Crosby participates in karate. He currently has a red belt with 3 black stripes, and in October, he will be testing for his black belt. His favorite part about St. Wendelin School is knowing he is getting a good education. Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School student of the Week,

Crosby Lunn!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue:

CHARITY

Charity is a gift from God that enables us to love him above all things and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.



Parents: Faith Formation Registrations are being mailed to your homes. We will also offer a chance to ask question and register after the following Masses: July 31st & August 1st after 5:30 pm and 8:15 am at Mater Dolorosa

August 1st after 9:30 am at St. Joseph

August 7th & 8th after 4:00 pm, 7 am & 10:30 am at St. Wendelin

Our Faith Formation Program needs individuals who love the faith and want to share it with the young children of our parish community. We want to share what we have and that is "TRUTH." We have to share it. "God never calls the equipped, He equips the called."

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together...but encourage one another." In Faith Formation we stir up the love of Jesus Christ to all we encounter. Please contact Audra Brown to find out how you can help. Teens, this is a great opportunity to receive service hours for high school or just because you love teaching children.



**Open Enrollment for Preschool through Grade 8
Enroll now for Fall!**

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