



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



July 18, 2021

THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.
- MK 6:34

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Message from Fr. Matt . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the Gospel this week, Jesus invites his Apostles, who have just returned from their first missionary journey, to "come away by yourselves, to a deserted place, and rest for a while." That sounds so good doesn't it? Man I could use something like that. I bet you could too. We all need a break from time to time don't we?

Actually, I am going away next weekend. But I am not going to a deserted place and I don't know if it will be totally restful! My nephew Matt is getting married in Philadelphia next weekend. So I will start there and then go to the beach in Delaware for a while. Matt is a great kid. He is named after me, so he better be, right? He is a counselor for young people who have messed up and gotten in some trouble. He is already a great dad and will be a great husband. I'm very excited to be with Matt and Danielle as they get married and to celebrate with my family. Will it be restful? I don't know about that!

Isn't that the way it often is though? It's good to get away, no matter how far, just to change the scenery. Just being somewhere away, whether it's at camp or with friends, or at the beach, the lake or the river, can give us peace and a little rest. But it often takes so much organization, packing, planning, shopping, making sure that everything is taken care of while we are away, that we miss the "getting rest" part. When the change of place itself isn't enough to get you to let go, rest and get peace. Some people try to drink or smoke themselves to a place of rest and peace. That never fully works though does it?

So how do we get the rest and peace that we need in our lives?

Here's a question for you. What if our rest, our peace wasn't a different place, or a different drink, or an amount of sleep, but was a person? What if it was Jesus? I think that is what our readings are telling us today.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes his disciples away to a deserted place. The crowd follows. But the disciples find rest, even though the crowds are still there, because Jesus is there too and Jesus ministers to them. Jesus is the Good Shepherd prophesied in the First Reading, who leads His flock to the rich meadow. Jesus is the restful water in the Psalm. Jesus is our Peace as St. Paul says in the Second Reading.



What the Lord is telling us is that even if you can't get away this year, or if getting away makes you more frazzled and tired than before you left, you can come away and rest a while with Him. It isn't so much about a place, an activity or an amount consumed. It is about a person. A person who is not just a historical figure, but who is alive. It is about Jesus. He is our peace. When we talk to Him, like a real person, and share our lives, our joys, our sorrows and our struggles with Him, we will find restful waters. We will find gentle meadows. We will find peace.

So the challenge this week is to go away for a while. Go on vacation! You don't need to go anywhere different. Just invite Jesus into your life. Share what is going on. Speak to Him like a real person, because He is one. Come away and rest a while with Jesus. Let Him be your vacation. Let Jesus be your peace.

Peace and Love,

Fr. Matt

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
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
Monday, July 19	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Paul Summerville	His Wife
Tuesday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Chuck & Joanne Miller
Wednesday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Dr. of the Church	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Louise O'Donnell	Herman & Bridget Neff & Family
Thursday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	Ken & Jeannie Karenbauer
Friday, July 23	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Herman Neff	Mr. & Mrs. James R. Young
Saturday July 24 St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Maxine & Norman Geibel	Al & Mary Ann Bartholic
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Gertrude Flick	Judy Callihan
Sunday, July 25 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Father Bill Ritzert	Dee Zimmerman Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Sue Fallecker Green	Joe & Berneice O'Donnell
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Richard Masucci	Bev Wesley



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

St. Joseph

864 Chicora Rd., Chicora, PA 16025

Mater Dolorosa

409 North Main St., Chicora, PA 16025

St. Wendelin

210 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002

Saint Clare Parish Administrative Center

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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

Scan the QR code on your smart
phone to go directly to the website!



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

JULY 10 & 11

Offertory at Mass	\$8,439.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$1,386.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$9,825.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$15,576.00
Maintenance Fund	\$150.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$220.00
School Support	\$90.00
School Support ONLINE	\$30.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$2,075.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$161.12
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$2,236.12
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received.....	\$42,485.24
Peter's Pence	\$50.00

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

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

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

Daily Mass Readings

Week of July 18, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc,-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 14:21—15:1/Ex 15:8-9, 10 and 12, 17 [1b]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 [24b]/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [cf. Jn 6:68c]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [14a]/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15



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

Please note the confession schedule change for the next two Saturdays while Fr. Matt is away.

There will be **NO** confessions at St. Wendelin on Saturday, July 24th. There will be **NO** confessions at Mater Dolorosa or St. Wendelin on July 31st.



Marriage Blessings

Congratulations to . . .

Honore Boyle & Daniel Steighner II

May your marriage always bring glory to God, joy to one another and blessings to your family for many generations to come. May love and laughter fill your hearts and your home for all at the days of your lives.

Best wishes and good luck to Vanessa Birch who resigned last week from St. Clare Parish.

Vanessa had worked as the Faith Formation

Program Manager for Mater Dolorosa

and St. Joseph Parishes since 2016,

and with St. Clare Parish since the merger.

Her dedication and hard work is

appreciated by many. Thank you for your

years of service and our prayers go out to you in all your future endeavors!



Visit the online store and order your St. Clare Parish apparel by August 2nd and receive it at the Parish picnic on August 15th!



ONLINE STORE OPEN NOW

Love God, Serve God;
Everything is in that.



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Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

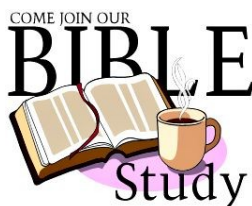
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC? RCIA SESSIONS TO BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Sessions will begin on **Thursday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Wendelin Rectory**. The sessions are for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Faith. All who are not baptized, baptized into another faith denomination, or baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation are invited to attend. If you are interested or if you know of someone who may be interested, please invite them to attend!

Please contact **Cathy Rodgers** for registration or any questions at Cathyrodgers77@gmail.com or by phone **724-388-5207**.

BIBLE STUDY

The Word of God is revealed through Scripture Study. Our Resources are FORMED and other commentaries. We gather every other Saturday morning from 10:15am to 1:45pm beginning August 14th at Mater Dolorosa Hall and will continue on every other Saturday into the Fall. Our time together includes fellowship, intercessory prayer and reflective music. Please join us. **ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!** First up, The Gospel of Mark. Contact Sue Fraley for more details or if you are interested sue@saintclareparish.com or 724-445-3713 x3



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.

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!

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.

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.wreathsasscrossamerica.org (Click **Local Sponsorship Group**, Enter sponsor **PA0269P**) Sponsorship forms are requested by October 10, 2021.



The
**Pittsburgh
Catholic**
ONLINE

The online version of
the **Pittsburgh Catholic**
can be found at
www.diopitt.org

In the community

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.

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 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

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.

ST. CLARE **SUNDAY,**
PARISH **AUGUST 15TH**
PICNIC **11AM-6PM**



Volunteers Still Needed

After compiling all of the volunteer forms received, we have a list with all of the areas that are still in need of volunteers. A copy of this list can be found in the vestibules of all 3 churches. Please sign the list to help wherever you can!

Desserts Needed

Attention bakers! We need desserts for the picnic dinner! If you can bring a dessert, please let us know by signing up on the volunteer sheet, which are posted at each church.

Raffle Baskets

RAFFLE BASKETS Are trickling in!!! Thanks to all who have generously donated so far! We are still looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, monetary donations or any items that can be used to prepare baskets! 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.

YOUTH GROUP!



How about a TUBE FLOAT on the Clarion River in Cook Forest?!

ALL HIGH SCHOOLERS INVITED!

Departing from St. Wendelin at

9:30am on Friday, July 30th

Estimated trip time is 5-7 hours

(2.5 hours on the River)

Food and Drinks are provided.

FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!

\$10 a person

**Snap, call or email Sue Fraley by
Wednesday July 28th 724-445-3713
or sue@saintclareparish.com
to reserve your spot!**

Attention all Parents: Faith Formation (CCD) Registration forms are being mailed to your homes. We will also offer a chance to ask questions and register after Mass on the dates shown below! **If you have any questions or need a form, please contact Audra Brown.**



July 31st 5:30pm Mass at Mater Dolorosa

August 1st 8:15 am Mass at Mater Dolorosa

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

August 7th 4:00 pm Mass at St. Wendelin

August 8th 7 am & 10:30 am Masses at St. Wendelin

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

Bentley Birchard

Bentley is a six year old student that recently has completed his Kindergarten expectations with Mrs. Harmon and is looking forward to starting his First Grade year at St. Wendelin School. Bentley has three year old twin siblings that will be starting our Preschool Program as well in the fall. Bentley's favorite subject is math because he likes counting up to 100! When he is not in school, he likes to play outside and spend time with his family! When Bentley grows up, he wishes to become a construction worker!

Congratulations to this week's
Saint Wendelin School Student of
the Week,

Bentley Birchard!

FAITH FORMATION (CCD) NEWS!!

Why Be A Catechist at This Time?

In today's reading Jesus invites his disciples to REST after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them. We read how upon the return of the disciples, who were sent by Jesus to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick, that the people want more from them. Jesus invites the disciples to come away from the crowd and get REST with him.

This Scripture speaks to us in so many ways about what it means to be in ministry. But the word REST is speaking to me right now. Maybe because I am on vacation at a beach and enjoying God's creation. You may be thinking she just got here, why does she need vacation. All of us just experienced an intense year and a half of uncertainty, unexpected changes, and some workloads that didn't get lighter, but tripled. I don't complain about that, in fact, it was humbling and amazing. It is amazing what we can do in the thick of it when sharing the faith is the focus. Jesus inviting his disciples to REST with him is exactly what we should be doing right now as Catechists. We recharge our own spiritual lives to be better equipped and ready for the fall formation of the children of our parish community. It is innate in the children of our programs to seek something greater. They don't realize that it is a need, a longing just like the people of today's Scripture. It is our responsibility to provide them with what they need to grow in their faith and relationship with God.

Don't let "this isn't the right time of my life" get in the way of you serving in ministry for the children of our parish. You will be provided a tremendous amount of resources to help you prepare, and throughout the year. Please contact Mrs. Brown at dre@saintclareparish.com to find out more. Thank You!



Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: *HOLINESS*

Holiness is sharing in God's goodness and responding to his love by the way we live our lives.

Holiness comes through grace.

**St. Wendelin School Open Enrollment
Preschool through Grade 8 - Enroll now for Fall!
Visit us at: www.stwendelinschool.com**

- Busing Available from Butler, South Butler, Karns City, Moniteau, and Armstrong School Districts
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- Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Extra Curricular Activities
- All-Day Kindergarten Program
- Extended Day Program Available
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