



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



July 25, 2021

THEN JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES, GAVE THANKS,
AND DISTRIBUTED THEM. - JN 6:11

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Obligation to Attend Mass Reinstated

Bishop David A. Zubik is overjoyed to join all the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania in reinstating the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, starting August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Since public health restrictions have relaxed, “More and more people are returning to our churches to celebrate the sacraments and for other events that reflect who we are as the Body of Christ,” Bishop Zubik said. “I thank God for their faith and for this opportunity to worship Him together, and to receive His healing grace in the Eucharist.”

A statement from all Pennsylvania bishops said that, “Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, has been with us throughout this very difficult period and is most especially near to us when we encounter him in the Eucharist. The Eucharist offers us his healing and peace, his mercy and reconciliation. It is time for everyone to return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy.”

Ordinarily, Catholics have an obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation, unless illness, disability, severe weather or another pressing circumstance prevents them from going. “Dispensations” may be issued in extraordinary situations, such as blizzards, to reinforce that people should not go to Mass when it is unsafe to do so. In March 2020, to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, the bishops issued the statewide dispensation that will lift on August 15.

“The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days comes from our Baptism as Christians. Baptism compels Christians to unite themselves with Christ at the altar in his saving Sacrifice of the Cross,” the Pennsylvania bishops wrote.

Bishop Zubik is encouraging parishes to continue live-streaming Mass. “Many, many shut-ins have come to appreciate such beautiful opportunities for them to be connected to the Church,” he said.

As always, people who are ill, who suspect that they may have been exposed to a contagious disease, have caregiver obligations or have serious anxiety about being in a large group at this time are not required to attend Mass. People who are ill or who may carry a contagious illness are strongly encouraged to stay home.

“Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the Sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ in his worship of the Father of us all. Those who are legitimately excused are also encouraged to view a broadcast of the Mass which is intended for those who cannot participate in person.”



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
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
	10:30AM	St. Wendelin	Richard Masucci	Bev Wesley
Monday, July 26 Sts. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Joanne McGowan Taylor	Don Hershberger Family
Tuesday, July 27	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Babby Weiland	Eleanor Clouse
Wednesday, July 28	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Robert Zanella	Tom & Christine Rice & Family
Thursday, July 29 St. Martha	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Joe & Judy Neigh
Friday, July 30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Dr. of the Church	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	James Snyder	Debbie Neff
Saturday July 31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Raymond E. Neff	Mr. & Mrs. James Young
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Pauline Boyle	Marie Brobeck
Sunday, August 1 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Loretta Geibel	James & Mary Kay Angert
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Patrick E. Neff	Wife, Jean M. Neff
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Herman Neff	Dick & Shirley Graham
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Anna Daugherty	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

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 17 & 18

Offertory at Mass	\$4,475.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$1,486.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$5,961.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$21,537.00
Maintenance Fund	\$60.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$15.00
School Support	\$165.00
School Support ONLINE	\$0.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$216.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$330.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$546.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received.....	\$43,031.24
Peter's Pence	\$25.00

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

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Saint Clare 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

Daily Mass Readings

Week of July 25, 2021

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

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [1a]/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [8a]/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 [cf. 9c]/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab [2a]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 [4]/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 [24b]/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35



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 Mater Dolorosa or St. Wendelin on July 31st.



Warm wishes and blessings to those baptized last week in our parish.

Welcome to our faith community!

Brooklyn Kay Weimert

&

McKenna Rhyan Weimert

Daughters of Jennifer Markilinski

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



Portiuncula Indulgence

The Portiuncula is a little town situated near Assisi. It was here that St. Francis of Assisi recognized his vocation. The Portiuncula indulgence could originally be gained only in the Portiuncula between the afternoon of August 1st and sunset on August 2nd. The present disciplines for the faithful to gain a plenary indulgence applicable to themselves or the souls in purgatory are from noon on August 1st until midnight on August 2nd:

- Be in a state of grace.
- Confession (8 days before or after).
- Holy Communion.
- Prayers for the intentions of the Pope
 - The exaltation of the Church
 - The propagation of faith
 - The extirpation of sinners
 - The conversion of sinners
 - Concord between Christian princes
 - All other goods of the Christian people
- Visit a cathedral, parochial, quasi-parochial or Franciscan church and praying at least one Our Father & one Creed.

It is also necessary to have the intention of gaining the indulgence and be detached from all affection to sin, even venial.



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

Baptismal Preparation Class

Having your first child? Plan ahead and attend the next baptism preparation course on August 2 at 6:30pm via zoom. The next class will be held on November 1st. Please call Barb at 724 445 3713 x4 for details.

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.

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 Call 724-445-3713 x3.



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.

In the community

Smart Loving Fertility is an online course for learning how to manage fertility naturally in context of the Catholic faith. Based on the Sympto-Thermal method, the course incorporates a unique blend of scientific insights, relationship frameworks and Catholic Theology. From 16 July - 31 August you can register for the course at 50% off to celebrate Natural Fertility Awareness Week. Visit, www.smartloving.org/fertility.

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

Saint Joseph High School in Natrona Heights is hiring for several staff and teaching positions. Part-time teaching positions available include: Art and Spanish. SJHS is also hiring for the following part-time staff positions: Administrative assistant and Event Planner. Learn more about these positions and how to apply at www.SaintJosephHS.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

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



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can be found at www.diopitt.org

**ST. CLARE
PARISH
PICNIC**

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

Only 3 weeks away!!

Volunteers Still Needed

There are many available spots on our volunteer sign up sheet! We need everyone's help to make our picnic a success. If you haven't already signed up to help, we ask you to take a look at the sign up list in the back of each church and see if there's a job that you could help out with. Thank you, we can't do this without you!

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 posted at each church.

Raffle Baskets

We have received 43 raffle baskets to date, many thanks to all who have donated! If you have a basket or donation, please make arrangements to have it at the office by August 1st. We appreciate all of your generosity!

Raffle Tickets

A reminder that sold raffle tickets can be returned to the office, or in any of the Church collection boxes, any time leading up to the picnic date. They can also be brought directly to the picnic! Need more to sell? Please 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**

***Deadline to reserve your spot is
this Wednesday, July 28th!!!***

**Contact Sue Fraley- 724-445-3713 or
sue@saintclareparish.com**



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St. Clare Parish, St. Wendelin location, hosted the community dinner at St. Paul in Butler on July 13th. Thanks to everyone who donated food and all the volunteers that helped to cook, prepare and serve the meal to those in need in the community.
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This week's St. Wendelin
School Student of the Week is:

Mila Rimer

Mila has attended St. Wendelin School since Preschool and will be entering the fourth grade in the Fall. Mila's sister, Maisie, also attends St. Wendelin. Mila's favorite subject at school is Art because she loves to draw and paint to utilize her creative side. She also excels at all of her academic subjects earning many certificates. Mila participates in a variety of school clubs and activities including Drama, Chorus, Sign Language, and the Dance and Cheer Club! Outside of school, she participates in an array of dance classes, but tap dancing is her favorite. When she grows up, she aims to become a Teacher! Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School student of the Week,

Mila Rimer!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: RESPECT ALL LIFE

Respect all Life is to regard highly and to hold as sacred, life in all forms from conception to natural death.



Is Faith Formation the same thing as CCD?

What a great question! Without getting long winded, the answer is YES. Over the years the title for religious instruction has changed, but the meaning has not.

So, YES, Faith Formation and CCD mean the same thing. Please sign your children up for Faith Formation 2021-22 by August 23rd. Forms have been mailed and Mrs. Brown will be available for registration and questions following the Masses listed below.

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



Golden Apple Educator

Congratulations to our St. Wendelin School Principal, JoLynn Clouse, who is one of seven educators at Catholic schools in the Diocese

of Pittsburgh who have received the 2021 Golden Apple Award. This award recognizes their excellent performance in the classroom, church and community. Go to www.diopitt.org to read JoLynn's feature story on the *Pittsburgh Catholic Online*. Congratulations JoLynn on your much deserved award!



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
- 21st Century Technology including: Interactive Promethean Boards, I-Pads and Chrome books
- Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Extra Curricular Activities
- All-Day Kindergarten Program
- Extended Day Program Available
- All-Day Preschool Program Available

