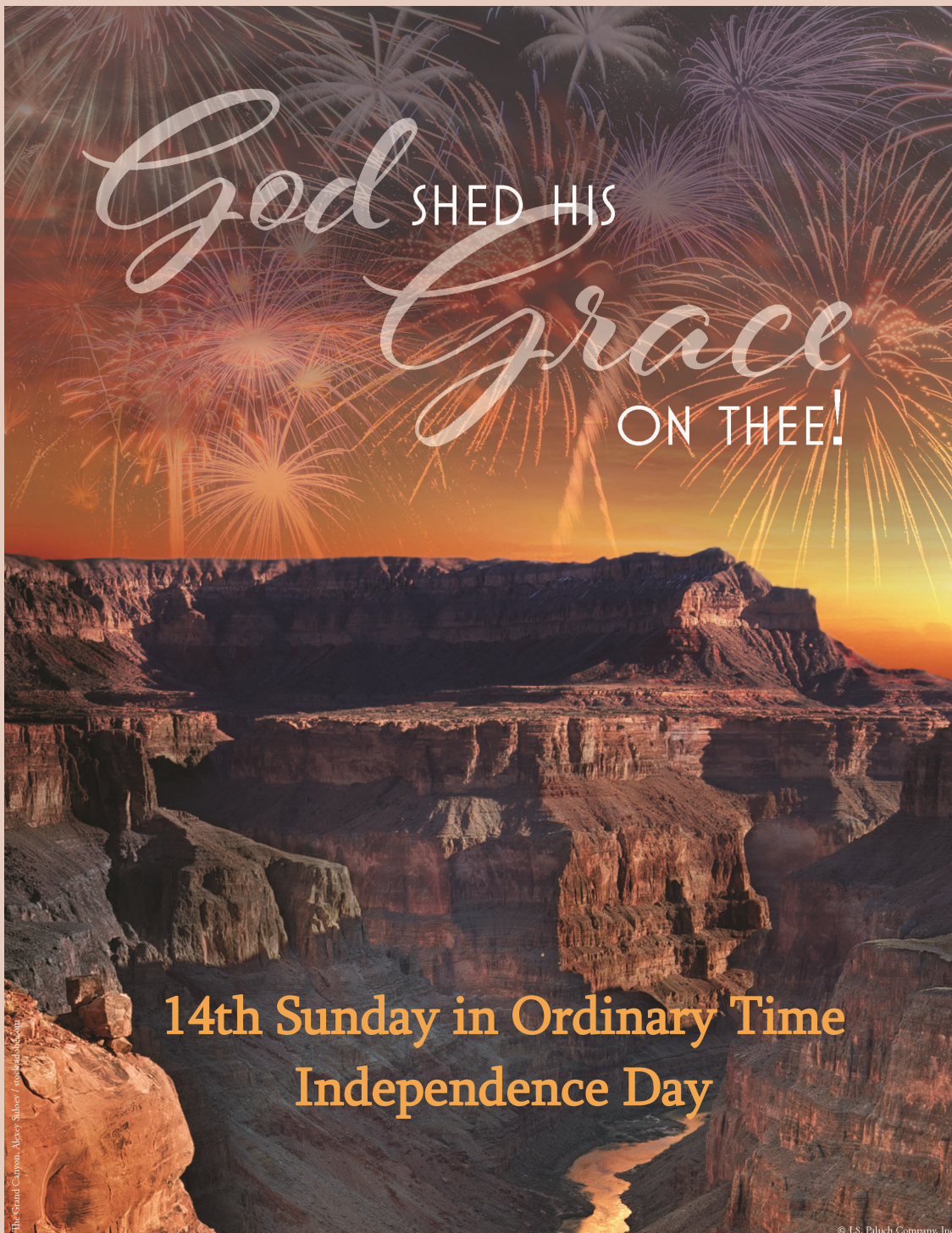




# SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

*LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.*

July 4, 2021



God SHED HIS  
Grace  
ON THEE!

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Independence Day

## *A Message from Fr. Matt*

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

All of our Readings for this week show us situations that are difficult, frustrating or even embarrassing.

In the First Reading, the Prophet Ezekiel is sent by God to the Israelites. While Ezekiel is strengthened by the Spirit, God tells him that it won't be easy. Israel is a rebellious people who have revolted against God. "Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you" God tells Ezekiel. But just go anyway and tell them I sent you! Sheesh! That doesn't sound like its going to go well.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul talks about the struggles that he has had. "A thorn in the flesh", Paul calls it. Three times Paul has asked God to remove it, but each time, God has said no. He knows that Paul is struggling but God also says that His Grace will be enough. So keep suffering Paul, trust that I've got this, God seems to say.

In the Gospel, Jesus goes home to Nazareth, but everyone there is ticked off at Him. They know Him, they say. He isn't all that. All of the amazing things that Jesus did in other places, healing, cleansing, raising people from the dead, He could not do in His hometown, because the people there thought they had Him all figured out and that He wasn't anything special.

Three tough situations. I bet each of us can feel a connection to one of them at least. Maybe all three. So what is the solution? What does the Scripture tell us? How do we keep going when we are misunderstood, embarrassed, hurting, feeling unheard by God, or facing people who won't respect or accept us?

St. Paul gives us the remedy. Be small. Be weak. Let God be strong in you.

Our two Patrons, St. Francis and St. Clare are great examples of this way of living. Francis and Clare founded what has become the largest religious order in the world! Yet they always thought of themselves as small. They were "Little Mirrors", reflecting Jesus to others. They were only able to reflect Him because they stayed out of the way. They made themselves small, poor and weak so that Christ could be exalted rather than them. St. Paul says, "I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships...for the sake of Christ, for when I am weak, I am strong."



This week, we have a tough challenge. When you face tough stuff, arguments, anger, misunderstanding, when people don't respect you or treat you poorly, when you feel like God isn't listening to your prayers, don't be embittered, don't complain about it. But don't give up. Be little. Be small. Be weak. Get yourself out of the way and be a little mirror for Christ. Let Jesus be strong in you and for you. This is the remedy. This is the way through.

Peace and Love,  
Fr. Matt

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK



| Date                                                                                     | Time     | Location       | Intention                                     | Offered By              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Saturday<br/>July 3</b><br>St. Thomas, Apostle                                        | 4:00 PM  | St. Wendelin   | Rose Marie Snyder                             | Jim & Mary Ann Young    |
|                                                                                          | 5:30 PM  | Mater Dolorosa | Elizabeth Bette Fugini                        | Brother & Sister        |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>July 4</b><br><br>14th Sunday in<br>Ordinary Time<br><br>Independence Day | 7:00 AM  | St. Wendelin   | John Clouse                                   | Jay & Susie Gillespie   |
|                                                                                          | 8:15 AM  | Mater Dolorosa | Herman Neff                                   | Margie Steiner          |
|                                                                                          | 9:30 AM  | St. Joseph     | Rodney Kriess                                 | Rose & Doozer Benninger |
|                                                                                          | 10:30 AM | St. Wendelin   | Harry A. Neff                                 | Carol                   |
| <b>Monday, July 5</b><br>St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest;<br>St. Elizabeth of Portugal      | 12:00 PM | Mater Dolorosa | Tera Callihan                                 | Family                  |
| <b>Tuesday, July 6</b><br>St. Maria Goretti,<br>Virgin & Martyr                          | 8:00 AM  | St. Wendelin   | In Memory of Regis Neff                       | Robert Jarecki          |
| <b>Wednesday, July 7</b>                                                                 | 7:00 PM  | Mater Dolorosa | Marian Neff                                   | Bob & Norma Miller      |
| <b>Thursday, July 8</b>                                                                  | 8:00 AM  | St. Wendelin   | Babby Weiland                                 | Karen Geibel            |
| <b>Friday, July 9</b><br>St. Augustine Zhao Rong,<br>Priest, and Companions &<br>Martyrs | 12:00 PM | St. Joseph     | James Snyder                                  | Debbie Neff             |
| <b>Saturday<br/>July 10</b>                                                              | 4:00 PM  | St. Wendelin   | Ashley Hasychak                               | Ron & Robin Hasychak    |
|                                                                                          | 5:30 PM  | Mater Dolorosa | Gertie Flick                                  | Paul & Brenda           |
| <b>Sunday,<br/>July 11</b><br><br>15th Sunday in<br>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                     |



## **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**

864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025

**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](https://www.saintclareparish.com)**

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday,  
July 5 in observance of Independence Day.**



### **ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH**

**JUNE 26 & 27**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Offertory at Mass .....            | \$4,297.00        |
| Offertory ONLINE .....             | \$1,066.00        |
| <b>TOTAL Offertory.....</b>        | <b>\$5,363.00</b> |
| Weekly Goal .....                  | \$10,700.00       |
| Fiscal Year Goal .....             | \$550,000.00      |
| Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal..... | \$306,711.97      |
| Maintenance Fund .....             | \$127.00          |
| Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....       | \$15.00           |
| School Support .....               | \$55.00           |
| School Support ONLINE .....        | \$0.00            |
| Parish Share (PSP) .....           | \$520.00          |
| Parish Share ONLINE.....           | \$110.00          |
| <b>TOTAL Parish Share.....</b>     | <b>\$630.00</b>   |
| 2021 Parish Share Goal.....        | \$80,599.00       |
| 2021 Total PS Received.....        | \$39,239.12       |
| Peter's Pence .....                | \$733.00          |

**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](mailto:cpca@cpca-pgh.org)

### **Bulletin & Website Information**

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.  
Contact Jenn at [communications@saintclareparish.com](mailto:communications@saintclareparish.com)

## Daily Mass Readings

**Week of July 4, 2021**

**Sunday:** Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

**Monday:** Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

**Tuesday:** Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

**Wednesday:** Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

**Thursday:** Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

**Friday:** Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

**Saturday:** Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

**Next 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



## 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



## Marriage Blessings

Congratulations to . . .

**Matthew and Whitney (Weber) Monpere,  
married at our parish on June 19, 2021**

&

**Jarod & Tiffany (Diamond-Shook) Hack,  
married at our parish on June 26, 2021**

*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.*



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

**Joelle Renee Geibel**

daughter of Jordan & Jessica Geibel

**Paetyn Patricia Myers**

daughter of Aaron & Amber Myers

**Brynn Caroline Rumbaugh**

daughter of Raymond & Melissa Rumbaugh

**Lucia Carson Wick**

Daughter of Robert & Chelsie Wick

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

**Ronald Harnish**

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



## Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

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### 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.



Many thanks to Ruth Ann Nebel for all of the years she has dedicated to providing delicious meals for families following the funerals of their loved ones at St. Wendelin. We thank her for her years of service in this ministry!

### SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

All Senior Citizens are invited to **Senior Fellowship on Thursday, July 8, from 1 pm to 4 pm** in the hall at St. Wendelin. Bring a potluck dish **or make a donation**. Enjoy the afternoon with faith and fun.

### ONLINE GIVING

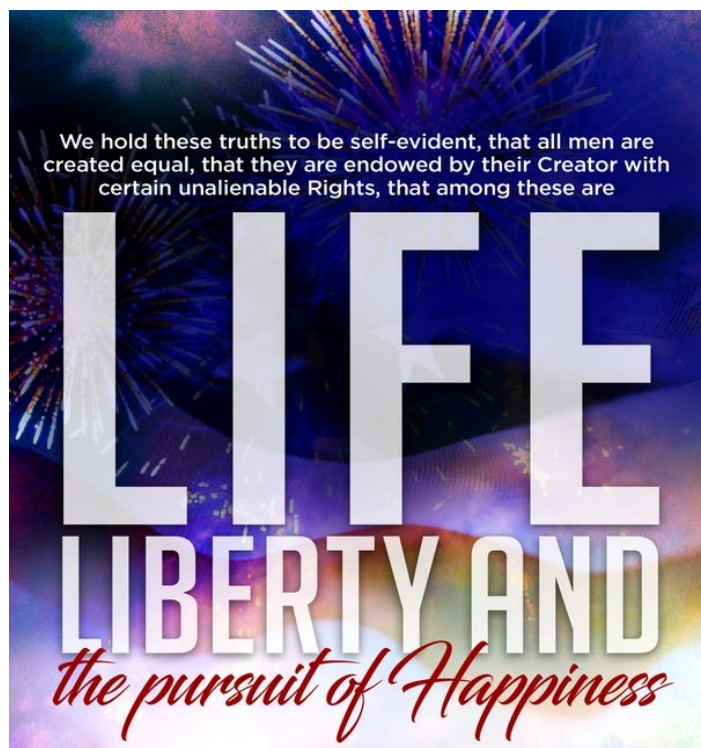
Summer is in our midst! While you are on the go this summer, make giving easy and give online with Online Giving. Safe and simple! Visit [www.saintclareparish.com](http://www.saintclareparish.com) to get started today!

**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 sponsor sheet can be found on our website, or sponsor online directly

at , [www.wreathsassamerica.org](http://www.wreathsassamerica.org) (Click **Local Sponsorship Group**, Enter sponsor **PA0269P** ) Sponsorship forms are requested by October 10, 2021.



### In the community

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#### 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, Pa. Rosaries are easy and fun to make. All materials are supplied by the Rosary Makers. 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](mailto:toniafj1@comcast.net) You can also visit our website [www.rvofpgh.com](http://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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 to 3:30pm**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> - 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](mailto: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!

## **Picnic Envelopes**

This weekend is the last weekend to grab your raffle ticket envelopes from the back of Church. Feel free to grab your extended family or neighbor's envelope if they are not currently attending Mass. Remaining envelopes will be mailed out on July 7th. More tickets are available, sell as many as you can! Please contact the Parish Office for more tickets or any other information.

## **Picnic Volunteer sign-up**

Please fill out the picnic volunteer sheet and return to the Administrative Office by July 12th. The sheet can be found on the website, and can be emailed to [nicole@saintclareparish.com](mailto: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**

Picnic yard signs are available to pick up at all 3 Church locations this weekend. Please take one and display in your yard or at any prime location or busy intersection to help us get the word out about the picnic! We ask that you please return after the picnic to the Parish.

**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:

### Judd Prescott!

This was Judd's first year at St. Wendelin, and he adjusted very quickly to our school's environment. His favorite school subject is Mathematics because he says that it is easy for him, and he is good at it. Outside of school he enjoys playing football with his brother, video games, and spending time with his cousins! When he grows up, he aspires to become a Football Player! Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,

**Judd Prescott!**

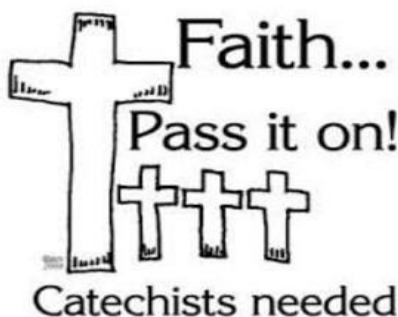
## Catholic Identity Program

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

This Week's Virtue:

### UNDERSTANDING

**Understanding is a gift of the Holy Spirit that opens our hearts so we can be more compassionate and loving toward each others.**



We need Catechists. What is a Catechist? One who echoes the faith of the church by word and example. Someone who teaches the Catholic faith to the children of the parish community. Some may ask, "What if I don't know enough to be a Catechist?". Teaching is the best way to learn and grow on our own faith journey. Maybe you have been away

from your faith longer than you ever have due to the pandemic, being a Catechist is a way to get back on track. Challenge yourself to go deeper and listen for God calling you. The Spirit may be giving you a nudge to serve your parish in a new ministry. Pope Francis says in the *Joy of The Gospel*, "Being Church means being God's people, in accordance with the great plan of his fatherly love. This means that we are to be God's **LEAVEN** in the midst of humanity. It means proclaiming and bring God's salvation into our world, which often goes astray and needs to be encouraged, given hope, and strengthened on the way."

Please pray and discern if you would be willing to help as a Catechist this fall. You can pick the location and time that works best for your schedule. Our class times are Sundays 9:00-10:15 AM at St. Wendelin School; 6:30 – 8:00 PM at St. Wendelin Hall; and Monday's 6:00 – 7:15 PM at St. Joseph Admin Building.

Any questions or concerns contact Audra at [dre@saintclareparish.com](mailto:dre@saintclareparish.com)

## Kid Corner

### Sharing the Gospel

People in his hometown did not believe that Jesus could be smart enough to teach in their temples. They did not believe he could heal. So he went to other towns to teach and heal. If someone says that you are not smart enough or skilled enough, Jesus understands.

He will help you. Tell them, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

### Prayer

Lord, help me say to myself and others, "You can do it. God will help."

### Mission for the Week

If someone is left out of a game, say, "I will play with you."

I CAN DO  
all things  
through  
Christ  
who gives me  
strength  
Phil 1:13