

Saint Clare of Assisi Parish



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE
Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021

Stay tuned, the weekly message from Fr. Matt will return next weekend. Today, as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, reflect on the article below from ***The Catholic News Agency***.

Today, Catholics and many other Christians celebrate the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This significant feast day recalls the spiritual and physical departure of the mother of Jesus Christ from the earth, when both her soul and her body were taken into the presence of God.

Venerable Pope Pius XII confirmed this belief about the Virgin Mary as the perennial teaching of the Church when he defined it formally as a dogma of Catholic faith in 1950, invoking papal infallibility to proclaim, “that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

His Apostolic Constitution “*Munificentissimus Deus*” (Most Bountiful God), which defined the dogma, contained the Pontiff’s accounts of many longstanding traditions by which the Church has celebrated the Assumption throughout its history.

The constitution also cited testimonies from the early Church fathers on the subject, and described the history of theological reflection on many Biblical passages which are seen as indicating that Mary was assumed into heaven following her death.

Although the bodily assumption of Mary is not explicitly recorded in Scripture, Catholic tradition identifies her with the “woman clothed with the sun” who is described in the 12th chapter of the Book of Revelation.

The passage calls that woman’s appearance “a great sign” which “appeared in heaven,” indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has “the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.” Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary’s assumption into heaven in this manner.

Eastern Christians have also traditionally held Mary’s assumption into heaven as an essential component of their faith. Pius XII cited several early Byzantine liturgical texts, as well as the eighth-century Arab Christian theologian St. John of Damascus, in his own authoritative definition of her assumption.

“It was fitting,” St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the assumption, “that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death,” and “that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles.”

In Eastern Christian tradition, the same feast is celebrated on the same calendar date, although typically known as the Dormition (falling asleep) of Mary. Eastern Catholic celebration of the Dormition is preceded by a two-week period of fasting which is similar to Lent. Pius XII, in “*Munificentissimus Deus*,” mentioned this same fasting period as belonging to the traditional patrimony of Western Christians as well.

The feast of the Assumption is always a Holy Day of Obligation for both Roman and Eastern-rite Catholics, on which they are obliged to attend Mass or Divine Liturgy.



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date

Time

Location

Intention

Offered By

Saturday August 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Herman Neff	Daniel & Joyce Burns
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Joe & Mary O'Donnell	Salli
Sunday, August 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Bus & Joanie Neigh
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Rodney Kriess	
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	Herman & Bridget Neff and Family
Monday, August 16 St. Stephen of Hungary	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Doc & Lori Karenbauer
Tuesday, August 17	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Robert Weiland	Bob & Joyce Geibel
Wednesday, August 18	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	In Thanksgiving	
Thursday, August 19 St. John Eudes, Priest	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Francis J. Gabby Weiland	Tina & Butch Hay
Friday, August 20 St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Michael Alan Neff	Rob & Grace Weiland
Saturday August 21 St. Pius X, Pope	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Maxine & Norman Geibel	Dick & Patty Sanderson
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Special Intention for Wedding Anniversary	
Sunday, August 22 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Francis J. Gabby Weiland	Doris
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Sue Fallecker Green	Mary Paserba & Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Betty McCarthy	Bev

Daily Mass Readings

Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/

1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28

Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69



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

Aniysha Christine Semple

&

Zyan Matthew Semple

Daughter & Son of Christine Semple

Welcome to our faith community!

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 2PM
AT THE KARN'S CITY ATHLETIC FIELD

WARRIOR WALK for HOPE

In Memory of **TYLER J. BARGER**

#beheretomorrow

All money raised from the walk STAYS IN BUTLER COUNTY & goes to iRise Leadership Institute for suicide awareness, prevention, and education.

Tyler Barger Memorial Events



<http://sites.google.com/view/warriorwalkforhope/home>

Registration Forms are available in the back of each Church



Confession Times

WEDNESDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 6:15-6:45PM

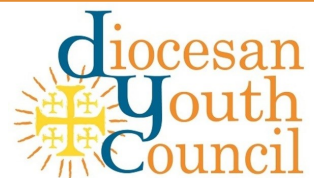
SATURDAYS

MATER DOLOROSA - 11:00-11:30AM

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

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

High School sophomores and juniors, sponsored by either their parish or Catholic high school, are invited to apply for the 2021-2022 Diocesan Youth Council. The mission and purpose of the DYC is to gather high school youth from throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh for formation in discipleship, preparation for the apostolate and growth as virtuous, servant leaders culminating with an informed discussion and consultation with the Diocesan bishop and his pastoral staff. Applications are available at www.diopitt.org and will be accepted now and as space permits. Please prayerfully consider recommending a youth to apply!



There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.

— John Vianney



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

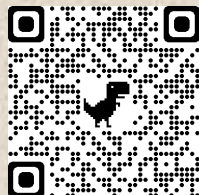
Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

Names and emails listed on right

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

www.saintclareparish.com

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



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

AUGUST 7 & 8

Offertory at Mass	\$7,082.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$1,626.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$8,708.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$45,099.00
Maintenance Fund	\$376.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$240.00
School Support	\$140.00
School Support ONLINE	\$40.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$1,510.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$200.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$1,710.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PSP Received.....	\$47,901.24
Feast of the Assumption	\$240.00

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

Saint Clare of Assisi Clergy and Staff

Father Matt McClain, Pastor

mmclain@diopitt.org

Father Ward Stakem, Senior Parochial Vicar

forward@saintfrancisparish.net

Father Lou Pascazi, Senior Parochial Vicar

frlou@saintclareparish.com

Father Jim Kurtz, Senior Parochial Vicar

frjim@saintfrancisparish.net

Barb Boltz, Parish Administrative Assistant & Facilities Scheduler

barb@saintclareparish.com

Martha Birch, Parish Accountant

martha@saintclareparish.com

Nicole Karenbauer, Parish Administrative Assistant, School

Accountant, Safe Environment Coordinator

nicole@saintclareparish.com

Sue Fraley, Director of Evangelization,

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

sue@saintclareparish.com

Vince Ritzert, Director of Music

musicdirector@saintclareparish.com

Vince Houpt, Music Minister/SJP

haupt@saintclareparish.com

Adam Murray, Director of Digital Media

adam@saintclareparish.com

Jenn Stahoviak, Bulletin & Website Editor

communications@saintclareparish.com

Audra Brown, Director of Religious Education

dre@saintclareparish.com

JoLynn Clouse, St. Wendelin School Principal

stwend@zoominternet.net

Linda Green & Kit Lanier, Parish Receptionists

linda@saintclareparish.com

kit@saintclareparish.com

Bulletin & Website Information

Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Contact Jenn at communications@saintclareparish.com

All Sacrament & Facilities Scheduling

Contact Barb at 724-445-3713 Ext 4 or

email barb@saintclareparish.com

St. Wendelin School

211 St. Wendelin Rd., Butler, PA 16002

724-285-4986 email: stwend@zoominternet.net

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



Today is the Day!

11am-6pm

Stop in to the St. Clare Parish Picnic!

Enjoy a **chicken** or **baked ham** dinner
and some goodies at the
refreshment stand!

Take some chances on the **CA\$H**
Raffle and the **150+ amazing**
raffle baskets!

Play some **bingo**, **Nevada games**,
chuck-a-luck and spin that
paddlewheel! And grab a **lottery**
Calendar for 2022!

Don't forget the **kids!**

Fun **games** and **prizes** for all!

Check out the **country store**
and **classic cars!**

Stop by and chat with the
Knights of Columbus and
swing over to the **school** from
noon-1pm for an open house tour!



COVID Procedure Updates for the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh



As variants of the COVID-19 virus continue to spread, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is updating safety procedures at Mass and Bishop David Zubik is urging everyone to get vaccinated and to wear masks when indoors with others.

Effective immediately:

- **All ministers of the Eucharist, ushers and greeters must wear masks while engaging in their ministries, regardless of their vaccination status.**

Bishop Zubik met virtually on Friday August 6, 2021, with all the Catholic bishops of Pennsylvania and signed their joint statement about COVID safety and the Mass, available [here](#). As previously announced, the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will resume on the weekend of August 14-15, but with the age-old exemptions for those who are sick, at risk, are caregivers and also for those with concerns about being in a crowd due to COVID.

Each bishop was also expected to make his own statement based on conditions in each diocese.

"Our response to the pandemic falls under the commandment, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,'" Bishop Zubik wrote in the attached letter to clergy of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"For us as members of the Church of Pittsburgh, any response to COVID must be guided by the Catholic social principles of solidarity and the common good. It is impossible in these circumstances to make decisions that affect one person alone. COVID affects the whole community, so we must act with the whole community in mind."

He urged everyone to follow CDC guidance with regard to masks and vaccinations, adding that public officials have given assurance that there is no shortage of vaccine for anyone living within the six-county Diocese of Pittsburgh.

"Even those who have been vaccinated can carry and spread the virus, but research continues to show that masking provides significant protection for you and those with whom you interact. In the words of Pope Francis, vaccination and masking are 'acts of charity,'" Bishop Zubik wrote. It is also important to note that both Pope emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have themselves been vaccinated. Given the rapidly changing dynamics of the COVID-19 virus, the bishop wrote that these policies could change "based on the best practices and guidance of county, state, and federal public health officials."

Saint Wendelin hosts the Community Dinner at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, August 17. If you are interested in volunteering, call or text Gina at 724-991-7967, by Monday, August 16. Workers are needed from 3-6:30pm to pack and distribute the carry out dinners. You will have to be "buzzed in" the mail 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 Catholic churches and their ministries in the Butler area.

Next BIBLE STUDY- August 28, 2021

The Word of God is revealed through Scripture Study. Our Resources are FORMED and other commentaries. We will gather every other Saturday from 10:15am to 11:45am at Mater Dolorosa Hall through Fall. Our time together includes fellowship, intercessory prayer and reflective music. Please join us.

ALL ARE WELCOME HERE!

Contact Sue Fraley

(sue@saintclareparish.com or

Call 724-445-3713 x3) for details.



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 pm 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.**

St. Wendelin School Alumni, we are updating our current alumni listing! If we do not currently have your email address, please send 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 are participating in the Wreaths Across America Fundraiser through October 10th. Sponsor sheets can be found on our website.



Don't forget to pick up your St. Clare Parish apparel today, at the picnic! If you missed out on ordering, order forms will also be available.

Chip in for Charity -Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center Annual Golf Classic returns Monday, September 13 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. Bring a foursome to hit the links on one of the region's most beautiful courses. The day includes breakfast, lunch on the course and an afternoon raffle. Proceeds from this event are among the center's primary sources of funds. For 14 years, we have provided high-quality health care to adults 19 years and older who are uninsured and underinsured. Qualified volunteer providers treat routine issues and identify serious problems. The center stays open thanks only to the generous spirit of individuals, organization and foundations.

To purchase a golf sponsorship, phone 412-456-6950 or email mwalla@ccpgh.org. Registrations are due by 9/3.

Saint Joseph High School invites you to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph with Bishop Larry J. Kulick on Sunday, September 12th beginning with Mass at 2:00 PM at the Walter Dlubak Athletic Center on campus. There is no cost to attend but RSVP is required. A social will follow Mass including food for purchase from local food trucks.

A special drawing will be held to win a ride with Bishop Kulick in his classic 1966 Pontiac, which will be displayed on campus. The drawing and ride will take place at 5 PM. Find event and raffle ticket details at saintjosephHS.com or contact Jennifer MacNeil '89 at jmacneil@saintjosephhs.com or 724-226-8043.

Do you have a loved one suffering with an addiction to alcohol or drugs? The Substance Abuse/Addiction Ministry can be there to help. This ministry is an ideal resource for those with a family member suffering from addiction. We are not a 12 step program but a resource to help deal with these issues. For additional information contact Michael Hensler 412-580-9020 or mjh15241@verizon.net.

HOPE AND HEALING ARE POSSIBLE!!!

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

We come together in faith!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS, **TUESDAYS: August 17th and 31st, 2:30 to 3:30pm and August 24th, 7 to 8pm**

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

CDC recommends wearing a mask if you have not been vaccinated

He then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home." -Matthew 9:6

Questions: patomaszewski@zoominternet.net

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

Mia Karenbauer

Mia has attended St. Wendelin School for nine years. Her older sister recently graduated from Saint Wendelin and her little brother is enrolled in the preschool. Mia will be entering the seventh grade in the Fall and excels in all of her academics. She has a love for math and assists other students to help understand concepts. Mia is a cold weather girl and enjoys skiing, hunting, and archery and a hot bowl of ham and potato soup to warm her up. In addition, Mia enjoys horseback riding, and she is an amazing artist!

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

Mia Karenbauer!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue:

HONOR

Honor is the recognition of human dignity we offer by showing respect for other people, their names and reputations.

*Be devoted to one another in love.
Honor one another above yourselves.*

— Romans 12:10 (NIV) —



We are looking for Catechists and helpers for Faith Formation (CCD)!

A **Catechist** is someone who teaches the essentials of our Catholic faith. One who "echoes" the teachings of the church. They are responsible for helping individuals in their growth and development in the faith, including preparation for the celebration of the sacraments.

Why is this ministry important? We are called to become disciples and make disciples. We use methods and expressions to bring people to encounter Christ. Let's come together as a community to help the children of the church, not just survive, but **THRIVE** in their faith.

St. Clare of Assisi Parish is happy to offer two sites for our Faith Formation this fall.

SITE	DAY/TIME	GRADES
St. Wendelin School	Sunday -9:00 – 10:15 am	K-5 th Grade
St. Clare Admin Bldg.	Monday -6:00 – 7:15 pm	K-5 th Grade
St. Clare Admin Bldg.	Sunday -6:30-8:00 pm	6, 7, 8 th Grades

St. Clare Admin Bldg. is located behind St. Joseph, 864 Chicora Rd., Chicora
Classes are held in the lower level

Please contact Audra Brown if you are interested but not sure what is involved, or with any other questions.

St. Wendelin School Open Enrollment for Preschool - 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



Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, Saint Joseph High School, Butler Catholic, Holy Sepulcher, and St. Wendelin Elementary School are four Catholic schools in the Diocese of Pittsburgh that will benefit from the brand new *St. John Paul II STAR Student Tuition Assistance Resource* program. New scholarships are available now to make Catholic education even more affordable for all families. Contact a school to learn more!

St. Wendelin: Mrs. JoLynn Clouse, 724-285-4986,
stwend@zoominternet.net

Saint Joseph HS: Mrs. Shane Palumbo 724-226-4932,
admissions@SaintJosephHS.com.

Butler Catholic: Sr. John Ann Mulhern
724-285-4276

Holy Sepulcher: Mrs. Ashley Bauer
724-586-5022



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PITTSBURGH



**STAR
STUDENT**

St. John Paul II
Student Tuition Assistance Resource

*"Those who teach
others will shine
like stars forever."*
Daniel 12:3