



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

*August 22, 2021
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

A Message from Fr. Matt . . .

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week, if you and I were together for Mass, you might remember that I quoted Troy Polamalu's Hall of Fame speech. I quoted the part where Troy talked about what it meant to be a Steeler. He said it meant, among other things, to put the concerns of others before your own, to make sacrifices for others, to respect others, and to respect yourself. It was a really great quote. Troy Polamalu is a really good man. I felt good about what I said. I felt like the Holy Spirit had guided me. All was good and well.

Last Sunday was the annual St. Clare Picnic at St. Wendelin's grounds, and it was a good day. Good weather. Lot's of people from all three churches of the Parish helped out. We did really well, especially for the times we are in. I felt so good about it. All was good and well.

As we were cleaning up after the picnic, I saw people collapsing the rented tables under the rented tents. I walked over and said, "Hey we don't have to do that. Leave them where they are. We paid this tent company a lot of money, they can fold their own tables." Immediately, one of the guys helping said, "But Father, what would Troy Polamalu do?"Dang!

I felt like such a jerk! What a hypocrite I was! Seven hours before that I was challenging people to listen to this example. I was challenging them to see that the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was meant to bring us hope about who we can become if only we thought more of others than ourselves and sought to please God with all of our actions. I preached it. I didn't do it. So, we folded and stacked the tables for the tent company. It was the right thing, the Christian thing, the human thing to do. I am glad I got called out on it.

G. K. Chesterton said that *"the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried."*

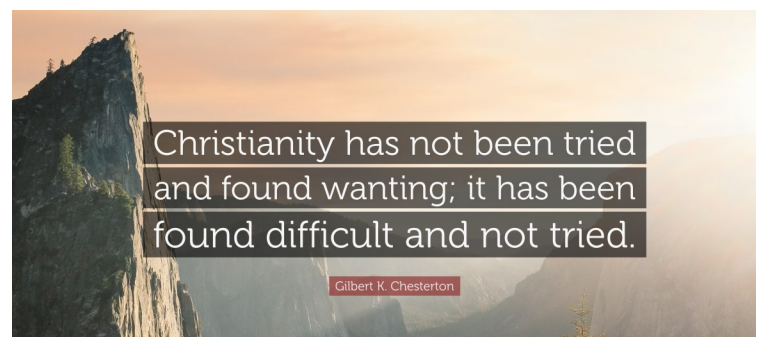
In the readings today, we see people who are given a choice. The Israelites in the First Reading. The Disciples and the Twelve Apostles in the Gospel. Joshua tells Israel that they must make a choice. Who will their God be? Joshua sets the example and says that he and his house choose to serve the Lord. In the Gospel, after Jesus gives the very challenging teaching about what the Bread of Life truly is, everyone, except the Twelve, chooses to leave Him. The teaching is hard, they tell Him. The Twelve struggle with it too, but when asked to choose, Peter sets the example and says that they choose, even though it is hard, to stay with the Lord.

You and I are faced with a choice today. It is the same choice. Who is your God? Maybe you say, well, I'm here aren't I? Isn't that enough? It wasn't for me. I went to Mass three times last weekend and yet when it came down to it, when the ideal was tested by the reality of being hot and tired and not wanting or needing to fold tables, for the good of another, I chose my comfort as my god.

If we really choose the Lord as our God, it will be difficult. Some people face difficulty and think that this is proof that Christianity is a failure and they leave. But being free of difficulty is never promised to us. In fact, we should expect otherwise if we choose to serve the Lord.

So this week, recognize that you have a choice to make. You will have many opportunities to make the choice. Who is your God? It is easy to say you serve the Lord when all is good and well. Believe me, I know it! But when you are tired, when you can't catch a break, when no one seems to understand you, when you are betrayed or mistreated, it is a lot more difficult. You and I know that. But those are the moments when we really declare who our God is. In those moments, take the dare and believe! Try! In those difficult moments, let's not leave Christianity untried.

Peace and Love, Fr. Matt



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and found wanting; it has been
found difficult and not tried.

Gilbert K. Chesterton

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
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
Monday, August 23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Knoll	Fred & Martha
Tuesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	
Wednesday, August 25 St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Bill & Bonnie Giallombardo
	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Donald Sherwin	Anna Marie & Family
Thursday, August 26	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Marcie Lackey	
Friday, August 27 St. Monica	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Viola Mae Boltz	Alberta & Kelly Dunn
Saturday August 28 St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Cora Carbin	Tom & Faye
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat Liberto	Lori & Doug Dawson
Sunday, August 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Rose Marie Snyder	Margaret Graham
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	Ed Parker	Sue Fraley
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	William Graham	Mary Ann Lehner
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Tina Baptiste	Larry & Family

Daily Mass Readings

Week of August 22, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



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

Welcome Back to Mass



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

Benjamin Paul Mitch

Son of Thomas & Sarah Mitch

&

Roman Patrick Mitch

Son of Jeffrey & Christie Mitch

Welcome to our faith community!

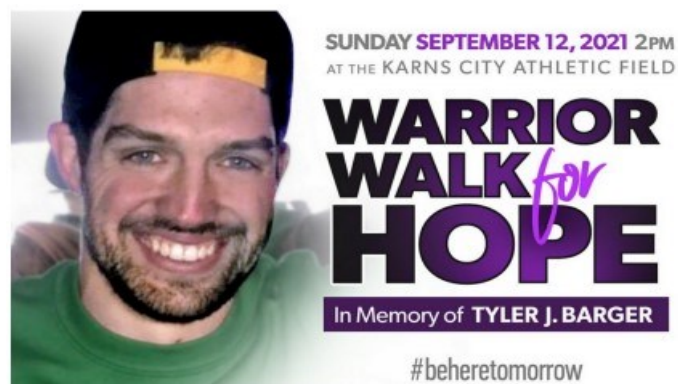


Congratulations to . . .

Mikayla Spreng & Derek Oswald

Who were wed at St. Clare Parish on August 14, 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.



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

Registration Forms are available in the back of each Church

Tyler Barger Memorial Events



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



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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Office Hours: Monday-Friday- 9am-Noon

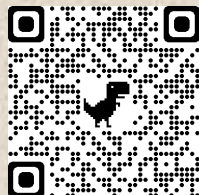
Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

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!



Parish Giving

**Offertory totals for August 14/15 will be available
in next week's bulletin, as Martha is on vacation.**

**Picnic totals will also be forthcoming, as everything
is totaled and any final costs are accounted for.
Thanks for your patience!**

Reminder from 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.



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**Keep up to date on the
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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

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. This Saturday, we will be meeting at the St. Wendelin rectory. 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.

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.**

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.

Could you and your family and friends use a day to get away from your busy schedule and to come to know St. Joseph better? Come for a morning of faith, fellowship, and prayer to St. Joseph on Saturday, September 18, 2021 at St. Paul Cathedral. All families, individuals, young adults, and people of all ages are welcome!

The day includes:

- * Mass celebrated by Bishop David A. Zubik
- * Brunch
- * Mike Aquilina's keynote talk: "St. Joseph: A Man and a Model for Our Times"
- * Prayerful activities for children and toddlers.
- * Consecration of families and individuals to St. Joseph

Tickets cost \$14 for adults (ages 13 and up) and \$5 for children (ages 6-12). Register by September 11, 2021 by visiting: diopitt.org/st-joseph-day-for-families-and-friends.

35TH ANNUAL BENEFIT LUNCHEON FOR THE SEMINARIANS OF THE PITTSBURGH DIOCESE, Saturday, September 18, 2021, St. Paul's Seminary—O'Connor Hall, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Luncheon, Chinese Auction, Raffles, and Bake Sale. Doors open at **10:00 a.m.** for early-bird players (cards or board games). Lunch will be served at Noon. Choice of entrée: Chicken Romano, Crab Cakes, or Veggie Lasagna. **Donation is \$30.** Sponsored by the **Catholic Daughters of the Americas Pittsburgh Diocesan Committee.**

Reservations must be made by September 10, 2021.

For reservations or additional information, please contact Laraine McGinnis at 724-263-2161 or lam1719@verizon.net OR Maria Faller at 412-445-9900 or legobeaver@comcast.net

Chip in for Charity -Catholic Charities Free Health Care Center Annual Golf Classic returns Monday, September 13 at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. The day includes breakfast, lunch on the course and an afternoon raffle. Proceeds provide high-quality health care to adults 19 years and older who are uninsured and underinsured. 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. Event and raffle ticket details at saintJosephHS.com or contact Jennifer MacNeil '89 at jmacneil@saintjosephhs.com or 724-226-8043.

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 31st, 2:30 -3:30pm and August 24th, 7 -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

What a wonderful day at the St. Clare Parish picnic!



Many thanks to everyone who came out in support of the Parish, especially all who volunteered their time to help make this day a success! Special thanks to Halee McCance for stepping up to chair the picnic! It is not an easy task, you did an amazing job.



BEST CAR
Bob Geibel
and his 1931 Model A Roadster



BEST TRUCK
Joel Geibel and his 1965 Chevy



PASCAZI'S PICK
selected by Gino Pascazi
Dennis Harbaugh
and his 1973 Chevy Z28



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

Emma Fleeger!

Emma will be entering the fifth grade classroom in the Fall. Emma's favorite subject is math because it is a strong academic for her. Emma is a kind girl that is also an amazing hula hooper! She incredibly was able to hula hoop 18 hula hoops at the same time during a gym class. Outside of school, she enjoys participating in girl scouts and helping on her pappy's farm. What she loves most about St. Wendelin is learning new things every day! Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School student of the Week,

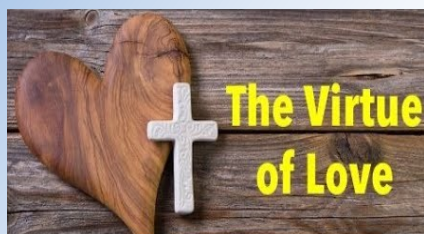
Emma Fleeger!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue:

LOVE

Love is the free self-giving of the heart to God and neighbor. It is the greatest virtue.



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 Kindergarten - Grade 8 Enroll now for Fall!
Classes starting soon!
Visit us at: www.stwendelinschool.com

St. Wendelin Elementary School 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 the school to learn more

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



Here are just a few highlights of what St. Wendelin School has to offer:

- Busing Available from Butler, South Butler, Karns City, Moniteau, and Armstrong School Districts
- 21st Century Technology including: Interactive Promethean Boards, Ipads and Chrome books
- Highly Qualified Teaching Staff
- Extra Curricular Activities
- All-Day Kindergarten Program
- Extended Day Program Available
- All-Day Preschool Program Available



"Those who teach others will shine like stars forever."

Daniel 12:3