



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.

*August 29, 2021
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

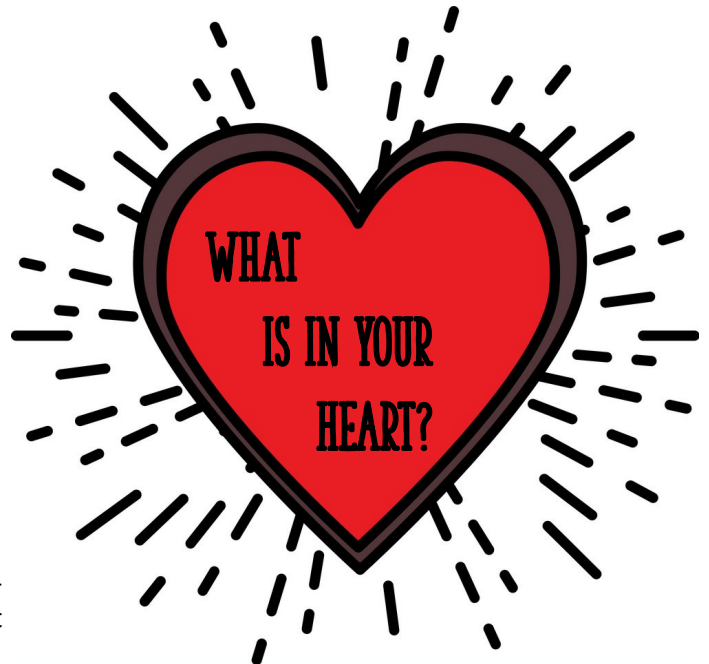
Have you ever tasted a Meyer Lemon? I did, and not on purpose. I thought it was a Clementine or Cutie or whatever you call those little oranges now. It certainly was not. But it really did look like one. It was deep yellow, almost orange. It was the same size. It tasted good, but not as sweet and a lot more tart than a clementine. I thought I knew what it was looking at the outside. The inside was a whole different story.

The Pharisees in the Gospel this week would have felt right at home with us in the last year and a half! The hand washing and sanitizing that we all have done is right up their alley. They would have watched us all like a hawk! I think I met some people like them this year! How about you?

The Pharisees were focused on the performance of the external action above all else. Now we all wash our hands for a purpose, to keep ourselves and others healthy. That was really the original intention of the Law that the Lord gave to Israel. He gave it to keep His people safe. It wasn't an end in itself. It had a purpose, a larger purpose. God wanted Israel to take possession of what He had won for them, as Moses said in the First Reading. The Pharisees paid such strict attention to the rule, that they forgot what it was for. They turned the Law into a god. They worried about the outside not what was within.

It is what is within us, within our hearts, that God wants to cleanse. All of the rules and laws God gives us are given so that we might be open and willing to say yes to him and take possession of what He has won for us. When Moses proclaimed this to Israel, he was talking about taking possession of the Holy Land. With Jesus, it is Eternal Life.

So let me ask you this...what is inside you? What is in your heart? This is the measure of who we are and how ready we are to take possession of what God has for us. We need to think about this. It is not about what other people think of us. It is not about who we claim to be. It is not about how well we preach or even the actions we take. No, not in themselves. Jesus wants to know what is in our hearts. We can do many good things, but what is our motivation for doing them? That is found in our hearts and that is what Jesus cares about.



So what is in your heart? If I pick up a Meyer Lemon, looking so much like a little orange, and squeeze it, lemon juice comes out, not orange juice. What if we were squeezed. When bad stuff comes our way. When we are tired or overwhelmed. No matter what we look like on the outside, what would come out from within?

This week I think that the Lord is challenging us to look into our hearts and see what is in there. There is stuff in each of your hearts that only you and God know. This is what God wants to work on. Each day this week spend a little time looking into your hearts. Show the not so good stuff to the Lord. Let Him work with you on it. Let God change your heart. God wants to do this, because He loves you and wants you to take possession of what He has won for you.

Let God love you in the deepest darkest corner of your hearts. Let God see and heal what is inside.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday August 28	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Cora Carbin	Tom & Faye
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	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
Monday, August 30	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Marian Neff	Ron & Ina Kocian
Tuesday, August 31	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gabby Weiland	Katie Larkin
Wednesday, September 1	10:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gino Pascazi	
	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Bill & Pat Callihan	Fred & Martha
Thursday, September 2	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Herman A. Neff	Bob & Barb Karenbauer
Friday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	Lenny Hodgkiss	Margie Steiner
Saturday September 4	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Pete Geibel	Floyd & Dolores Neigh
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Father Bill Ritzert	Dee Zimmerman Family
Sunday, September 5 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	For the parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	June McGrady Lowers	Bill McGrady Family
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	William L. Neff	Bob & Norma Miller
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Louise Brauchle	Donna

Daily Mass Readings

Week of August 29, 2021

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-3



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



The St. Wendelin School Masses have resumed on Wednesdays at 10 am. Masses are open to all parishioners. Please note, due to the current diocesan school protocols, all attendees are required to wear a mask at these Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

AUGUST 14 & 15

Offertory at Mass	\$2,456.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$926.00
TOTAL Offertory	\$3,382.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$48,481.00
Maintenance Fund	\$35.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE	\$20.00
School Support	\$35.00
School Support ONLINE	\$5.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$135.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$35.00
TOTAL Parish Share	\$170.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PSP Received.....	\$48,071.24
Feast of the Assumption	\$3,419.00

AUGUST 21 & 22

Offertory at Mass	\$6,421.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$916.00
TOTAL Offertory	\$7,337.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$55,818.00
Maintenance Fund	\$160.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE	\$40.00
School Support	\$95.00
School Support ONLINE	\$0
Parish Share (PSP)	\$352.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$460.00
TOTAL Parish Share	\$812.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PSP Received.....	\$48,883.24
Feast of the Assumption	\$325.00
Endowment Fund	\$100.00

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



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

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday- 9am-Noon

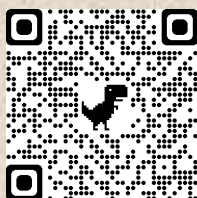
Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

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!**



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.**

26th ANNUAL ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**4 Person Scramble, Hiland Golf Course
September 12, 2021, 8 am Shotgun Start**

Cost: \$75.00 per person

**Includes: 18 holes of golf with riding cart,
Italian dinner, beer, soft drinks
and hot dogs on turn!**

Prizes: 1st \$600, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$200

Registration forms are located at each Church.

Registration due by September 6, 2021

**For additional information, please contact:
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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

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

Lukis Holt

Lukis has been at St. Wendelin School for three years, and he is in our fifth grade classroom this year. His younger sister also attends St. Wendelin in the fourth grade classroom. Lukis' favorite subject is science because he loves the hands-on labs and projects. Outside of school, he loves spending time with his family, playing videos games, and participating in hockey. Lukis has a great sense of humor, and we are proud to have him as a student at our school. Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,

Lukis Holt!

Catholic Identity Program

Family Link

This Week's Virtue:

PRUDENCE

Prudence is the virtue that helps us to make sound judgments and directs our actions towards the good.



St. Wendelin School Open Enrollment for Kindergarten - Grade 8 Enroll now!
Classes have started, but it's not too late!
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! **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



Fall is coming!

St. Wendelin PTG is hosting a **Fall Mum Sale**.

9" potted mums will be supplied by Schnur's Greenhouse. Cost is \$7 each. Various color options will be available at pickup, first come, first pick. Pick up will be at St. Wendelin Church Pavilion **September 15th, noon to 4 pm**. If interested in placing an order, please list your name, phone number, number of mums ordered, and total cost on a white envelope. In the envelope include your check made out *St. Wendelin's School* and note *Mums Sale* on the memo line. Orders are due in the drop box outside of St Wendelin School **no later than Wednesday, September 1, 2021**.



Faith Formation Classes begin on September 19th. With recent changes in the program, it is important to have everyone registered before the start date. If you haven't yet, please register your children now.

Below are the location and time options for you to choose from:

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

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

If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Audra Brown at the office, or email dre@saintclareparish.com.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Treasures of the Church

St. Clare of Assisi Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some as old as 2,000 years.

Among the treasures will be relics of St. Joseph, St. Maria Goretti, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Faustina Kowalska.

There will also be a fragment of the Veil that belonged to Our Lady and some of the largest remaining pieces of the Wood of the True Cross in the world.



presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

HELD IN THE CHURCH AT ST. WENDELIN ON

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH AT 6:30 PM

See www.treasuresofthechurch.com for more information



From September 22nd – October 31st, you're

invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. *If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact:*

- Campaign Director Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com
- To adopt a time slot for your group, contact Fran Morrow at franmac98fmc@gmail.com
- To sign up for hours as an individual, contact Donna Goss at gdgoss620@gmail.com

- **19,198 babies saved!**
- **221 abortion workers converted!**
- **112 abortion centers closed!**

Visit our websites for more info at:

40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh (or) 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

Join us for one (or both) of our TWO AMAZING KICK-OFF EVENTS!

Sept. 20th 6:30-9:00 pm at St. John Neumann Parish "Bringing Pro-Life Pittsburgh Together", featuring testimonies and informal social.

Sept. 21st 7:00 pm Kick-off Mass at Epiphany Church, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood!

Fr. Chris Donley presiding, Homily by Fr. Tim Deely.

To Jesus Through Mary

Our Lady's Rosary Makers of Butler 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 our next meeting, Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm in the St. Michael Hall, 432 Center Ave., Butler. 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.

The **Beginning Experience®** ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women pass through grief and move forward with their lives. The next weekend program is **October 15-17, 2021** at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center, 5244 Clarwin Ave, West View, PA 15229. Visit www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com to register or make a confidential call to **Rob at 412-584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653** to learn more about this healing ministry.

MASS AND PRAYERS FOR DISCERNMENT AND HEALING

Part of the mission of the Pittsburgh Fraternity of Priests is to make known the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church and in the lives of all people. To this, they celebrate the gifts of discernment, prophecy and healing so young and old alike may know how the Holy Spirit is alive and active for those seeking physical, spiritual, emotional healing, and for guidance in life choices and struggles. They will celebrate Mass on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, at 7:00PM at ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARIGEN CHURCH (formerly St. Conrad), 125 Buttercup Rd., Butler, 16001. All are invited for Mass and for the prayers, for themselves or others, with individual priests following Mass.

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. **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.

Do you have a loved one suffering with an addiction to alcohol or drugs? **The Substance Abuse/Addiction Ministry of St. Francis Parish** 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. On **September 30, 2021 at 7:00pm in the hall at St. Joseph, Cabot**, the SAAM is pleased to host "Understanding the disease of addiction", by Dr. Janet Astle. Dr Astle is a licensed pharmacist with a doctoral degree in education from Duquesne University. Please join us for this information filled event. Light refreshments will be served. 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 31st, 2:30 -3:30pm** 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

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