



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.



August 8, 2021

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE." - JN 6:48

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The following is an article by Fr. Christopher Martin that was recently published in Catholic St. Louis

Sunday obligation is opportunity to receive the graces God pours out

Why is going to Mass such a big deal?

Sunday is a big deal because it is the day that we are able to be physically and spiritually nourished by God.

As we emerge from the pandemic in our country and the Sunday mass obligation is reinstated, it's worth reminding ourselves why going to Mass on Sunday is important and why God (through the Ten Commandments) and the Church (through her teachings) have Mass described as an obligation. Certainly ongoing health issues and extenuating circumstances (not sports games!) lift the obligation, but Sunday is a big deal...here's a few reasons why.

Sunday is a day of new creation

Sunday is a big deal because it is the day we celebrate the Resurrection. When Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday, the Church teaches us that it was the "eighth day of creation." If Jesus has died and risen, so too will all those who believe in Him rise with Him. This is the belief that motivates all of our actions, the lens through which we view our lives in this world. Going to Mass on Sunday is important because it is the day that defines who we are as a people (why we profess the faith) and reminds us that we have a mission in this world, but a home in the next.

Sunday is a day of "true" rest

Sunday is a big deal because it is a day of rest...but not necessarily in the way you might think. God invites us to rest from our daily toil in order to enter into the true rest that is only found in relationship with him. In his book "The Way of the Disciple" Erasmo Leiva Merikakis puts it this way:

True, Jesus "gives us rest." But we must be clear that such "rest" is totally different from "resting up" in order to get back to the daily toils of life; different, too, from recreation or distraction or vacationing, all of which are ordered to getting back to the "serious" part of life. It seems to me that this "rest for our souls" is intended by Jesus to be a real and genuine state of life, the natural condition in which a child of God habitually exists, and not just a passing phase of recovery. It is a deep condition of soul that is quite compatible with all the ordinary exterior activities and efforts of human life. The one who truly becomes God's child, like Jesus, enjoys such rest as the very element of existence in which he swims. This rest is not laziness or a restoration of energy in order to get back to serious work: it is an end in itself, a way of life rooted in the relationship to God as Father.

Sunday is a day of nourishment

Sunday is a big deal because it is the day that we are able to be physically and spiritually nourished by God. Anytime you go on a trip, you need to take provisions along. As we journey through this world to the promised land of heaven, God provides us with a tangible encounter with Himself in the Eucharist that nourishes us and sustains us. The Prayer over the Offerings for the 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time says "O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit." During the pandemic we "subsisted" on spiritual Communion. However, Jesus promised to be with us until the end of time and desired to give us the Eucharist as our living bread come down from heaven.

Sunday is a day of communion/family

Sunday is a big day because your whole family is getting together. The word "church" comes from the German meaning "gathering." People sometimes ask why they

can't just stay at home and watch Mass or why can't they come during the week instead of being "bothered by all the extra people" on Sunday. The answer is because the other people count and are part of why you are there. God gathers us together as individuals and families and incorporates us into one body. When we come forward to receive the Eucharist, we not only receive, but enter into communion with God and with one another.

In the end, if we truly understood all the graces being poured out to us every time we gather together to celebrate the Eucharist, there would be no need to call it an obligation because we would see it for the amazing gift and opportunity that it is.



Daily Mass Readings

Week of August 8, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next 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

Next Sunday, August 15th, the obligation to attend Mass is officially 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. 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. Live-streaming Mass will continue for those unable to attend.



The Youth Group had a blast swimming and canoeing on the Clarion River in Cook Forest last Friday. It was a beautiful summer day enjoyed by all.



Thanks to Sue Fraley for organizing this fun trip!



If you have an assigned flower plot to maintain at St. Wendelin, this week would be a great time to spruce it up, before the Parish Picnic! Thank you for helping to make our Parish beautiful!



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

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to everyone who donated baskets and items for the raffle! Your kindness and generosity is appreciated!!

If you ordered St. Clare Parish apparel, it will be available to pick up at the Parish Picnic on August 15th.



If you missed out on ordering, order forms will be available at the picnic!



Saint Clare of Assisi, Pray for us!

“Our labor here is brief, but the reward is eternal. Do not be disturbed by the clamor of the world, which passes like a shadow. Do not let false delights of a deceptive world deceive you.”
— St. Clare of Assisi

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Saturday August 7 St. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions & Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest	4:00 PM	St. Wendelin	Living & Deceased of the Joseph O'Donnell Family	Family
	5:30 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Marian Neff	Nancy Long
Sunday, August 8 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebration of our Patron Saint, Saint Clare of Assisi	7:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Paul Miller	Chuck & Joanne Miller
	8:15 AM	Mater Dolorosa	For the Parishioners of Saint Clare of Assisi	
	9:30 AM	St. Joseph	Mary Louise O'Donnell	Anna McGill & Family
	10:30 AM	St. Wendelin	Inez Baisden	Bev Wesley
Monday, August 9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr	12:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	Pat Fair	Christian Mothers
Tuesday, August 10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Phil Summerville	His Wife
Wednesday, August 11 St. Clare, Virgin	7:00 PM	Mater Dolorosa	James E. Neff	Daughter, Carol
Thursday, August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious	8:00 AM	St. Wendelin	Gabby Weiland	Joe & Shirley Green
Friday, August 13 Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs	12:00 PM	St. Joseph	James Snyder	Derek, Diane, Cory & Tyler Headland
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



Saint Clare of Assisi Parish

St. Joseph

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Mater Dolorosa

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St. Wendelin

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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!



ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

JULY 31 & AUGUST 1

Offertory at Mass	\$6,007.00
Offertory ONLINE	\$406.00
TOTAL Offertory.....	\$6,413.00
Weekly Goal	\$14,130.00
Fiscal Year Goal	\$735,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$35,571.00
Maintenance Fund	\$172.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$0.00
School Support	\$202.00
School Support ONLINE	\$0.00
Parish Share (PSP)	\$2,525.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$90.00
TOTAL Parish Share.....	\$2,615.00
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PSP Received.....	\$46,191.24
Feast of the Assumption	\$155.00

**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

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 11:45am 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 (sue@saintclareparish.com or Call 724-445-3713 x3) for details or if interested.



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.

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. Or contact any of the Knights, look for a booth at the Parish Picnic on August 15th as well!

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, August 10, 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.

Recitation of the Rosary on Fri. Aug. 13 @ 6Pm in Commemoration of the 4th Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the Fatima grotto at Butler Catholic School parking lot. All are welcome

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**

*****No gathering on August 10th*****

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



THE PICNIC IS NEXT WEEK!!!

We are still in need of volunteers to help in many areas. Here are a few areas we still need volunteers for most:

Cleaning vegetables on Saturday, from 8-11am

Kitchen, Pie Room, Dish washing, Trash Duty

Serving line and dining room helpers (especially the 2:30-6:30pm time slot)

Refreshment stand

Bingo

Desserts are also still needed

***** All dessert donations can be dropped off at the hall on Saturday, 8am-12pm***

All chairpersons are asked to come assist with construction and setup of outdoor booths on Thursday, August 12th at 5pm. Anyone able to come and help with setup would be greatly appreciated!

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

Logan Geibel!

Logan has attended St. Wendelin since Preschool and will be entering the fourth grade in the Fall. At school, Logan enjoys Art Class the most because it is a hands-on subject! Outside of school, Logan loves spending time with his family and enjoying a McDonald's night out having his favorite meal of "nuggets and fries". Logan has a great personality and enjoys being at school with his friends. When he grows up, he would like to become an Ice Cream Man. Congratulations to this week's Saint Wendelin School Student of the Week,

Logan Geibel!

Catholic Identity Program Family Link

This Week's Virtue: HUMILITY

Humility is the virtue that enables us to acknowledge that God is the source of all good.



WE DO NOT USE OTHERS TO BENEFIT OURSELVES,
WE OFFER OURSELVES TO BENEFIT OTHERS...
TO HELP THEM SEE AND BECOME ALL THAT GOD
HAS CREATED AND CALLED THEM TO BE.

#HUMILITY

Parents, we ask that you please sign your children up for Faith Formation 2021-22 by August 23rd. Forms have been mailed and are also available on our website. If you need a registration form, or have any questions, please feel free to contact Audra Brown, Director of religious education. Mrs. Brown will also be available for registration and questions following all 3 Masses at St. Wendelin this weekend (8/7-8/8).



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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!

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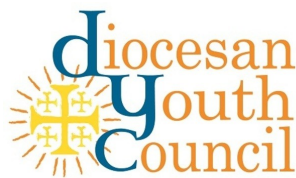
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**St. Wendelin School Open Enrollment for Preschool - Grade 8
Enroll now for Fall! Visit us at: www.stwendelinschool.com**

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

St. Wendelin School will be open to tour from 12-1pm on August 15th, during the parish picnic. Prospective families, alumni, and the church community itself are all invited to come and take a look around!

