



Saint Francis of Assisi Parish

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.

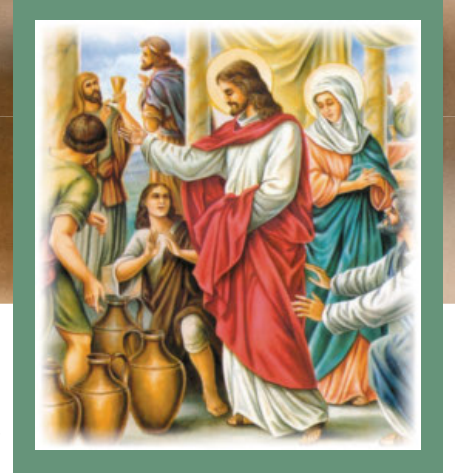
JANUARY 16, 2022 | THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHEN THE WINE RAN SHORT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS
SAID TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER MATT



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It's wedding season!

Now I know that maybe you'd say, no, wedding season is in the summer or fall or any other time when the weather is above freezing! But I am telling you that this is indeed wedding season. I can say that because this weekend I have a wedding for two great young people, Sam and Abby. Now every wedding is special, but these guys really upped their game, because the groom and his groomsmen not only grew mullets for the wedding, they got their mullets permed! If you have never seen a permed mullet, you need to. It is remarkable to say the least. But not only is there a wedding this weekend, there is also a 50th wedding anniversary for another great couple, Larry and Kay. No permed mullets for them, I don't think, but what a remarkable achievement! So you see, as cold as it is, it is wedding season for sure. In fact, I think it is a great time to get married.

Our Readings this week are also filled with stuff about weddings. God really loves weddings. The Bible kind of begins with a wedding, for Adam and Eve in the Book of Genesis, and it ends in the Book of Revelation with the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. So weddings are important to God. We see wedding imagery in the First Reading where Isaiah tells us the Lord delights in us and that we shall be "espoused" to the Lord. Wow that sounds pretty intimate, doesn't it? It is. Just as a husband and a wife share their whole lives with each other, along with all of the ups and downs, the good and bad, God wants to share His life with us. And God wants us to share our lives, every part of our lives, with Him. Every part? Yes.

In the Gospel passage for today, where we hear the story of the Wedding at Cana, people often focus on the miracle. It is a cool miracle. Jesus turns water in to wine! Or they focus on Our Lady, not only the faith that Mary has in her Son, but also the way that Jesus listens to her plea. These are good things to focus on, don't get me wrong! But there is an important question that we might leave out if we stop there. Why does Jesus finally decide to perform this miracle? You might answer that He does it because His mom said to, and you wouldn't be wrong. You might say that Jesus and Mary didn't want the couple to be embarrassed, and you wouldn't be wrong. But I think even deeper than that is the fact that once the wine was gone, the party would be over, and Jesus had just gotten there! I know, it doesn't sound exactly right, but the thing is, Jesus wanted to be with these people, not just to show His power, or His fidelity to His mom, or His kindness in wanting to save them from embarrassment, but because Jesus loves people! Jesus wanted to be at a party with the people He loves so much, He would die for them!

Let that sit with you a little this week. Jesus loves people. Jesus loves you! Jesus wants to share His whole life with you. Jesus wants you to share your whole life with Him. Not just the "Holy parts." Jesus doesn't just want the cleaned up version of you. Sure, He loves the white dress and the ties, but He also loves the permed mullet parts of our lives too! This week do your very best to invite Jesus into every moment of your life. Invite Him to the party that is you. Don't push Him away from a moment in your life because you think it is too intimate or even too bad for Him. He is your maker. He knows it all. He turned water into wine. He can take anything you share with Him and make it better.

It is indeed wedding season! It is a great time to get married. Invite Jesus. Let Him come. He can make all things better. He makes all things new.

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt

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CONFESSION

SCHEDULE

Saturdays

11:00am-12:00 pm | St. Mary
12:00pm-12:30pm | St. John
12:00 pm-1:00 pm | St. Joseph



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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested By
Saturday, January 15	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Doris Crouch	Cathy Green
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	Tom Osche	Barbara & Mary Kay
Sunday, January 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	Priest's Intention	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Rodney Scott	Don & Josi Nebel
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Dutch Bauer	The Leroy Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Jason Geary	The Lawton Family
Monday, January 17 St. Anthony, Abbot Martin Luther King Day	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Linda Cornetti	Fran & Gary Beers
Tuesday, January 18	8:00 AM	St. John	Priest's Intention	
Wednesday, January 19	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	Kristin Martin	Mom & Dad
Thursday, January 20 St. Fabian, Pope & Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr	8:00 AM	St. Mary	LeRoy Geibel	Family
Friday, January 21 St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr	9:00 PM	St. Joseph	The Living & Deceased of the Alfred & Mary Spohn Family	Family
Saturday, January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	9:00 AM	St. Joseph	John Regan	Mike & Beth Kelley
	4:00 PM Vigil	St. Mary	Chester "Dutch" Bauer	Mr. & Mrs. Vince Kriley
	5:30 PM Vigil	St. Joseph	John Mamros	Michael & Shelley Giobbi
Sunday, January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 AM	St. Joseph	For the Parishioners of Saint Francis of Assisi	
	8:30 AM	St. John	Barbara Geibel	Gary & Yolanda Cypher
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Tom Angert	Michelle & Eric and Family
	11:00 AM	St. Joseph	Vincent Green Sr.	Lucille Green



REMEMBER
in your prayers

Tina Tarr
Maxine Yonosko
James J. Edwards
Ken Orloski
Baby Willow Lydon
Marta Riordan
Gary McLafferty
Tracey Bierhals
Renee Verostek
Dennis Geary
Cookie & Tom Miller
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Tom Angert Jr.
Pat Jordan
Marek Wabiszewski
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Fr. Gary Stakem, OFM, Cap

Please call the office or email Jenn to add/remove names from the prayer list.



WEEKLY READINGS

for the week of
January 16, 2022

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9
-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9,
16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22,
27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-
51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-
3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6
and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12
-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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

Louise Mary Brown

May they rest in the peace and glory of the Risen Christ.



This week's Sacred Heart candle at St. John is *In Memory of LeRoy Geibel Sr.*

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore you, I love you and will a lively sorrow for my sins. I offer you this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions; give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Within your heart I place my every care. In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

PARISH UPDATES AND EVENTS

Parish Giving

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS - JANUARY 9, 2022

Offertory - Mass	\$8,943.90
Offertory - Online	\$2,364.40
Total Offertory	\$11,308.30

PARISH SHARE COLLECTIONS

Parish Share (PSP)	\$590.00
Parish Share - Online	\$1,260.00
Total Parish Share	\$1,850.00
2021 Parish Share Goal	\$127,706.00
Received to Date	\$127,806.70

MINISTRY COLLECTIONS

Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Christmas Charities	\$125.00
Christmas Offertory.....	\$394.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$20.00
Food Bank.....	\$25.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools.....	\$175.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$440.00

Thank you for your continued support of Saint Francis of Assisi Parish!

Just a friendly reminder to all, if sending anything via mail to the parish, please use the *Administrative Center address only (315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA, 16023)*. Please do not send correspondence to any of the individual church locations. Please remember that any checks made out to the parish need to be made payable to St. Francis Parish, not individual church locations. Thanks for your help!

Today's second collection is the annual Diocesan collection for the St. Anthony & DePaul Schools.



The Parish Office is closed
Monday, January 17, 2022
in observance of
Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



In a continuing commitment to care for the health, safety, and spiritual well-being of the faithful, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David Zubik announces the following updated COVID-19 Safety Protocols. These practices are effective immediately and until further notice. The updates are based on the dramatic surge in community spread of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus, and will be re-evaluated on an ongoing basis.

- As leaders in their parishes and in the community, unless extraordinary circumstances warrant otherwise, all priests and deacons must wear masks during the celebration of Mass at all times, including when preaching and at the altar.
- Everyone entrusted with the distribution of Holy Communion must wear a mask, and must also sanitize their hands immediately prior to distribution. Care must be taken not to directly touch the communicant, especially if distributing on the tongue. If contact is made, the person distributing Holy Communion must re-sanitize their hands before continuing.
- All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers, greeters, ushers, lectors, and cantors must wear a mask. In addition, faith formation leaders, catechists, and those who visit the sick or homebound must wear a mask.
- Choir members are to be masked at all times.
- The presentation of the gifts is suspended.
- As already directed, the practice of shaking hands to offer the Sign of Peace is suspended.
- As also previously directed, those attending Mass are urgently encouraged to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status. Based on their age, health history, and family considerations, parishioners must make prudent decisions regarding getting vaccinated, wearing a mask, and staying home if not feeling well. As a reminder, anyone who is sick, feels they are at risk, or is a primary caregiver, as well as those who have serious anxiety about being part of a large group at this time are excused from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- It is strongly recommended that any parish events outside of Holy Mass are to either be cancelled, rescheduled, or be held virtually. All meetings should be held virtually.
- Events that must be held should follow the above mitigation protocols.

Thank you for your cooperation.

St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Blanket Ministry has moved the location of the blankets from the Office at St. Joseph's church to the hall. Blankets can be picked up between 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM on Tuesday mornings when we have our meetings. We have a beautiful selection of blankets and crocheted shawls for women, men and children. In this new year, we are looking forward to providing support and comfort to even more people in need. The blankets are blessed, and a pair of rosaries from All Saints Parish, Butler, are included. Feel free to stop in to get a blanket, have a cup of coffee with us, and spend a few minutes with your church family. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Ekas at 724.360.0027.

Preschool Teacher Position Available

Amy Majersky has worked for the St. Joseph (Cabot) Preschool program for the last 5 1/2 years. Amy has decided to resign after the 2021-2022 school year. A HUGE thank you goes out to Amy for all the years of service she has provided to the program both as a teacher's aide and then Head Teacher. The parish family wishes Amy and her family the best as they move on to new adventures.



The position of St. Joseph's Preschool Head Teacher is available beginning with the 2022-2023 preschool year. Preschool is held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 am to 11:30 am and Tuesdays from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. Interested applicants are asked to submit a resume to: office@saintfrancisparish.net or by mail to St. Francis Parish, Attn: Barb, 315 Stoney Hollow Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 by Friday, February 4, 2021 for consideration.



The online version of the *Pittsburgh Catholic* can be found at www.diopitt.org

The St. Francis of Assisi Substance Abuse Ministry (SAM) will gather to recite the rosary at St Joseph church on Tuesday, January 25th at 7:00pm. The SAM will continue to gather the fourth Tuesday of every month to pray the rosary. Join us to pray for those affected by substance abuse and their families.



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Sessions will be held on Monday evenings for seven weeks, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at **St. John Hall** in Fenelton. The program includes dinner and seating is limited. Seats still available. Registration forms are available in the vestibule of each church. If you have any questions, contact Sue Fraley (724.445.3713 Ext. 3, sue@saintclareparish.com) or Angie Robb (724.352.2149 Ext. 208, angela@saintfrancisparish.net).

A NITE AT THE RACES Friday, February 25, 2022

Tickets are available this weekend after all Masses. Ticket donation is \$25 which includes admission, food buffet, beer, pop, coffee and wine. (BYOB) After this weekend, tickets may be purchased by calling 724-355-5403. If you reach the voicemail, leave your name and call back number and your call will be returned promptly.



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There are 100 jockeys for sale at \$5 each. You choose a name your jockey. If your jockey wins any of the 10 races, you will win \$20.

To avoid confusion we ask that you write down the names and phone numbers for admission tickets and the names, phones and horse or jockey names so that the stubs can be filled out without delay at the time of your purchase.

- The theme of the event is Mardi Gras, as it takes place the weekend before Lent begins. Seating is limited to 200, so get your tickets now and reserve seating for your group.
- We are always looking to add to our race team. If you would like to help with any race preparations: selling tickets, food prep, decorating, taking bets, etc., we'd love to have you. Call Karyn at 724-355-5403 to volunteer or with any questions.
- Tickets for the Basket Raffle can also be purchased at the K of C pancake breakfast on February 20.

GIDDY UP RACE FANS!

St. Clare & St. Francis parishes are sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life on January 21st

The bus will depart from St. Mary in Herman at 6am. Fr. Jim will celebrate Mass at 5:15 am, prior to departure. Approximate arrival in DC at 11:30am for Mass at the Basilica or the rally and then the march. The bus will depart DC at 5pm and arrive back to St. Mary at approximately 10:30pm.

Cost is \$30/adults, \$20/children under 18 (\$70 max/family).

All donations appreciated. Please submit payment to reserve your spot. Make checks payable to St. Francis Parish.

Children under 18 (not accompanied by a parent) will need a signed permission slip. Religious Instruction Excusal forms are available for school absence. Both forms can be found at each church and on the parish website.

Breakfast snacks and water will be supplied on the bus. Please pack lunch & snacks. There will be a stop for dinner. For more details and full itinerary, visit the parish website.

If you have any questions, contact Sue Fraley(724.445.3713 Ext. 3, sue@saintclareparish.com) or Cil Love (724.352.2149 Ext. 207, cecilia@saintfrancisparish.net).

****As of now, the trip is still scheduled to happen.****



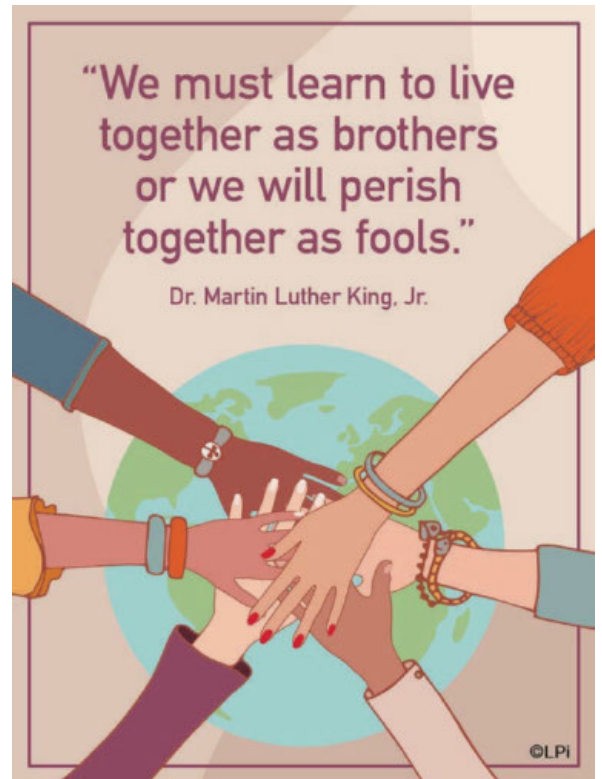
Children's Faith Formation Corner



2022



- January 16- CFF **St. Joseph**- 9:15-10:45 AM
CFF **St. John**- 9:45-11 AM
Youth Mass- 11 AM **St. Joseph**
- January 20- **First Communion Parent Meeting**
7PM **St. Joseph Hall**
- January 23- CFF **St. Joseph**- 9:15-10:45 AM
CFF **St. John**- 9:45-11 AM
Confirmation Class- 9:15 AM **St. Joseph Hall**
CGS II & III **St Joseph** 6-8PM
Edge- **St. Joseph** 6-8PM
- January 30- CFF **St. Joseph**- 9:15-10:45 AM
CFF **St. John**- 9:45-11 AM



Fundraiser Cards are still available through January 31st! Support St. Mary's Preschool, pick up a reusable discount card and save money at local businesses. Cards are available at the office in Herman, cost is \$10.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for our families.

This week we lift up in prayer the following family,

The Houtz Family: Harvey, Heather, Jonathan, Carlie and Destiny

Through the grace of our Lord, may they enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of peace, and as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to the Lord's glory.

IN THE COMMUNITY



The Butler office is in need of donations of diapers, wipes, hygiene items, soap and cleaning supplies, towels, and toilet paper for clients supporting their babies and/or in transitional housing. Donations can be made at the Catholic Charities Butler Office, 120 W. New Castle Street, Butler, 16001. For more info visit: www.ccpgh.org.

Widowed, Divorced, Separated?

The loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience© Pittsburgh Lay Apostolate will host a 1-day Saturday seminar, Coping with Life Alone-In the Beginning Program, intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women work through their grief and begin to move forward with hope on their life journey.

Please plan to join us Saturday, 29 January 2022 from 8:45am – 4:00pm. Fee is \$25.00 (lunch included). Location: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Community Center (St. Athanasius) located at 7 Chalfonte Ave., West View, PA 15229. Register by January 25th at www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Rob at 412-584-5575 or Kim at 412-352-2653 to learn more about this healing ministry.

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 prayer!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ROSARY AND SPECIAL INTERCESSIONS

TUESDAYS: Jan. 18th - 2:30 to 3:30pm

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

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Oh Emmanuel, God-with-us! -John Paul II

Deer Classic Sportsman's Raffle Sponsored by St. Wendelin School Saturday, April 23, 2022, 12 – 6 pm at Happy Hunters Sportsman's Club- 676 Chicora Fenelton Road, Fenelton PA, 16034. Donation: \$25 per Raffle Ticket, which is needed for admission to the Event-Photo ID Required (Ages 11 and under \$5 at the door). Raffle Ticket includes: Food and Beverage, chance at 15 Guns, \$2000 in cash prizes and a MYSTERY GRAND PRIZE at the end of the event! For raffle tickets call: 928-322-6903

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Bring Any Size Rack & See What It Scores - Local Trophies on Display. All Day and Hourly 50/50 - Raffle Baskets – Additional Raffles during Event

St. Wendelin School Alumni Committee will be hosting a Basket Raffle on January 29 & 30th after Masses at St. Wendelin, and prior to the 4 pm Alumni Mass on February 5th. Tickets for the basket raffle are a donation of \$10 per sheet. All proceeds from the raffle help support the school through The Mueller Alumni Fund.

LIFE Butler County Serves Low Income Elders in Their Homes
Are you struggling or overwhelmed, trying to work and take care of a parent, spouse or other family member in addition to everything else you have to do? If so, LIFE Butler County may be able to help you! The LIFE Butler County program, a partnership of Lutheran SeniorLife and the Butler Health System, is a comprehensive health care and supportive services program designed to enhance the ability of frail, low income, older adults to live safely in their homes and communities with dignity, respect, and independence. Lutheran SeniorLife operates LIFE programs in Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Lawrence counties. For information on LIFE Programs, call Janice Rodgers at 724-431-3903, send an email to janice.rodgers@lutheranseniorlife.org, or visit www.lutheranseniorlife.org/LIFE.

**St. Wendelin
Designer Purse
Bash Luncheon**

Sunday, February 20, 2022
@ *Shindigs, LLC*
705 Herman Road Butler, PA 16002

Doors open at 12:30pm Event starts at 1:00pm
BYOB
Purses Ruffled Throughout The Day!!
Basket Raffle, 50/50, Side Raffles
Winner Need Not Be Present.
Donation: \$25.00

Please contact Nicole Karenbauer for tickets 724-290-8611

**We will be adhering to the guidelines that are current during the event regarding mask mandates per the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If event can not be in person, it will be held online.

Pope Francis has invited every Catholic to advise him on how to discern the Church's path forward. This process, called a "synod", means "journeying together." From now until spring 2022, Catholics from across this diocese – and across the world – can share what the Holy Spirit has laid on their hearts. This journey of listening will conclude in October 2023 in Rome. There, Pope Francis will listen to bishops who have been listening to their people worldwide about the best ways for the People of God to help him discern the Church's path forward. **Text "Synod2021" to 84576 to receive regular updates on the Synod.**

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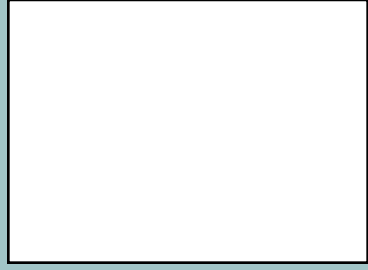
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