Roman Catholic Parishes of Northeastern Butler County



Behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,
Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.

A Family Epiphany Blessing ...

On the Feast of the Epiphany, gather your family to ask God's blessing on your home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

The traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above or near the home's entrance. It can also be written somewhere inside the home. Like this:

$$20 + C + M + B + 19$$

The letters C, M, B have two meanings:

- They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.
- They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."
- The "+" signs represent the cross
- 2019 is the year

Here's a suggested format for the blessing:

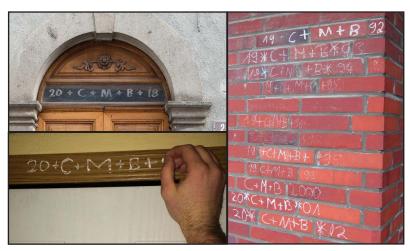
All: Make the Sign of the Cross.

<u>Leader</u>: Peace be to this house and to all who dwell here, and to all who enter here, in the name of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Using chalk, have <u>a family member</u> write on the outside of your house, or inside above the main entrance, and above or next to any entrance: **20 + C + M + B + 19**

<u>All</u>: Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who live here and all who visit. May we be blessed with health, kindness of heart, gentleness and the keeping of your law. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our love for each other may go out to all. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Today is Epiphany!

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ marks the arrival of visitors, traditionally identified as magi, to where Jesus was born. Their visit is an important reminder that Jesus came to bring salvation to all nations. The word comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and the celebration of Epiphany is a revelation of Christ to man. Wishing someone a Merry Christmas this week is a great way to share this discovery of Christ. Remember, the Christmas season continues until the Baptism of the Lord on January 13.

REGULAR MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL MASSES ALWAYS CHECK THE WEEK AHEAD SECTION

SUNDAY MASSES

St. Wendelin - 7:00am St. Joseph - 8:45am

St. Wendelin - 10:30am Mater Dolorosa - 12:15pm

MATER DOLOROSA - 7:00PM

Monday

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

TUESDAY

St. Wendelin Mass - 7:30am

WEDNESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 10:15AM MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 6:15-6:45PM MATER DOLOROSA MASS - 7:00PM

THURSDAY

St. Wendelin Mass - 7:30am Chicora Medical Center Mass - 10:00am

FRIDAY

St. Joseph Mass - Noon

SATURDAY

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM ST. JOSEPH CONFESSION - 11:45AM-12:15PM ST. WENDELIN CONFESSION - 3:15-3:45PM ST. WENDELIN VIGIL MASS - 4:00PM

The WEEK AHEAD at a glance

Saturday, January 5 Confessions11:45am-12:15pm Sunday, January 6 Mass8:45am K-5 SJP/MD Religious Education...10:15-11:45am held @ MD 6-8 CCD...... 6:30-8:00pm Drop off & Pick Up @ SWP Tuesday, January 8 Community Dinner.....As assigned At St. Paul Church, Butler Friday, January 11 Mass.....Noon Saturday, January 12 Confessions....... 11:45am-12:15pm Sunday, January 13

Mass...... 8:45am Daffin's Candy Sale..... After Mass K-5 SJP/MD Religious Education...10:15-11:45am

6-8 CCDNo classes

held @ MD

*SAINT JOSEPH Mater Dolorosa Saint Wendelin

Saturday, January 5	
Confessions	3:15-3:45pm
Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday, January 6	
Mass	7:00am
K-5 CCD	9:00-10:15am
Commences in Church	; Dismissal from School
Mass	10:30am
6-8 CCD	6:30-8:00pm
Commences in Church	; Dismissal from School
Monday, January 7	
AA Meeting	8:00pm
Tuesday, January 8	
Mass	7:30am
Cub & Boy Scouts	6:00pm
Rosary & Faith Alive	6:30pm
Wednesday, January	9
School Mass	10:15am
Thursday, January 10)
Mass	7:30am
PTG Meeting	6:00pm
RCIA	7:00pm
Saturday, January 12	2
Confessions	3:15-3:45pm
Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Daffin's Candy Sale	After Mass
Sunday, January 13	
Mass	7:00am
K-5 CCD	9:00-10:15am
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discoveringChrist is a program brought to you by your Evangelism Team from Saint Wendelin *SAINT JOSEPH *Mater Dolorosa

Daffin's Candy Sale After both Masses 6-8 CCD...... No classes

Discovering Christ sessions are Monday evenings, starting February 11 at Mater Dolorosa. Dinner and program offered at no cost. Register early as seating is limited to 40 participants. Everyone is invited. Registration forms in all vestibules. Call Sue Fraley at 724-504-3166 or email evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com.

Parish Happenings

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa, St. Wendelin

CCD Classes Resume

CCD classes at all Parishes return from Christmas break TODAY, Sunday, January 6.

Offertory Listing Delayed

Due to an early bulletin deadline, offertories from St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa Parishes for Christmas and for December 29 and 30 will be listed next week. Offertories from St. Wendelin for December 22 and 23, Christmas, and December 29 and 30 will be listed next week. Thank you for your generosity and patience.



Confirmation Candidate Sheets are Due

Students enrolled in the All-Parishes CCD Confirmation Class (Grade 8) that meets at St. Wendelin, remember that your Confirma-

tion Candidate Sheets are due TODAY. You need to have selected your sponsor and patron saint, and provide baptismal information, among other required pieces of information.

Candy Sale After Masses

Next week, after all Masses at all Parishes, St. Wendelin School representatives will be selling Daffin's Candy Bars.

March For Life Bus Trip

March for Life in Washington D.C. is Friday, January 18. See page 6 for information on how you can attend. Deadline to register is Friday, January 11.

Middle School CCD at Mater Dolorosa

On Sunday, January 27, the All-Parishes Middle School CCD Classes (Grades 6-8) will meet in the Mater Dolorosa Hall at 6:30pm. Students will participate in the Liturgy at 7:00pm Mass. Families are welcome to stay and students are free to dismiss at the conclusion of Mass. They will be provided with a Liturgy Worksheet that is to be completed at home and returned to their next class on Sunday, February 10.

Faith Enrichment Programs

Stay tuned for information about a Bible Study program starting in January and see the information on page 2 about new sessions of ChristLife's Discovering Christ that will start on Monday, February 11.

Matthew Kelly Book

If you haven't received your free copy yet, help yourself to The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity. There are copies in all Parish vestibules. Get practical tools to dispel the false promises the modern culture feeds you, and discover the single truth that is the key to regaining your fervor, uniting Christians, and leaving your mark on the world, and experiencing more happiness than you thought possible.

Wedding Servers Needed

A list is being created of altar servers from all Parishes who would like to serve at weddings. If you are interested, contact any of the Parish Offices or email scheduler@stwendelinbutler.com. When you call or leave a message, please state your name, telephone number, and which parish(es) you are willing to serve. This is for servers who have already gone through a training. Worried it will be difficult? Fr. Matt says it is just as easy as serving at Mass.

*SAINT JOSEPH-

SJP Community Dinner

The St. Joseph Community Dinner Team hosts the meal at St. Paul Church, Butler, on Tuesday, January 8, 5:00-6:00pm, and can use help with set up, cooking, and clean up. A volunteer sign up sheet is in SJP vestibule. The Community Dinner is a collaborative Corporal Work of Mercy among the Catholic community of the Butler City area.

January J.A.M.

Jesus and Me (J.A.M.) will meet Friday, January 18, 6:00-8:00pm, in the lower level of the Ritzert Center. Come see what Miss Bev has planned for the month of January.



Mater Dolorosa –



Religious Education Pop Tab Program

The St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa Religious Education Program is collecting pop tabs to send to St. Mo-

nica Parish in Africa. The women of St. Monica use the pop tabs to make purses and small handbags. The money earned from selling these items can provide their families with six months of food, water, and housing. The pop tabs are sent to The Sewing Hope Foundation. There will be boxes in the back of the churches until February 24.

Saint Wendelin

Second Offertory Today

St. Wendelin Parish has a second offertory **TODAY** for the school's Adopt A Child Program, which helps with tuition assistance for families-in-need.

Christmas Un-Decorating

If you have a few minutes on Sunday, January 13, after 10:30am Mass please stay to help un-decorate the Church. All hands and hearts are appreciated.

SWP Community Dinner

St. Wendelin Parish hosts the Community Dinner on Tuesday, January 15. Plan to work from 3:30-6:30pm at St. Paul Church, Butler. A sign up clipboard is in the vestibule. Confirmation students: This is a two-for-one deal - if you work three hours you get credit for six.

Raffle Ticket Error

St. Wendelin School's January 50/50 Monthly Raffle Tickets have an incorrect date of December 19, 2018. The correct date of the drawing is January 23, 2019. The PTG apologizes for this error. The color of the January tickets is green. Only the stubs are returned for the drawing and they do not have the incorrect date printed.

A Weekend of Family Events at SWP Hall All are invited to Family Fun Bingo on Friday, January 18. Games start at 7:00pm and the concession stand opens at 6:00pm featuring all the favorites. On Sunday, January 20 is the Knights of Columbus first breakfast of 2019 from 8:00am-Noon. Adults are just \$5 and kids ages 3-12 are \$3. Breakfast includes pancakes or French toast and a variety of tasty toppings, sausage, beverages, and fruit.

Parish Happenings



Saturday, January 5 - Vigil

4:00pm/SWP Cloyd "Whitey" Fair

(Family)

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00am/SWP For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

Gerard "Jerry" Neff 8:45am/SJP

(Denise, Kevin, Desiree & Jacob Woodring)

10:30am/SWP Bob & Cecelia George

(Rob & Kim Kepple & Family & Tammy)

Betty Hemphill 12:15pm/MD

(Red Cross Staff)

7:00pm/MD James F. "Mole" Hipple

(Tom & Shirley Callihan)

Monday, January 7

Noon/MD Mary Jean Rodgers

(Paul & Brenda)

Tuesday, January 8

7:30am/SWP Don Double

(Patty Double)

Wednesday, January 9

10:15am/SWP Poor Souls in Purgatory

(Vic & Bev Serafine)

7:00pm/MD Elizabeth "Liz" Rice

(Mary Lou Waltman)

Thursday, January 10

7:30am/SWP Fr. Richard Karenbauer

(Will & Patty Scott)

10:00am/CMC Lawrence "Curtie" Curtis

(Terry & Sarah Rottman)

Friday, January 11

Noon/SJP Rodney Kriess

(Tim & Lori Welter)

Saturday, January 12 - Vigil

4:00pm/SWP Robert A., Marian, & Robert D. Kepple

(Family)

Sunday, January 13 - The Baptism of the Lord

7:00am/SWP **Edward & Shirley Tomasovic**

(Carol Tomasovic)

8:45am/SJP For the Parishioners of St. Joseph,

Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

10:30am/SWP Paul Fallecker

(Don & Linda Neff)

12:15pm/MD Leo & Sarah Norris

(Bob & Mary)

7:00pm/MD George "Cork" Ramsey

(Pud & Shirley Craig)

READINGS r the week

MONDAY:

1 JN 3:22 -- 4:6: Ps 2:7BC-8, 10-12A; MT 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: 1 JN 4:7-10;

Ps 72:1-4, 7-8;

Mĸ 6:34-44

WEDNESDAY: 1 JN 4:11-18;

Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;

Mĸ 6:45-52

THURSDAY:

1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15BC, 17;

LK 4:14-22A FRIDAY:

1 JN 5:5-13;

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

LK 5:12-16 **SATURDAY:**

1 JN 5:14-21;

Ps 149:1-6A, 9B;

JN 3:22-30

SUNDAY:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or

Ps 104:1B-4,

24-25, 27-30; ACTS 10:34-38 OR

Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

LK 3:15-16, 21-22



January 12 & 13

4:00pm SWP

7:00am SWP

8:45am SJP

10:30am SWP

12:15pm MD

LECTOR

Jane Neigh

Bruce Beaver

Check schedule

Mike Slater

7:00pm MD

EUCHARISTIC

Mary Grenet

Fran Parker

Volunteer Needed

MINISTERS

Donna Birckbichler Bridget C. Wallace Rob Orloski

Ed Grenet John Stepansky

Check schedule

Evelyn Bergbigler Bob Geibel John Cook

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers Needed

ALTAR SERVERS

Elliette Smith Lydia Maley Garret Walsh

Mariah Geibel Volunteer Needed

Check schedule

Lance Slater Maria Pascazi Olivia Slater

Check schedule

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Parish Offertories

December 22 & 23

SI. JOSEPH PARISH		
Offertory at Mass	\$430.00	
Weekly Goal	\$1,000.00	
Fiscal Year Goal	\$50,000.00	
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal	\$17,021.80	
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal	\$15.00	
2018 Parish Share Goal	\$8,773.00	
Total Received	\$18 3/15 00	

MATER DOLOROSA

Offertory at Mass\$944.00 Weekly Goal\$2,500.00 Fiscal Year Goal\$150,000.00 Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal..........\$62,732.85 Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal\$0.00

2018 Parish Share Goal......\$28,831.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH Total Offertory Unavailable

Weekly Goal\$4,350.00

2018 Parish Share To Date Unavailable 2018 Parish Share Goal......\$38,809.00

Total Received\$18,579.00 THANK YOU for your generosity to Parish Ministries!

Parish Happenings



About the March for Life

Vision: A world where the beauty and dignity of every human life are valued and protected.

Mission: End abortion by uniting, educating, and mobilizing pro-life people in the public square.

History: January 22, 1973 is ingrained in the minds of pro-lifers because on that infamous historic day the Supreme Court invalidated 50 state laws and made abortion legal and available on demand throughout the United States in the now-infamous decisions in Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton. The March for Life in Washington, D.C., began as a small demonstration and rapidly grew to be the largest pro-life event in the world. In October 1973, months after the Roe and Doe decisions, a group of 30 pro-life leaders gathered in the Washington D.C. home of Nellie Gray to discuss how to commemorate the one-year anniversary of Roe. There was a fear that January 22 would pass as any other day rather than allow for a moment to reflect upon how legalized abortion had hurt women and taken babies' lives over the course of the year. That was the day that plans for the first March for Life began. The peaceful demonstration that has followed on this somber anniversary every year since 1973 is a witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights violation of our time, legalized abortion on demand. In 2012, millions mourned the death of Nellie Gray, the founder of the March for Life and the "Joan of Arc" of the pro-life movement. Her legacy lives on and on.

St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin are invited to join the March For Life Bus Trip on Friday, January 18

Contact Sue Fraley at evangyam@stwendelinbutler.com or 724-287-0820 BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 11.

Trip agenda is:

5:00am - Mass at St. Michael, Butler

5:30am - Board bus there

5:45am - Bus departs for Washington D.C.

Noon - Attend Rally at the Mall in Washington D.C.

1:00pm - March begins

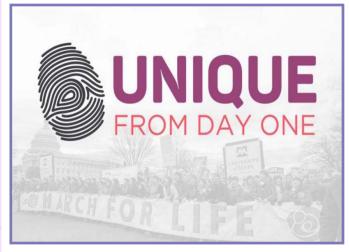
3:30-4:30pm - Meet our elected officials

4:30pm - Board bus for return home; 7:00pm - Stop for dinner

11:00-11:30pm - Arrive in Butler

Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for students. Family discounts available. Butler Schools are closed on January 18.

Sign up ASAP to ensure your spot.



School & Religious Education

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

ADALYNN BARNHART

Adalynn is a first grade student at St. Wendelin School. She has one sister. Adalynn's favorite subject is Math. Outside of school, Adalynn enjoys playing with her sister, playing video games, making crafts, and likes to read about dinosaurs. Adalynn is a kind and caring student with a great personality. Congratulations to this week's St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, Adalynn Barnhart!

Catholic Identity Program

This program highlights a variety of virtues and values through short lessons, prayers, Scripture references, and more.

This week's Virtue is:

GRACE

Grace is the Gift of God's Life in us.



Scripture Reference

Luke 1:26-38 - Announcement of the Birth of Jesus

- 26 In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
- 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary.
- 28 Coming to her, he said, "Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you."
- 29 But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
- 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
- 31 Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.
- 32 He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High,[k] and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father,
- 33 and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."
- 34 But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be,
- since I have no relations with a man?"[I]
 35 And the angel said to her in reply, "The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.
- 36 And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived[m] a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren;
- 37 for nothing will be impossible for God."
- 38 Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Celebrate Catholic **Schools** Week 20

January 27 - February 2 #CSW19



The week of January 27-February 2, the Diocese of Pittsburgh celebrates National Catholic Schools Week with a variety of activities and St. Wendelin School will join the festivities.

This year's theme is **Catholic Schools Communities:** Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.

Both the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Diocese have educational standards that every child needs to meet in order to be successful. Catholic Schools across the nation are asking students to achieve these standards at the highest level.

Our Neighbors in Faith

The Chimbote Foundation Travel Award

Interested? Or know someone who might be?

Check out www.chimbotefoundation.org, or contact project chair Gary Slifkey at gslifkey@diopitt.org, or call 412-334-7804







\$1500.00 Mike Clark-WTAE TV Mission Travel Award For college students towards a 2019 Summer Mission Trip!

Spend a week in Chimbote, Peru, experiencing first-hand the Foundation's healthcare mission for the poor and working one-on-one with the people of Chimbote. The Chimbote Foundation welcomes college students to apply now for this award.

- · Application deadline: January 7, 2019
- · Student Notification: By end of January 2019
- Trip Dates: If selected, students can chose between the following trip dates:
 June 14 – 24
 - June 28 July 8

ST. PAUL CHURCH, 128 N. McKean St., Butler, will host the following Holy Hours at 7:00pm: Holy Hour for Peace: Monday January 14, with Prayers for Peace, Vocations, On Mission, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, St. Michael, Rosary, and Benediction.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Tuesday January 15, with Prayers for Family Healing, On Mission, St. Michael, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction.

KNOW SOMEONE STRUGGLING WITH ADDICTION? Hope and healing are possible. All are invited to join in the Rosary and Special Intentions on Tuesdays, January 8 and 22 from 3:00-4:00pm and Tuesdays, January 15 and 29 from 7:00-9:00pm at Abba's House, 320 W. Main Street in Saxonburg.

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The Weekend and Post Sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication and understanding. The next Weekend begins **February 1.** Couples seeking help can obtain confidential information by calling 412-277-3434 or emailing 3041@retrouvaille.org.



VICARIATE FOUR - GROUPING 438 - North Oakland, Chicora, Carbon Center

St. Joseph Parish, North Oakland

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025

Mater Dolorosa Parish

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025 Phone number for St. Joseph and Mater Dolorosa is 724-445-2275

> Mailing address for both locations is P. O. Box 243, Chicora, PA 16025-0243 Website for both locations is https://materdolorosa-stjoe.webs.com/

Office hours for both parishes are at Mater Dolorosa on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30am-4:30pm.

St. Wendelin Parish & School

210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002 **Parish - 724-287-0820** School - **724-285-4986**

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Cemetery Inquiries for all Parishes

Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road, New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, cpca@cpca-pgh.org.

Bulletin Information for all Parishes

Current bulletin email is: stwendelinbulletin@gmail.com. Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am and the information and/or pictures must pertain to Parish events. Advertisers can call the local J.S. Paluch office at 724-772-8850 or humenskyd@jspaluch.com.

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