May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- Galatians 6:14 -
Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I once heard the story from an older priest who had been in the Seminary in the 1960s. The Sixties, in our society and even in the Church, was a time of new thinking. Some of it was transformative and good. Some of it was divisive and bad. And some of it was kind of crazy. This priest told me the story of the fellow who was in charge of the Seminary when he was there. This man went on to become a pretty famous guy who led a great movement in the Church, but these were the early days of his “new thinking.” He got it in his head, through the Holy Spirit, that if he had enough faith that he wouldn’t need to wear glasses anymore. So one day he just simply stopped wearing his glasses. He was a man of great faith, honestly one of the holiest guys in the Church in the last century. So what happened when he stopped wearing his glasses? He got so beat up from walking into walls and falling down the stairs that he had to start wearing his glasses again!

I remembered that story when I saw the Gospel for this week. The disciples have just come back from an amazing mission. Everything went great. They were able to do things that they couldn’t even imagine! Jesus rejoiced with them but wanted them to be aware of the danger of pride. “Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in Heaven.”

Pride is such a tricky thing. Pride can turn even the best thing into something bad and it can seem very harmless when it is happening. In the two examples that I just gave, the danger was that pride would lead the disciples in the Gospel and the holy man from the 1960s to think that they had some special knowledge of the Lord, some special relationship with Him that other people couldn’t have. This is a heresy called Gnosticism. The problem with it is that the focus moves away from Jesus and on to you and your special level of faith. It is a thin line! Having great faith is a great thing! But when the focus becomes more about how special you are rather than how special Jesus is, it becomes Pride. Pride makes you walk into walls!

How are we to combat this? St. Paul tells us plainly in the second reading. “May I never boast, except in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ.” Does that clear it up? Maybe not. Here is a question then: What do you boast of? Your wealth, success, looks, intelligence? There is nothing wrong with being successful, good looking and smart. But what do you do with it? When Jesus walked the Earth He was the most powerful man alive. He could have had or done anything. But what did He do? He gave it all away out of love for us. The Cross. The Cross is the remedy to Pride! So let me ask you again, what do you boast about? Some people even boast of their bad luck, that everything seems to be against them. That doesn’t seem like Pride, but it is because it is focused on self. The Cross is focused on the other. So what do you boast about? Is it focused on you or on the other? Is it about what you’ve taken, even earned, or what you have given away? Is it about you or about them. The Cross is our remedy. The Cross should be our goal. The Cross moves the focus from you to other people. From what you have taken to what you have given. The Cross keeps you from walking into walls!

May you and I never boast except in the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ!

Peace and Love,
Fr. Matt
### Saint Joseph

**Saturday, July 6**
- Confessions ..........11:45am-12:15pm

**Sunday, July 7**
- Mass ................................9:30am

**Monday, July 8**
- Book Club .............. 6:30-8:30pm  
  *For ALL Parishioners, in the Rectory*  
  *Previous attendance not required*

**Friday, July 12**
- Mass ................................... Noon

**Saturday, July 13**
- Bible Study ............. 10:15-11:30am  
  *For ALL Parishioners, in the Rectory*  
  *Previous attendance not required*
- Confessions ..........11:45am-12:15pm

**Sunday, July 14**
- Mass ................................... 9:30am

### Mater Dolorosa

**Saturday, July 6**
- Confessions ...........11:00-11:30am
- Vigil Mass ............. 5:30pm

**Sunday, July 7**
- Mass .................................8:15am

**Monday, July 8**
- Legion of Mary ..........10:00am  
  *For ALL Parishioners, In the Cry Room*
- Mass ................................. Noon

**Tuesday, July 9**
- Community Dinner ...... As assigned  
  *At St. Paul Church, Butler*
- AA Meeting .................. 8:00pm

**Wednesday, July 10**
- Confessions ........... 6:15-6:45pm
- Mass ................................. 7:00pm

**Saturday, July 13**
- Confessions ...........11:00-11:30am
- Vigil Mass ............. 5:30pm

**Sunday, July 14**
- Mass ................................. 8:15am

### VBS ROAR!

**Saturday, July 6**
- Our Sidewalk Chalk Rosary and a lesson about praying the Rosary from volunteer Jen Yeager. Rosaries for all the kids donated by St. Michael Rosary Makers.

**Saturday, July 13**
- Confessions ...........3:15-3:45pm
- Vigil Mass ............. 4:00pm

**Sunday, July 7**
- Mass .................................7:00am
- Mass .................................10:30am

**Monday, July 8**
- AA Meeting ..................8:00pm

**Tuesday, July 9**
- Mass .................................7:30am
- Rosary & Faith Alive ......6:30pm

**Wednesday, July 10**
- Mass .................................10:15am

**Thursday, July 11**
- Mass .................................7:30am
- Senior Fellowship ........1:00pm

**Saturday, July 13**
- Confessions ...........3:15-3:45pm
- Vigil Mass ............. 4:00pm

**Sunday, July 14**
- Mass .................................7:00am
- Mass .................................10:30am
For the safety of young people. If you have received a call or letter regarding this and are no longer volunteering at any Parish in our Grouping, please let us know. If you are volunteering in anyway and have not been contacted by mail or phone call, please let us know. ALL volunteers must be in full compliance in order to volunteer in any way. Questions to Nicole at St. Joseph Parish office 724-445-3713, or stop in during regular office hours.

Summer Bible Studies, Book Club Parishioners have two Bible Studies and a Book Club to choose from this summer. All meet at the St. Joseph Rectory and are come as you can.

- The next Summer Book Club meeting is Monday, July 8 at 7:00pm. It is focusing on Catholic fiction stories.
- Weekend Bible Study will meet every other Saturday from 10:15-11:45am and will cover Lectio Peter, from FORMED.org. Next meeting is July 13.
- Every other Monday from 6:30-8:00pm is a Bible Study covering all sessions of Lectio Philippians, from FORMED.org. Next meeting is July 15.

All sessions are for anyone and everyone! All ages welcome. Light refreshments offered. Questions? Contact Sue Fraley at 724-504-3166 or evangyam@stwendelin.org. Better yet ... Just Show Up!

SJP & MD Offertory Counters Anyone interested in volunteering to count the offertory at St. Joseph or Mater Dolorosa, contact Martha Birch at 724-445-3863.

SWP Basket Update & Raffle Tickets Update: 43 baskets complete for the Chinese Auction at the SWP Picnic on Sunday, August 18. Please get your items in as early as possible. Also, in the SWP vestibule are Raffle Tickets. Pick up your family’s envelope. Some basket items we have: a printer, Family Bowlaway passes, ottolights, lottery tickets, homedemic massager, movie night basket, Fourth of July basket, game night basket, designer purses, bath decorations, four Living Treasures passes, $50 Target gift card, wine picnic basket, Yankee Candles ... plus, an anonymous donor from SJP gave us an iPad with case, plus John Deere toys ... also All About Golf gift certificate, $25 from Ace Hardware. We can always use gift cards for groceries, shopping, salons, pet grooming, or restaurants. Questions? Call Joyce @ 724-285-1350.

Volunteer Compliance We need your help in order to ensure that our Parishes are compliant with all policies for the safety of young people.

Middle School CCD The Grouping’s Middle School CCD Program will remain at SWP for the 2019-2020 year. The first day of CCD at SWP for both the Middle School Group and Elementary Grades is Sunday, September 8. CCD registration forms are online at www.stwendelinbutler.com.
Saturday, July 6 - Vigil
4:00pm/SWP  Mamie Miller  
(Family)
5:30pm/MD  For the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin

Sunday, July 7 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am/SWP  Loretta Geibel  
(Sara Zediker & Terry Rottman)
8:15am/MD  Norval W. Dunn  
(Edna & Nelson Barger)
9:30am/SJP  Jean Garber  
(Tom & Merlene Uenking)
10:30am/SWP  Regis B. Geibel  
(Bob & Joyce)

Monday, July 8
Noon/MD  Margaret Misiti  
(Family)

Tuesday, July 9
7:30am/SWP  Garry MacKrell  
(Donna Welli)

Friday, July 12
4:00pm/SWP  Gladys Steighner  
(Margaret Stutz)
5:30pm/MD  Special Intentions

Sunday, July 14 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00am/SWP  For the Parishioners of St. Joseph, Mater Dolorosa & St. Wendelin
8:15am/MD  Tyler Barger  
(Susan & Ed Parker)
9:30am/SJP  Helen Snyder  
(Norma Miller)
10:30am/SWP  Carol Bellis  
(Bob & Patti Hitchcock)

LECTOR
Cathy Rodgers
Linda Green
Ruth Ann Nebel
Donna Birckbichler
Dru Balestino
Check your schedule

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Ashlee Hersberger
Sydney Markle
Salli O’Donnell
Carolyn Rodgers
Mariah Geibel
Check your schedule

ALTAR SERVERS
Volunteer Needed
Volunteer Needed

PARISH OFFERTORIES
ST. JOSEPH PARISH
Offertory at Mass
Weekly Goal ..................................... $1,000.00
Fiscal Year Goal .................................. $50,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal ....... $36,450.66
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal $6,775.00
Total Received .................................. $8,821.00

ST. WENDELIN PARISH
Offertory at Mass
Weekly Goal ..................................... $2,500.00
Fiscal Year Goal ................................ $150,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal ........ $134,122.00
Parish Share: Monthly Envelope on Appeal $34,447.00
Total Received ................................ $9,846.00

DUE TO AN EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE, OFFERTORY FOR JUNE 29 & 30 WILL BE LISTED NEXT WEEK.

JULY 8 - JULY 14
MONDAY:
Gn 28:10-22a;  
Ps 91:1-4, 14-15Ab;  
Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY:
Gn 32:23-33;  
Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7Ab, 8b, 15;  
Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY:
Gn 4:15-57; 42:5-7A, 17-24A;  
Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19;  
Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY:
Gn 44:1-28; 23b-29; 45:1-5;  
Ps 105:16-21;  
Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY:
Gn 46:1-7, 28-30;  
Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40;  
Mt 10:24-33
SATURDAY:
Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a;  
Ps 105:1-4, 6-7;  
Mt 10:24-33
SUNDAY:
Dt 30:10-14;  
Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37;  
Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

PARISH HAPPENINGS
July 8 - July 14
DUE TO AN EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE, OFFERTORY FOR JUNE 29 & 30 WILL BE LISTED NEXT WEEK.
Parish Happenings - VBS ROAR!

1. Bubbles and photo bombs!
2. Decorating a bead in the sidewalk chalk Rosary
3. Delicious cupcake cake - snacks are important!
4. Herman Volunteer Fire Company shares a lesson about fire safety - and their tank of water
5. Catching fish for lunch, like children in Africa
6. VBS songs are so much fun to learn!
7. A game of Drip, Drip, Splash!
8. Grinding corn for a meal, like children in Africa
9. Learning about rhinoceros, hoepie birds, cape buffalo, giraffe and, of course, LIONS!

OUR ROARING WEEK

VOLUNTEERS MAKE IT POSSIBLE!

Jenn Burke
Drake Burke
Alex Collins
Noah Collins
Joelle Crouch
Conrad Dunlap
Sue Fraley
Katie Frenchak
Mercedes Guynup
Anna Hindman
Kayla Hindman
Michelle Hoelzer
Michelle’s Mom!
Taylor Hunter
Bev Kusner
Dan Kushner
Gino Pascazi
Laci Ritzert
Kristofer Robinson
Alyssa Rodgers
Patty Sanderson
Mollie Sipe
Breanna Tomsey
Jennifer Yeager

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

**COHEN CRAIG**

In the Fall, Cohen will be in the Third Grade at the school. He has an older brother, Cooper, who will be in the Fourth Grade. Cohen can be quiet at times, but not when he has free time with his friends. He loves to draw and his favorite animal is a deer. Congratulations to this week’s St. Wendelin School Student of the Week, COHEN CRAIG!

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**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: **CHASTITY**

Chastity is the virtue by which we use our human sexuality in a responsible, faithful way. It means refraining from, and avoiding all acts or thoughts that are not in keeping with God’s plan for respect for the body.

Reference: *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

All the baptized are called to chastity. The Christian has “put on Christ,” the model for all chastity. All Christ’s faithful are called to lead a chaste life in keeping with their particular states of life. At the moment of his Baptism, the Christian is pledged to lead his affective life in chastity. (CCC, #2348)

Chastity means the successful integration of sexuality within the person and thus the inner unity of man in his bodily and spiritual being. Sexuality, in which man’s belonging to the bodily and biological world is expressed, becomes personal and truly human when it is integrated into the relationship of one person to another, in the complete and lifelong mutual gift of a man and a woman. The virtue of chastity therefore involves the integrity of the person and the integrality of the gift. (CCC, #2337)

Knowledge must then lead to education in self-control: hence the absolute necessity for the virtue of chastity and for permanent education in it. In the Christian view, chastity by no means signifies rejection of human sexuality or lack of esteem for it: rather it signifies spiritual energy capable of defending love from the perils of selfishness and aggressiveness, and able to advance it toward its full realization. (FC, #33)

Chastity includes an apprenticeship in self-mastery which is a training in human freedom. The alternative is clear: either man governs his passions and finds peace, or he lets himself be dominated by them and becomes unhappy. (CCC, #2339)

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Thank you and ENJOY!

St. Wendelin School secretary Donna Stephenson retired at the end of June after 31 years of serving children and families at the School and Parish. Time to relax!

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**Wes Stock - TODAY** – Sunday, July 7, 2:00pm, R.C. Men’s Club, Herman

This is the FINAL Wes Stock Music Festival, named after Wesley Zablocki, who lost his battle with cancer in 2015. The Zablockis are longtime members of St. Wendelin Church. Also a Chinese Auction, various raffles, and lotsa food. Entertainment featuring Velveeta. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. All proceeds benefit CureSearch for Children’s Cancer Research, Ultimate Hike Team - Wesley’s Warriors in honor and memory of Wesley Zablocki.
VICARIATE FOUR - GROUPING 438 - North Oakland, Chicora, Carbon Center

St. Joseph Parish, North Oakland
Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025
724-445-3713    Fax: 724-607-1183
Office Hours: Monday - 1:30-4:30pm; Tuesday & Thursday - 9:30am-4:30pm

Mater Dolorosa Parish
Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025
724-445-2275
Office Hours: Monday - 9:30am-12:30pm
Website for both SJP and MD is https://materdolorosa-stjoe.webs.com/

St. Wendelin Parish & School
Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002
Parish - 724-287-0820    School - 724-285-4986
www.stwendelinbutler.com    www.stwendelinschool.com
Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Friday - 9:00am-noon

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 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.

Facilities Scheduling for all Parishes
Parishioners are welcome to contact for facilities usage, upon approval.
Contact Barb at 724-445-2275 or scheduler@stwendelinbutler.com.

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