



## MY LORD AND MY GOD!!! HAVE MERCY!!!



The portrayal of “the doubting Thomas” is a biblical story that we’re all very familiar with, even to the point that anyone who doubts might be associated with the phrase. **It seems only appropriate then that the Second Sunday of Easter is associated with Christ the Divine Mercy.** It was only 7 years ago that our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II promulgated that forever be it known that the Second Sunday of Easter would now be known as Divine Mercy Sunday! But prior to this association, doubt seemed to reign (and unfortunately still does) over whether we needed another pious celebration or devotion to our Lord. Many priests refused to celebrate the two together. For most it was the Second Sunday of Easter and that’s it! Yet much of our pontiff’s life revolved around the mercy of God, from his time as a seminarian hiding from the Nazi soldiers or as an Archbishop under the watchful eye of the KGB and even as Pope having taken on a bullet that many say was guided, as if by the hand of God Himself past major organs and even his heart. **Why then the association this 2<sup>nd</sup> week with the Divine Mercy?** One has only to look at the world around us and question whether it can get any worse? But if we fail to see the reality, **doubt can set in too, for us?** We can look as far as the Middle East where some say we’re on the brink of the 3<sup>rd</sup> world war or we can look as close as the streets of Butler or even the break in and theft in our parish school. Crime, hate, prejudice, drugs, murder and moral decay – its all there, unfortunately these things can be found in our own neighborhoods, or even in our own homes! And what about our hearts? Are we then in need of God’s mercy? Can we feel any need to look at Christ and plead for forgiveness, for “mercy on us and on the whole world” as the Chaplet of Mercy pleads? Maybe Christ the Divine Mercy is just another popular devotion, but its desire in seeking holiness and its plea for mercy are needed greatly in our world and in our lives! Doubt can be a terrible fiend if it cause’s us to fail in faith, in love and in our need to constantly seek God’s mercy, especially through Christ His Son and our Lord. Think about it the next time you look at your neighbor with displeasure and then doubt the need for God’s mercy in your life? Jesus, I Trust in You! Be merciful!

God Bless You!  
Rev. Kev

**Saturday, April 14 -**

6:00 pm Frank Kocher

**Sunday, April 15 – 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy**

7:30 am St. Wendelin Parish

10:00 am Ed Feehan

**Monday, April 16 - Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Dennis L. Nebel

**Tuesday, April 17– Easter Weekday**

6:00 pm Joseph Walsh

**Wednesday, April 18 - Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Norbert C. Geibel

**Thursday, April 19 - Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Sally Young

**Friday, April 20 - Easter Weekday**

9:00 am John F. & Barbara H. Green & Families

**Saturday, April 21 - Easter Weekday / Vigil 3rd Sunday**

9:00 am Mary & John Lucas

6:00 pm Leo Rodgers, Jr.

**Sunday, April 22 – Third Sunday of Easter**

7:30 am Maria Lydon

10:00 am St. Wendelin Parish



**Pray for** ... Please keep in your prayers all those in need of our prayers at this time including:

Josephine Hesidenz, Vera (Sis) Geibel, Ed Welter, Neal Arnold, Sally Coyle, Colleen Collins, Ed Murray, Michelle Gould, Debbie Hudson, Lawrence Osche, Bob Mitch, Jesse Kretzer, Alice Waltman, Bernadette Geibel, Leo & Helen Rodgers Sr, Doug Krisely, Norma McCorry, Maxine Bauldoff, Lois Arnold, John Neudorfer, Jay Stephenson, John Stewart, Ed Neff, Jake Ribald, Jim Dillaman, Anna Marie McKivigan, Patty Carben, Mary O’Donnell, Debra Wick, Ken & Charlotte Ross, Barry Porter, Elizabeth Ozella, Joanne Steighner, Marie Kaufman, Cody Fend, Mary Reed, Olivia Smith, Eugene Bergbigler, Sr., J. Manculich, Barb Campbell, Debbie Selfridge, Fr. Lou Pascazi, Nadine Ball, Gary Osche, Ron Kabel, Mary Weiland, Sarah Lucas, Doris Rasch, George Bauldoff, Claire Hilderbrand, Brian Roush, Diane McDonald, Mike Smith, Kim Sutton, Pete Green, Jacob Scheidt, Sister Zita Green, Mamie Miller, Grace Kolander and Paul Young



### CEMETERY GUIDELINES

TODAY all Christmas wreaths and decorations should be off the graves. Spring and summer artificial and annual flowers may be placed on the graves now.

### SPRING ROUND UP

The Knights of Columbus and parish volunteers would like to help ROUND UP and give a hand cleaning up what winter may have left behind! Please call Ron Hartzel at 724-282-1656 or Gary Geibel at 724-285-4437.



**Sanctuary Candles Burn For:**

Immaculate Mary .....	Alicia Bergbigler
Sacred Heart.....	Jay Stephenson
St. Joseph .....	Special Intention
St. Wendelin .....	Special Intention

Please pray for the men and women who are serving in the military, especially those from our parish.



Brian J. Neff  
Brian Stephenson  
Derrick Baptiste

Garrett Dietrich  
Douglass Swigart  
Jeremy Welter

Collection	
Offertory Mar. 31/Apr. 1.....	\$4007.05
Adopt-A-Child.....	\$161.00
Holy Land.....	\$437.00
Easter Offertory April 7/8.....	\$5694.90
Easter Flower Donation.....	\$932.10
NEEDED EACH WEEK... \$3,500.00	

**2007 PARISH SHARE UP-DATE**

Assessment \$29,622.00  
Paid to Date \$15,656.00  
Balance due \$13,966.00

**MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE**

Please pick up your April tickets in the vestibule.  
Thank you for your continued support.



**ST. WENDELIN  
SCHOOL NEWS**

Do you know someone who is looking for an alternative to public schools? Have them give us a call. Busing is available from Butler, South Butler, Armstrong, Moniteau and Karns City School Districts. Registration for Preschool through 8th grade for the 2007-2008 school year continues. For more information call the school at 724-285-4986 between 9 AM and 2 PM.

**REMINDERS**

April 16 - 6:30-8:30 PM Skating Party

**DEER HUNTERS CLASSIC**

Saturday, April 21 - Noon to 6 PM at Happy Hunters in Fenelton. Admission ticket gets you in: rack judging, entry in drawings for door prizes, five gun raffles, food and drink. Additional raffles for guns and 50/50 will be available. For tickets call school 724-285-4986 or Gina 724-283-7191.

**MARKET DAY**

Pick-up on Wed., April 25 5-6 in the church hall.

Dear St. Wendelin Parish,

It has been an honor and a privilege for me to educate your students for so many years. Thank you for affording me this opportunity and making me a part of your family. You will always hold a special place in my heart.

Charlene Fleming

**TODAY**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

8:00 AM to 12:00 noon.

Adults - \$5.00, Children ages 4 to 12 - \$3.50, 3 & under free

Bring your appetite, you are welcome to come back a second or third time. We don't want anyone to leave hungry.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

April 19 - Quilting Club 6-9

April 21/22 - Alhambra members at the back of Church

**PARISH PHOTOS**

If you have not scheduled an appointment yet, please contact Brandy at 1-800-883-1438 x 7944. Identify yourself and say you are with ACCT# 17406 St. Wendelin Catholic Church, Butler, PA.

The youth and adults from our parish who are going to WYD 2008 in Australia, are beginning their fundraising! They will be selling hoagies monthly to attempt to cover the cost of their trips. The hoagies are 15" in length and are \$5.00 each. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for these. Orders are due by Wednesday, April 18, and will be available for pick up after masses the weekend of April 28 and 29. Thank you so much for your support of our youth!



**NEIGHBORING EVENTS**

ST. JOSEPH, North Oakland - TODAY - Roast Beef Dinner served 11:30-4:30 PM.

ST. JOSEPH, Natrona Heights - St. Joseph High School Drama Department will present, "A Year with Frog and Toad". Performances are April 15, 20 & 21 at 8 PM and April 21 & 22 at 3 PM. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Call 724-226-3186. More information can be found at <http://www.saintjosephhs.com/drama1.htm>

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