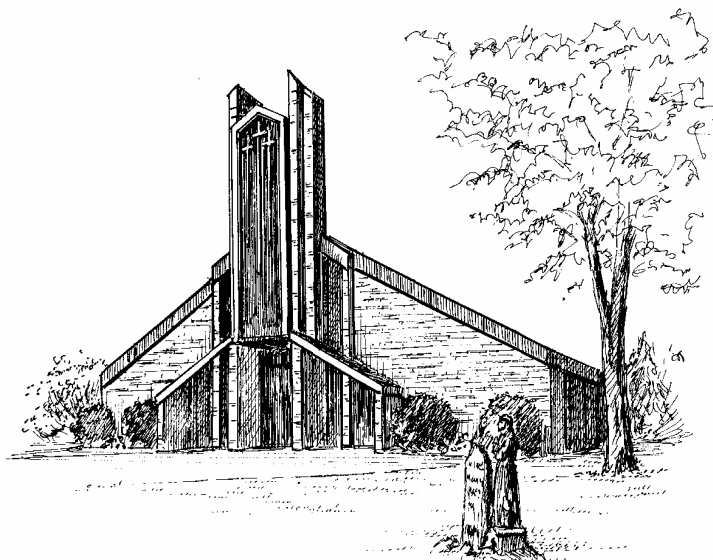


Saint Wendelin Parish

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Sunday Masses
Saturday Evening: 6:00 PM
Sunday Morning: 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM

Confession:
Saturdays: Following the 9:00 AM Mass
and Following the 6:00 PM Mass

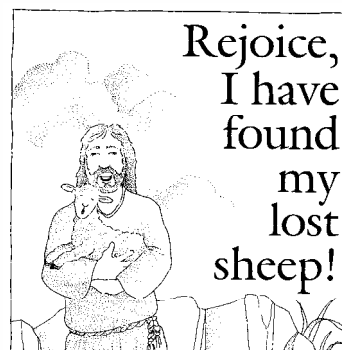
Baptisms:
Pre-birth/Pre-Baptism Instruction
Please call the Rectory to register for class
October 3, 2007.

Marriage:
Please allow six months notice.

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Mrs. Donna Manco Martin
Principal

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 16, 2007



NEXT WEEKS SCHEDULED ASSIGNMENTS...September 22/23

Lectors:

6:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM
Ruth Ann Nebel	Judy Kile	Karen Mitch

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM
Ruth Ann Nebel	Rick Newell	Mary Bergbigler
Linda Green	Floyd Neigh	Evelyn Bergbigler
Nancy Oesterling	Dolores Neigh	Carol Green

Servers:

6:00 PM	7:30 AM	10:00 AM
Savanah Craig	Sam Beaver	Hannah Vandersyde
Zack Kepple	Katie Pflug	Neal Skibicki
Ashley Kepple	Vinny Beaver	Harley Skibicki

Mission Statement

We are a united church family who come together to worship Christ in our parish home of St. Wendelin. Nestled in the rolling hills of Carbon Center since the 1840's, we share our faith in Christ through the sacraments, education, parish events, community support and with everyone we meet. Just as our doors greet every sunrise, so do we welcome all visitors in Christ's love to our family.

Saturday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows *Mass Intentions*

6:00 pm Cyril & Helen Hesidenz

Sunday, September 16 - Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am James Furl

10:00 am St. Wendelin Parish

Monday, September 17 - Weekday

7:30 am Joseph Walsh

Friday, September 21 - Matthew, apostle

9:00 am Special Intention

Because of the area priests attending a meeting at Olgbay there will not be mass here Tue., Wed., Thur., or Sat. Morning - see area church schedules below:

Saint Mary of the Assumption - Herman
Tuesday-Thursday & Sat. 8:00am

Saint Paul - Butler
Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am & 12:05
Saturday 8:am

Saint Joes – North Oakland
Tuesday: 7:30 am
Friday: 7:30 pm

Saturday, September 22 - Weekday

6:00 pm Martha Young

Sunday, September 23 - Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am St. Wendelin Parish

10:00 am Madeline Cook

Weddings  **Congratulations** to Troy and Christine (Sanderson) Bellis September 8, 2007.

May they enjoy many years of happiness ahead. God Bless!!!

Please keep in your prayers all those in need of our prayers at this time including:

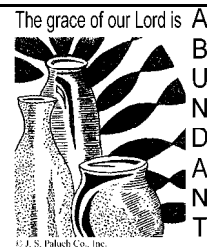
Josephine Hesidenz, Vera (Sis) Geibel, Ed Welter, Neal Arnold, Sally Coyle, Colleen Collins, Ed Murray, Michelle Gould, Debbie Hudson, Lawrence Osche, Bob Mitch, Jesse Kretzer, Alice Waltman, Bernadette Geibel, Leo & Helen Rodgers Sr, Doug Krisely, Norma McCorry, Maxine Bauldoff, Lois Arnold, John Neudorfer, Jay Stephenson, John Stewart, Jake Ribald, Jim Dillaman, Anna Marie McKivigan, Patty Carben, Mary O'Donnell, Debra Wick, 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, Mike Smith, Pete Green, Sister Zita Green, John Ball, Jason Stuart, Audie Smith, Jr., Kolten Hilterman, Treva Weichey, Richard Flynn, Bill Neff, Rita (Kriley) Wagner, Gino Pascazi and Zarhary Bergbigler.

Pray for ...

Sanctuary Candles Burn For	
Immaculate Mary	Jay Stephenson
Sacred Heart	Zachary Bergbigler
St. Joseph	Special Intention
St. Wendelin.....	St. Wendelin Parish

I AM GRATEFUL TO HIM WHO HAS STRENGTHENED ME

St. Paul's letter to Timothy portrays himself as one who failed to deserve Christ's mercy. He speaks about his life prior as being quite opposite of that of a Christian. He was "once a blasphemer and a persecutor and arrogant" for "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. Of these I am the foremost." How often do we think of ourselves as wading in the same waters? We would like to always walk in his footsteps along the sand, wouldn't we? But at times the tide comes in and the waters get deeper and deeper. We have the opportunity to step out onto the dry sand or to continue to walk in the waters that surround us and can eventually overcome us! How like our lives – think about it? Think about the things that surround us, the blasphemy and hatred, the gossip and mistreatment of others, the backstabbing and corruption, and all along we fool ourselves, we act as if our world is holy, and that we are holy people. Like Jesus speaking of the Pharisees who cleanse themselves on the outside, but on the inside they are filled with rapaciousness and filth. In the midst of it all people are seeing us as kind and gracious, but we lack the grace to be so towards others. What a shame? We claim our Christian faith with our minds, but fail to really practice it with our hearts. A CONVERSION OF HEART. Paul was knocked off his high horse by a blinding light and the voice of Christ asked "why are you persecuting me?" We may think we are not persecuting, but many a saint has said "by our sinfulness, we continue to nail Christ to the cross." So we really have to ask ourselves what we are doing with our lives and the living out of our faith? Do they conflicting or compliment each other? Do we take the opportunity then to repent of our ways? Do we participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a means to our salvation? I have to think that in my ministry I haven't always thought of the other, but that's what Christ calls us to do... to die to self, to our opinions, and our judgment of others. The sad part of this all is our failure to examine ourselves. The prodigal son, having realized his sinful ways, asked for forgiveness. In many ways we need to seek forgiveness...but do we? Let us pray always that God may grace our lives and strengthen us in our resolve to walk in His ways!



*Bless You!
Rev Kev*



CHOIR NEWS

Join us to learn new songs and review old ones. Choir practice is at 7 PM on Thursdays. All are welcome regardless of which mass you attend.

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



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| Brian J. Neff | Garrett Dietrich |
| Brian Stephenson | Douglass Swigart |
| Derrick Baptiste | Jeremy Welter |
| Eric S. Healey | |

"The rich man is not one who is in possession of much, but one who gives much."

St. John Chrysostom

Offertory Sept. 8/9.....\$3,232.16
Bishop's Education Fund\$387.71
NEEDED EACH WEEK.....\$3,500.00

2008 LOTTERY CALENDAR

St. Wendelin lottery calendars for 2008 are now available. You can purchase them in the parish office, Neff's Store, Welter's Meat Market and after all Masses for \$20.00

MONTHLY 50/50 RAFFLE

Please pick up your September tickets in the back of Church
Thank you for your support.



ST. WENDELIN SCHOOL NEWS

As part of the Safe Environment Policy, the Pittsburgh Diocese has set up a data base to register all church and school employees as well as volunteers and our families. Any person who comes in direct contact with children must be registered in the data base.

The first two steps:

1. Applying for your clearances
2. Register in the database

DATES TO REMEMBER

Friday, September 21 - 11:30 AM Dismissal
PM Staff Meeting
Friday, September 28 - NO SCHOOL
Installation of Bishop Zubik

MARKET DAY

New order forms are available in the back of Church.

FUNDRAISERS TO HELP SUPPORT OUR SHOOOL

OUTDOORSMAN RAFFLE - 14 different chances (based on the PM evening daily number) to will. Tickets are available from any school family or by calling the school at 724-285-498 between 9 and 3 PM.

CHRISTMAS BROCHURE - Start shopping for Christmas now from the comfort of your home, and help support the school at the same time! Brochures for our Christmas items sale are available in the back of Church. Feel free to take a brochure home to shop, as well as an order form. Return order forms to the back of Church by Tuesday, September 25. Orders will be available for pick up after masses the weekend of Nov.

3/4, 2007. Thanks so much for supporting our school.

HALL RENTAL

If you need a place for a birthday party, anniversary party, retirement, baby or bridal shower, please call the parish office. To book a date or for more information.

~ UPCOMING EVENT ~

St. Wendelin Day flea market - Saturday, September 29, 10-3 PM rain or shine. Call the parish office to rent a table space or find out more information. Also food and baked goods will be available that day. Help is needed call Ruth Ann Nebel 724-285-9148

QUILT CLUB - Tuesday evenings 7-9 PM in the youth center. All are invited to stop in.



CO-ED VOLLEYBALL

St. Wendelin plays St. John at 4 PM today. All games are played at Butler Catholic gym.

World Youth Day Project

HOAGIE SALE - Orders are now being taken for the sale on Sept. 22/23.

Rosary bracelets and Single decade rosaries are for sale in the back of the church.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

ST. John, Coyleville - Sunday, September 23 - Salad Smorgasbord and Card Party beginning at 2 PM. Donation \$5.

BUTLER K of C - Wednesday, September 19 - Spaghetti Dinner served 4-7 PM. Adults \$7; children 6-12 \$3.50; under 6 free. All takeouts are \$7.

~ BENEFITS ~

John Neudorfer - Heart Transplant Fundraiser - Raffle ticket are available in the parish office \$10 each. Prizes range from a trip for 2 to Cancun to gift certificates. (13 prizes)

Olivia Smith - Benefit Spaghetti Dinner - Saturday, Sept 22 - 4-7 PM. Epiphany Social Hall, Boyers. Raffle tickets available in the parish office. Donations may be made to the "Benefit for Olivia Smith" c/o Farmer's National Bank 1101 N. Main St. Butler, PA 16001. For more information call Rita 724-894-2661 or Diane

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