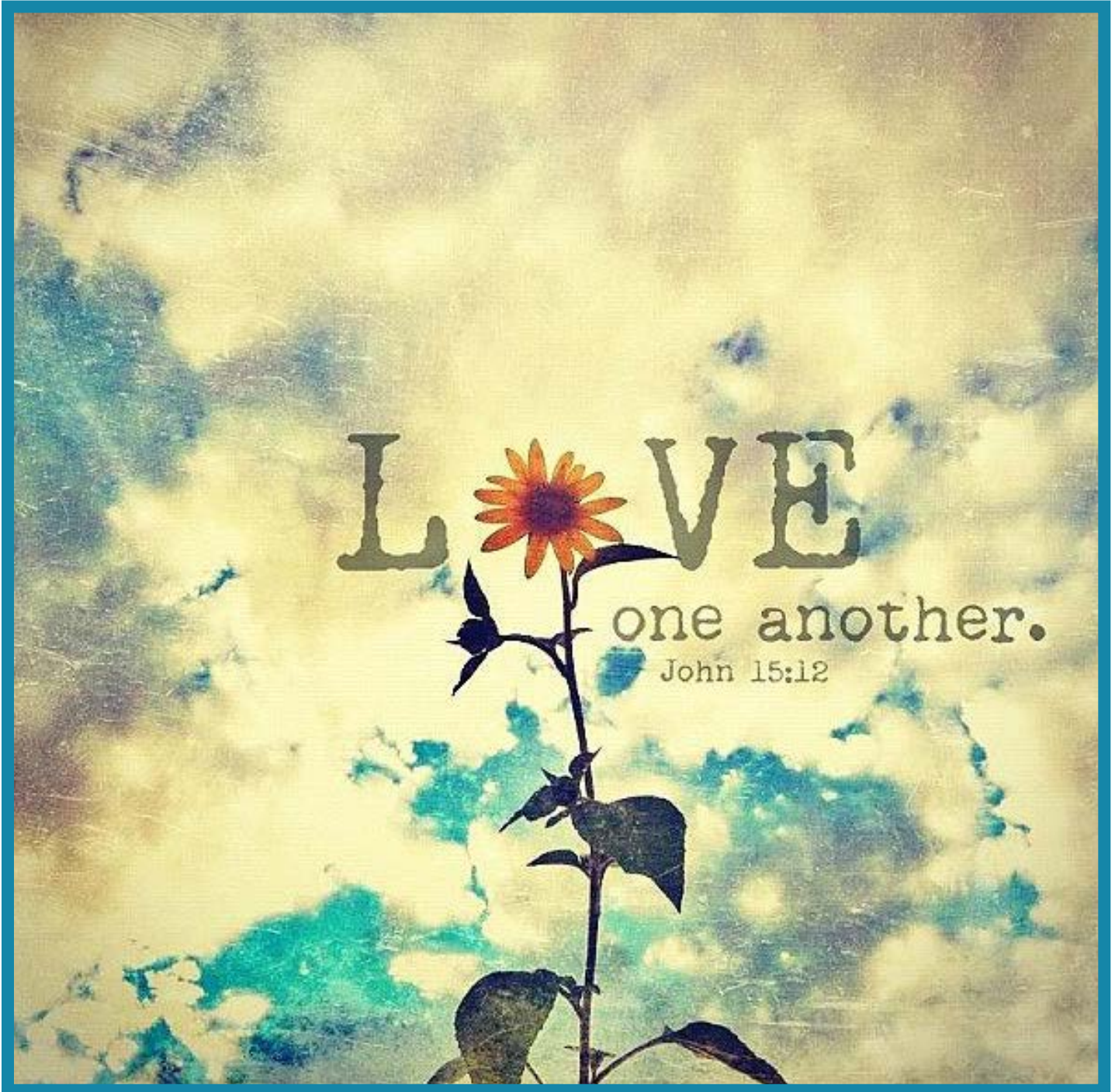




# SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

*LOVE GOD, SERVE GOD: EVERYTHING IS IN THAT.*



May 9, 2021

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

## A Message from Fr. Matt

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Mother's Day to all of our Moms! Whether you'll be with your Mom today for brunch or dinner, or spiritually because she's in Heaven like my Mom, I hope you spend some time loving your Mom today and being loved by her.

Last week we heard the word "remain" an amazing 13 times. It was a not-so-subtle hint from God and His Church that we should focus on what that word means. This week we hear the word "love" 21 times! So, I guess the Lord wants us to focus on love, right? What do you think Jesus means when He commands us at the end of the Gospel to love one another?

Over the past year we have had to do many things differently or not at all. One of the "not at all" that I miss is the jersey swap. If you have never seen it, sometimes at the end of a game, usually football or soccer, players swap jerseys. Often, it is a star player on one team swapping with an opposing star player. The jersey swap is a sign of respect or recognition. There is a phrase, "real recognizes real." I saw a picture of D.K. Metcalf from the Seahawks trading jerseys with Julio Jones of the Falcons after a hard fought game. The jersey swap doesn't mean they are the same. It doesn't mean that they like everything about the other. It doesn't mean that they'd rather be on the other team or have the other team win. It just means that the players recognize the goodness, the gifts and talents of the other. They recognize and respect each other and so they swap jerseys. Real recognizes real.



When Jesus gives us the command to love one another, he is calling us to this "real recognizes real" encounter. Jesus is calling us not to just like one another, or to be the same as the other. He is calling us to recognize that we are beloved by God and so is the other person. This beloved-ness is not dependent on anything we have done. In the Second Reading St. John says, "In this is love: Not that we have loved God, but that He loved us." God loves us first. We are called, commanded

really, to recognize that God loves us. And God loves them, whoever they are, in the same way. Real recognizes real. Beloved recognizes beloved. Jersey swap!

Do you know who is the best at doing this? At least in my life, it was my mom. When I was about 10 years old, I was standing in our yard outside of what we called the breakfast room. I had just watched my mom wash the windows. There was snow on the ground and I decided it was a perfect time to throw a snowball at the window! When that snowball hit the just-washed window, my mom looked at me, the kindest, sweetest, most unselfish person I have ever met, in my mind a saint, and said, "You stupid jerk!" She never said stuff like that, but it definitely fit in this situation. Did this irreparably harm our relationship? Heck, no. Because Moms are the best at loving. They love us despite what we do because their love is deeper than our actions. They love us first. They recognize our beloved-ness and nothing can take that beloved-ness away, no matter how hard we try. This is the kind of love that Jesus is commanding us to have for each other. The love a Mom has for her children. The love that God the Father has for Jesus. The love that Jesus has for us.

This week, recognize your beloved-ness. Jesus says, "As the Father loves me, so I love you." Jesus says that to you! Sit with that. Feel it. Believe it. Then, remember that Jesus says that to every person you will encounter this week. Every single one. In each encounter you have with another person this week, with your family (even if some of them are stupid jerks!), with people at work or school, or in the store or on the road, remember you are beloved of God and so are they. You don't have to like everything they do to love as God loves, because God loves first. Let real recognize real. Let beloved recognize beloved. Jersey swap!

Peace and Love,  
Fr. Matt



### MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

THIS SCHEDULE IS ALTERED FOR HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL EVENTS

#### MONDAY

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - NOON

#### TUESDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

#### WEDNESDAY - ALTERED SCHEDULE

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 10:00AM

SCHOOL-ONLY - IF SCHOOL IS IN REMOTE LEARNING STATUS, MASS IS CANCELED

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 6:15-6:45PM

MATER DOLOROSA MASS - 7:00PM

#### THURSDAY

ST. WENDELIN MASS - 8:00AM

#### FRIDAY

ST. JOSEPH MASS - NOON

#### SATURDAY

MATER DOLOROSA CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. WENDELIN CONFESSION - 11:00-11:30AM

ST. JOSEPH CONFESSION - 11:45AM-12:15PM

ST. WENDELIN VIGIL MASS - 4:00PM

MATER DOLOROSA VIGIL MASS - 5:30PM

#### SUNDAY MASSES

ST. WENDELIN - 7:00AM

MATER DOLOROSA - 8:15AM

ST. JOSEPH - 9:30AM

ST. WENDELIN - 10:30AM

OPEN PRAYER TIMES WRAP AROUND **WEEKDAY MASSES**, WITH CHURCHES AVAILABLE FOR QUIET REFLECTION:

> AN HOUR AFTER THE TWO 8AM MASSES

> AN HOUR BEFORE THE TWO NOON MASSES AND THE ONE 7PM MASS

#### WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

Registration for weekend (Saturday Vigils and Sunday) Masses will continue. Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email to [registration@saintclareparish.com](mailto:registration@saintclareparish.com) by 3pm on Fridays. Registration is for one week at a time. **IF YOU CALL OR EMAIL AFTER 3PM, YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED.**

# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Notes

## ASCENSION INFORMATION

Ascension of the Lord on **Thursday, May 13** is Holy Day of Obligation. It is dispensed by Bishop Zubik this year and there are no additional Masses in the Parish because of that. Mass will be celebrated at St. Wendelin at 8am, as is scheduled every week. 10am Mass that day is for school children only. The night before, **Wednesday, May 12**, there are no Confessions at Mater Dolorosa, but Mass will be celebrated.

## THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

Saint Clare Parish's online Rosary Series continues with the Glorious Mysteries on Tuesdays, 7-8:15pm. **Session FOUR is May 11 and features THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY.** The program continues through **May 25**, ending with a presentation on Pentecost and Mystagogy. Zoom links are posted on Tuesday mornings on the website. Questions? [Sue@saintclareparish.com](mailto:Sue@saintclareparish.com).

## 2022 LOTTERY CALENDAR

We are beginning to layout our 2022 Saint Clare Parish Lottery Calendar. We want to extend an opportunity to businesses that serve all Parishioners of our new Parish. Our Lottery Calendar will be good for the entire year of 2022. If you have a business in the surrounding area of our Parish, you have the opportunity to advertise in our Lottery Calendar. If your business did not receive a letter in the mail, contact Nicole Karenbauer for information by Monday, June 7, 724-445-3713 X7, or [nicole@saintclareparish.com](mailto:nicole@saintclareparish.com).

## PRAYER LIST REMINDER

Our Saint Clare Parish Prayer List is on the website: <https://saintclareparish.com/prayer-list-2>. Hard copies can be printed out right from the website. The date of most recent changes is listed so you can remain current. Additions and deletions are handled by Fran Parker, 724-445-7421.

## BIRTHDAY CARD CHANGE

Thank you to Parishioners who showed interest in sending 84th birthday greetings to Sr. Georgia Litzenberg, S.C., whose family belonged to St. Joseph Church for many years. Sister passed away this week. She was a Sister of Charity.

## AUGUST PICNIC INFO!

### RAFFLE BASKETS

It's a few months away, but NOW is the time to start thinking about the Picnic Basket Raffle. Looking for prepared baskets, gift certificates, money donations, and any items that can be used to prepare baskets. Parishioners have always been so generous and creative with basket donations. New Basket Raffle contact person is Nicole Karenbauer at 724-445-3713, x7.

### CHAIRPERSONS, WORKERS NEEDED

Plans are underway for the August Picnic. A meeting is TBA. Please stay tuned and plan to attend - EVERYONE NEEDED!



Sympathy is extended to the family of:

**Herman "Herm" A. Neff**

who was buried on May 1, 2021 from St. Joseph Church.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

*May he rest in peace.*



## ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Honor or Remember Your Father with

# Father's Day Candles at the Altar



Quality Glass Candle

Your candle will be placed at the church requested and lit at the Altar for all Father's Day weekend Masses.

Candles may be taken home after Sunday's last Mass.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle Location: Mater Dolorosa St. Joseph St. Wendelin

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$3.00 for each Father's Day Candle. Please mail to:

St. Clare Parish Office  
864 Chicora Road  
Chicora, PA 16025

Or any collection basket by Sunday June 6, 2021

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

**SIERRA VIEHMANN**

Sierra has attended St. Wendelin School since preschool and is currently in Ms. Ahlgren's third grade class with her twin sister, Aspen. Sierra's favorite subject in school is Science because she is interested in the experiments and how they work.

She participates in a variety of clubs at school including Sign Language, Drama Club, and Chorus.

Outside of school, she has fun just hanging out with her family.

When she grows up, she would like to become a Scientist or Marine Biologist!

Congratulations to this week's

St. Wendelin School Student of the Week,

**SIERRA VIEHMANN!**

**Catholic Identity Program**

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

*This Week's Virtue:*

**WISDOM**

Wisdom is a Gift of the Holy Spirit which helps us to know and recognize God's will in our lives.



**WESTERN COWBOY**

*End of the Year Round Up Middle School Dance*

*For all youth finishing 5th-8th Grade*

*Friday, June 4, 6:30-9pm*

*at St. Wendelin Church Pavilion*

*Wear your hats, flannel shirts, jeans and boots for an end of the school year celebration, dancing with friends!*

*All students must have:*

- face covering
- signed permission slip (on school & parish websites)
- attended grade 5-8 for the 2020-21 school year

*The Dance is sponsored by St. Wendelin School STUCO*



# Saint Clare of Assisi Parish Information

## MASSES, CONFESSIONS, OPEN CHURCHES, MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, MAY 10

Noon **Mass** at MD  
For Teri Callihan  
By Family  
**Open church** 11am till Mass starts

### TUESDAY, MAY 11

8am **Mass** at SW  
For Rose Marie Snyder  
**Open church** after Mass till 10am

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

10am School-only **Mass** at SW  
For Regis Neff  
By Robert Jerecki

### NO Confessions OR

**Open church** at MD  
**Mass** starts at 7pm at MD  
For The Deceased of the  
Harry Donaldson Family  
By Hershberger Family

### ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 13

8am **Mass** at SW  
For Gayle Lackey  
By Joann Lindstrom

10am School-only **Mass** at SW  
For Francis Gabby Weiland  
By Hiland's Women's Tuesday  
Morning Golf League

### FRIDAY, MAY 14

Noon **Mass** at SJ  
For Peace In All Families  
In The World  
By Joe & Deb Bly  
**Open church** 11am till Mass starts

### SATURDAY, MAY 15

**Confessions** are  
11-11:30am at both MD & SW  
11:45am-12:15pm at SJ  
4pm **Mass** at SW  
For Sue Fallecker Green  
By Doc & Lori Karenbauer  
& Family

5:30pm **Mass** at MD

For Tom Schneider  
By Ann Pistorius

### SUNDAY, MAY 16

7am **Mass** at SW  
For Paul Miller  
By Pat Rodgers  
8:15am **Mass** at MD  
For Pat Liberto  
By Ron & Elaine Peth

9:30am **Mass** at SJ  
For Saint Clare Parish

10:30am **Mass** at SW  
For Skylor Saeler  
By Michael & Theresa Eury

Mass Intentions can be placed over the phone, by email, or in-person. Contact Nicole Karenbauer in the St. Joseph Office, 864 Chicora Rd., or 724-445-3713 X3110, or nicole@saintclareparish.com.



## Parish Offertories

### ST. CLARE OF ASSISI PARISH

#### May 1 & 2

Offertory at Mass.....	\$6,492.00
Offertory ONLINE.....	\$1,756.00
<b>TOTAL Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$8,248.00</b>
Weekly Goal .....	\$10,700.00
Fiscal Year Goal .....	\$550,000.00
Total Toward Fiscal Year Goal...	\$260,331.97
Maintenance Fund .....	\$442.00
Maintenance Fund ONLINE.....	\$10.00
School Support.....	\$168.00
School Support ONLINE .....	\$10.00
Parish Share (PSP) .....	\$3,795.00
Parish Share ONLINE.....	\$90.00
<b>TOTAL Parish Share.....</b>	<b>\$3,885.00</b>
2021 Parish Share Goal.....	\$80,599.00
2021 Total PS Received .....	\$31,273.00
Easter .....	\$55.00
Holy Thursday .....	\$27.00
Holy Land - Good Friday .....	\$67.00
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$25.00
Feast of the Ascension.....	\$55.00

**Thank you for your support  
of Parish Ministries!**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT 2020 PARISH SHARE

During 2020, the Parish Share Program totaled more than \$70,000 for the three churches combined. However, yearly goals were not met and monies collected were used to supplement operating expenses throughout the year. Unfortunately, this is occurring at many churches, and the Diocese of Pittsburgh is also suffering financially. The Diocese has asked that our 2020 Parish Share Assessment be brought up-to-date. Saint Clare is blessed with savings accounts; one of which all three churches have money in is On Mission For the Church Alive! To support transparency and accountability in best fiscal practices, Saint Clare has petitioned the Diocese to amend case statements for all three churches' On Mission Deposit & Loan accounts held in savings by the Diocese. Once case statements are amended to include "debt payments for Parish Share," those monies can be withdrawn from the savings and applied to the 2020 Parish Share assessment.



### MAY 10 THRU MAY 16

#### MONDAY:

ACTS 16:11-15; Ps 149:1B-6A, 9B;  
JN 15:26-16:4

#### TUESDAY:

ACTS 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7C-8; JN 16:5-11

#### WEDNESDAY:

ACTS 17:15, 22-18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14;  
JN 16:12-15

#### THURSDAY:

ACTS 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; EPH 1:17-23 OR  
EPH 4:1-13 [1-7, 11-13]; MK 16:15-20  
(FOR ASCENSION); OTHERWISE ACTS 18:1-8;  
Ps 98:1-4; JN 16:16-20

#### FRIDAY:

ACTS 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; JN 15:9-17

#### SATURDAY:

ACTS 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;  
JN 16:23B-28

#### SUNDAY:

ACTS 1:15-17, 20, 20-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,  
19-20; 1 JN 4:11-16; JN 17:11B-19; OR, FOR  
ASCENSION, ACTS 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9;  
EPH 1:17-23 OR EPH 4:1-13; MK 16:15-20

DAILY READINGS ARE ALSO LISTED ON OUR WEBSITE  
HOMEPAGE: [HTTPS://SAINTCLAREPARISH.COM](https://saintclareparish.com).  
SCROLL DOWN THE BROWN COLUMN ON THE LEFT  
AND CLICK ON THE HEADING BELOW TODAY'S  
READINGS. IT WILL SAY WHATEVER THE DAY IS,  
FOR EXAMPLE, TUESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF  
EASTER OR SATURDAY OF THE SIXTEENTH WEEK OF  
ORDINARY TIME. READINGS WILL AUTO-POPULATE.

## Youth In Our Parish ...



### **SEALED WITH THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Congratulations to these newly Confirmed on April 29!

Anna Blausner, Abby Fleeger, Ethan Geibel, Natalie Karch,  
Sarah Lucas, Felicity Neff, Kelsey Neff, Gracie Negley,  
Brooke Schramm, Jordyn Slater, Olivia Slater, Elliette Smith,  
Cooper Snow, Natalie Turner, Jack VonBuren, Madison Wolfe



### **SPRING VOLLEYBALL**

Kids in grades 9-12:

Join in Youth Group fun on

Sundays May 16 & 23

Show up at the St. Wendelin

Ball Field at 1:45pm

Games start at 2pm

**COME WHEN YOU CAN!**

**BRING A FRIEND!**

### **St. Joseph Church & Administrative Center**

Located at 864 Chicora Road, Chicora, PA 16025

**724-445-3713 Fax: 724-607-1183**

**Office Hours: M. W. F. - 9am-Noon**

Offices for ALL Clergy and Staff are located here.

Names and emails listed to the right.

### **Mater Dolorosa Church**

Located at 409 North Main Street, Chicora, PA 16025

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

### **St. Wendelin Church & School**

Located at 210/211 St. Wendelin Road, Butler, PA 16002

Office Hours at St. Joseph Administrative Center

WEBSITE: <https://www.saintclareparish.com/>

### **Sunday Mass Registrations (temporary)**

Reservations are required for the six Sunday Masses.

Call 724-445-3713 X0 or email by Friday at 3pm to [registration@saintclareparish.com](mailto:registration@saintclareparish.com). You will receive a call to confirm and be assigned an attendance number. Until further notice, you must call every week.

### **Prayer List**

For ALL Prayer List updates, call Fran Parker @ 724-445-7421

### **Cemetery Inquiries**

Contact North Regional Office, 2636 Ellwood Road,  
New Castle, PA 16101, 724-323-0033, [cpca@cpca-pgh.org](mailto:cpca@cpca-pgh.org)

### **Bulletin & Website Information**

Submission deadline is Tuesdays at 10:00am.

Contact Gina at [communications@saintclareparish.com](mailto:communications@saintclareparish.com)  
To place an ad, call 1-800-945-6629, Parish Number 947100

### **Facilities Scheduling**

Contact Barb @ 724-445-3713, [barb@saintclareparish.com](mailto:barb@saintclareparish.com)  
Facility usage temporarily suspended due to Covid

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