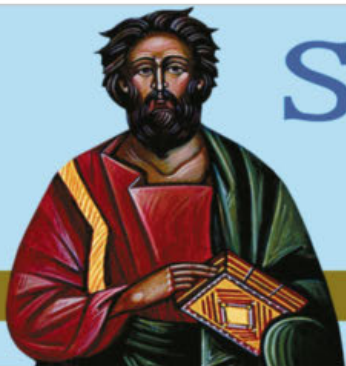




SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 3, 2025



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUG 2		SEVENTEENTH SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Brenda & Brian Jennion by Ulens Family	Fr. Pierre
4:00 pm	DON	Lori & Regina Mauser Kutska by Brother & Uncle Drew & Sandy Mauser	Fr. Pierre
5:00 pm	CHA	Rosemarie & Edward Desack by Eddie Desack	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pierre
AUG 3		EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Michael Omasta by Veronica Salat	Fr. Pierre
9:00 am	CHA	Margaret Govoronsky by Kathleen & Lloyd Driesen	Fr. Levi
11:00 am	MON	Mike, Florence & John Minjock by Gary Minjock Family	Fr. Levi
12:30 pm (Haitian)	CHA	Carl Henry Etienne by Marie Linda Etienne	Fr. Pierre
AUG 4		MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST	
8:30 am	CHA	Anne Marie Bedner by Ron & Maryann Lange & Family	
AUG 5		EIGHTEENTH TUESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	DON	James D. Harrison by Wife, Barb	
AUG 6		FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	
7:00 pm	MON	Ronald M. Benney by Lauren & John Robinson	
AUG 7		EIGHTEENTH THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 am	DON	John T. Yocolano by Wife, Eleanor & Children	
AUG 8		MEMORIAL OF SAINT DOMINIC, PRIEST	
8:30 am	MON	Mr. & Mrs. Peter Marchetti by The Filipcic Family	
AUG 9		MEMORIAL OF SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	CHA	Shirley Watroba by The Holy Rosary Confraternity	Fr. Pierre
4:00 pm	DON	Rita Sukel by The Saint Vincent DePaul Society	Fr. Pierre
5:00 pm	CHA	George & Mary Zippay by Ed & Cheryl Zippay, Family	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	William & Rosemary Hearn on their 50th Anniversary	Fr. Pierre
AUG 10		NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT
8:30 am	DON	Rita Sukel by Secular Franciscans	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Pierre
11:00 am	MON	Pauline Guliano by Pam & Rich Panteleo	Fr. Levi
12:30 pm (Haitian)	CHA	Marie Linda Jean Pierre	Fr. Pierre





- SACRAMENTS -



MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE MAS

Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora
5:00pm - Charleroi
6:00pm - Monongahela

Sunday/Dimanch

8:30am - Donora
9:00am - Charleroi
11:00am - Monongahela
12:30pm - Charleroi

Weekday Mass Times/ Tan Mas jou lasèman

Monday/Lendi	
Charleroi	8:30am
Tuesday/Madi	
Donora	8:30am
Wednesday/Mèkredi	
Monongahela	7:00pm
Thursday/Jedi	
Donora	8:30am
Friday/Vandredi	
Monongahela	8:30am
Saturday/Samdi	
Charleroi	8:30am

*This schedule does not
reflect holidays or Holy Days.*
Orè sa a pa reflefe jou ferye oswa
jou apa pou Bondye.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, July 27th Offertory
\$10,030

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

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August 24, 2025



BAPTISM

For arrangements and to
schedule a class please call
724-258-7794



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In danger of death please call the
parish office at any time. If in the
hospital or a skilled nursing
facility, please ask the nursing
staff to contact the priest on call.



MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish
office to set a meeting with a
member of the clergy no less
than six months before the
proposed wedding date.



PENANCE

Mondays, Charleroi
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Wednesdays, Monongahela
6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.
Saturdays, Donora
3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
First Fridays, Donora
11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
By appointment, please call
the parish office.



**"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE
WORLD. WHOEVER
FOLLOWS ME WILL NOT
WALK IN DARKNESS BUT
WILL HAVE THE LIGHT
OF LIFE."**

JOHN 8:12



**THE SANCTUARY CANDLE
BURNS THIS WEEK IN**

**CHARLEROI FOR
TOM & ELAINE WEISS**
By: Matt & Eileen Claybaugh &
Family

**DONORA FOR
CONNIE AMICUCCI**
By: Husband, Ermundo

**MONONGAHELA FOR
THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**

CLERGY

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace and peace to you in Christ! I pray you are well! We have recently confirmed our new Pastoral Council and it will be meeting for the first time August 12th! I am grateful to all who served previously on council. Your sacrifice and humility will always be a blessing to our community! With the new council established, we will be working to put together a pastoral vision and plan for the next 5 years. Before we can build out a new pastoral plan and vision, we need to ask ourselves, "Who are we? Where are we? Why are we here?"

Today I want to address in a very broad sense "why are we here?" In John 17, we hear Jesus praying His high priestly prayer. He says in verse 21 "May they all be one. As You, Father, *are* in Me and I in You, may they also be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me." What an awesome prayer! He is inviting us to receive a share in the Divine Life of God, himself! The passage continues, "The glory which You have given Me I also have given to them, so that they may be one, just as We are one; I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and You loved them, just as You loved Me." To dwell in Communion with God is **why** we were created. **We were made to share in His perfect love always and forever!** In this life, we can begin to taste the goodness of dwelling in Communion of God, but the fullness of that reality is life in Heaven!

Why are we here and not in heaven yet? The Church militant is on earth for the salvation of souls. That is our primary reason for existing on earth as a Christian. Our first responsibility is to do our best to get our spouses and children to heaven, and then our extended family, friends, and community. If we dwell in "perfect love" with one another, then our very existence as a Church community will reveal the love of God, and people will know that Jesus Christ is real! We cannot have "perfect love" without the grace of God! That is why our witness to Love is so profound and so revealing of the Divine Presence of God within us!

Over the next few months, we will have a separate space in the bulletin titled, "Witnesses to Love" that will continue to answer the questions above regarding who we are and where we are. Please make sure that you give this column your attention as it will help us to understand a lot about our currently realities. This knowledge will be critical as we discern the Lord's will for how we are to move forward as witnesses to Love!



Reverend Levi Hartle
Pastor

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Saint Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him we humbly
pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly
host, by the power of God, cast into
hell Satan and all evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking
the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

O Glorious Saint Andrew,
you were the first to recognize
and follow the Lamb of God.
With your friend Saint John,
you remained with Jesus for that day,
for your entire life,
and now throughout eternity.
As you led your brother Saint Peter to
Christ and many others after Him,
draw us also to Him.
Teach us to lead others to Christ
solely out of love for Him
and dedication in His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of the
cross and to carry our daily crosses
without complaint so that they may
carry us to Jesus. Amen.

LITURGY PREPARATION

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Entrance Procession (Part 2 of 2)

At Mass there is a very specific order of persons and items in the Entrance Procession: the thurifer (altar server that carries the incense), the crucifer (altar server that carries the processional cross), candle bearers, other priests and ministers, the Deacon or Lector with the Book of the Gospels, and finally the celebrant.

When we use incense at Mass, the thurifer leads the procession with the incense. As the smoke is produced from the burning incense it rises in the air, which symbolizes our prayer rising to God. Mass is the highest form of prayer, so it is right and fitting that we begin the procession by lifting up our prayer with incense. Psalm 141 says, “Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering.” The Roman Empire also used incense to show honor during celebrations of military victories, as well as to lead brides during their wedding processional. In the Catholic liturgy we honor the cross as one of the most powerful symbols, which is why the crucifer, Latin for *crux ferre*, or “cross bearer,” follows after the incense.

St. Augustine introduced the processional cross into the liturgy in the 6th century. It’s likely that St. Augustine modeled the processional cross after the Roman standards, which were long poles used by the military that had insignias and symbols attached to them. Each item attached to the standard represented the history and accomplishments of each group, such as the founder of their military unit or a commander who had won a great battle. The standards also unified the men so that no matter each man’s individual heritage, they were thought of as soldiers of Rome first. In the same way, the processional cross unifies us as one Christian people, reminding us that before our country of origin or our family name we first belong to Christ. The cross truly identifies us as Christians, but even more so than a flag that identifies a country, the cross is also a sign of our salvation.

In the Entrance Procession the cross is flanked by candle bearers, the light of which represents hope, joy, life and purity, and most importantly it represents Christ as the light of the world. From Moses’ time onward candles have been used during worship when God commanded a lampstand be built to remind the people that He is with them. Candles were also traditionally burned at the tombs of the prophets and patriarchs, and since then Christians have carried on the use of candlelight to visibly show that Christ is present.

Following the candle bearers is the Book of the Gospels. Jesus’ words (in the form of the Gospels) follows the cross, each of which symbolizes the two big sections of the Mass: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Starting around the 7th or 8th centuries, we begin to see the creation of decorative Gospel books that are carried in the Entrance Procession. Before the creation of the printing press, monks would take great care to copy the Gospels by hand. They often “illuminated” their manuscripts by using gold and silver leaf to reflect light as the pages were turned. The covers of the Gospel books were also very beautiful, often made from gold or silver and then decorated with precious jewels. The process of creating such a work of beauty often took several years to complete, but ultimately these books portray a profound respect and elevation of the Word of God.

In processions, the last person holds the greatest honor, which is the priest. However, it’s not Fr. Levi or Fr. Pierre that holds the honor, but rather who they represent: Jesus Christ. They are acting *in persona Christi*, or “in the person of Christ.” While on earth we need someone to physically lead us in worship, and all priests represent Christ who truly leads us in worship. The Entrance Procession culminates at the altar where we get the chance to participate in the heavenly banquet, our ultimate form of worship.



Amanda Nicholson
Music & Liturgy

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OPENING HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

1. I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to fol - low
2. I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3. I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus. In him there is no dark-ness at
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a-like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit-y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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GLORIA

MASS OF RENEWAL

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

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We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of

the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
R.

FIRST READING

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes

ECCLESIASTES 1:2; 2:21-23

to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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RESPONSORIAL PSAL

PSALM 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17



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1. You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night. **R.**
2. You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing
grass, which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades. **R.**
3. Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on your servants! **R.**
4. Fill us at daybreak with your kindness.
That we may shout for joy and gladness all our
days. And may the gracious care of the Lord our
God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for
us! Prosper the work of our hands! **R.**

SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since

you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

GOSPEL

LUKE 12:13-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I

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shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!" But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'

Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PREPARATION HYMN

THE LOVE OF THE LORD

1. All that I count - ed as gain now I con - sid - er as
2. Rich - es and hon - ors will fade, earth - ly de - lights dis - ap -
3. Sil - ver and gold have I none, no land to count as my
4. Faith is the wealth I pos - sess. Find - ing its source in my

loss, emp - ty and worth - less to me in the
pear, fade like the grass of the field in the
home, yet wealth be - yond meas - ure I own in the
God: faith in the prom - ise of Christ is my

1, 3 2, 4
light of the love of the Lord. Lord. What more could bring us
light of the love of the Lord. Lord. What more could bring us
light of the love of the Lord. Lord. What more could bring us
life and my love of the Lord. Lord. What more could bring us

hope than to know the pow'r of his life? What more could bring us
peace than to share in his suf - f'ring and death? What more could be our
fi - nal wish than to live in the love of the Lord?

Text: Philippians 3:8-14; Michael Joncas, b. 1951; Tune: Michael Joncas © 1988, GIA Publications, Inc.

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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho -
san-na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your Res - ur - rec - tion,
un - til you come a - gain.

GREAT AMEN



A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men, A - men!

LAMB OF GOD



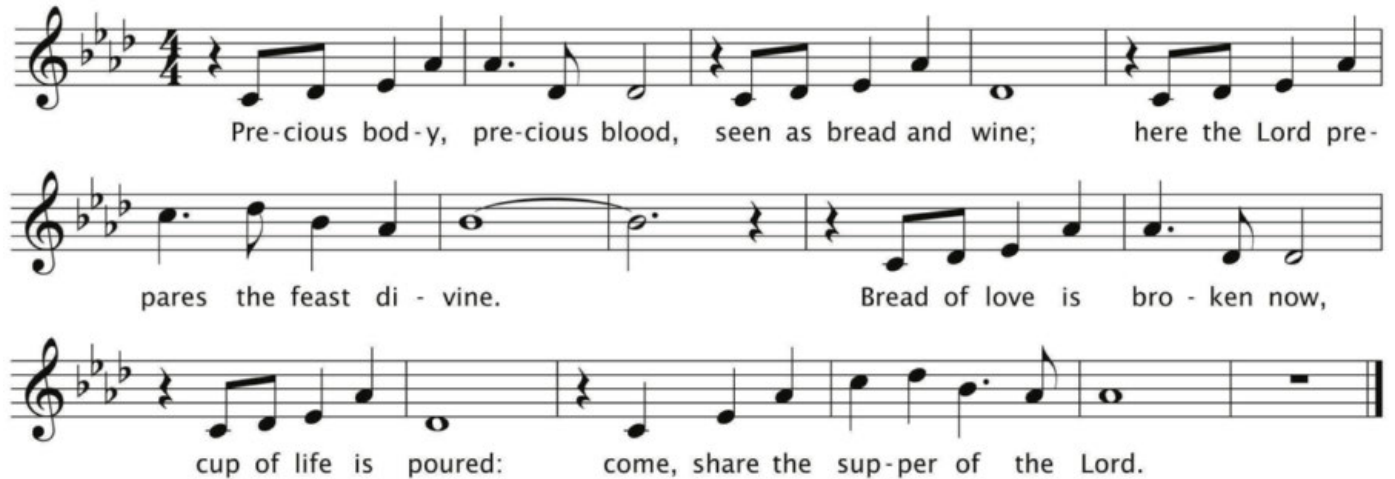
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. world, grant us, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION HYMN

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD



Text: Verses 1-4 based on John 4,6. Text and music © 1994, 2012, Laurence Rosania. Pub. by OCP.

1. This is the bread of God coming down from heav'n, giving life to us, to all the world.
2. "I am the living spring of eternal life; you that drink from me shall not thirst again."
3. "I am the bread of heav'n giving life to you; you that eat this bread shall never die."
4. "All those who feed on me have their life in me, as I have my life in the living God."
5. All praise to you, O Christ, present in this feast; in this bread, we share in one life, one Lord.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING



Text: 66 66 D; Christian H Bateman, 1813-1889, alt. Music: MADRID, Anon. melody, Philadelphia, 1826

GROWING CLOSER TO CHRIST

Be rich in what matters to God

Today's Gospel is a strong admonition against hoarding earthly treasures and a clear call to focus on building wealth in what matters to God.

Jesus is teaching the crowd when someone calls out, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." Jesus replies, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then He turns to the crowd and warns them to be on guard against greed.

To drive the point home, Jesus tells a parable. A rich man has such an abundant harvest that he decides to tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store it all. He makes grand plans to sit back, relax, and enjoy the good life. But God says to him, "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?" Jesus concludes, "So it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

So what does it mean to be rich in what matters to God? We build that kind of wealth when we live lives marked by faith, prayer, service, and generosity.

We deepen our relationship with God through prayer and participation in the Sacraments. Every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, we are offered the grace to become more like Him. Each encounter is a chance to grow in holiness and in love.

We increase our "God wealth" every time we serve our brothers and sisters. Every dish you wash, every mess you "red up," every time you put your own self-interests aside to show up for someone else—these are the quiet acts of love that echo for all eternity.

Giving of your time, talent, and treasure with a generous heart is another way we store up treasure in heaven. Your regular and consistent offering supports the mission of the Church. Donations to the food bank or special projects, and the many hours you give by volunteering in our ministries, all matter deeply. A recent article about our food bank opened with these words: "If there's a need, St. Andrew the Apostle Parish will find a way to lend a helping hand." That's what it looks like to be rich in what matters to God.

As a parish, when we come together in faith and love by serving, giving, and praying, we don't just build up our local community. We build something holy and eternal.



Diane Kooser
Formation

**NEW TO SAINT ANDREWS
YOUNG ADULT GROUP**

AGES 19-39

GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER

Looking to connect with others your age and deepen your faith? Join our Young Adult Group - a welcoming space for prayer, discussion, and community.

CHARLEROI KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ROOM

EVERY TUESDAY 7 - 9 PM

NO SIGN-UP NEEDED - JUST COME AS YOU ARE!

**FAITH.
FRIENDSHIP.
FELLOWSHIP.
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Festival of **NATIONS**

DONATION REQUEST

We're currently seeking donations for our upcoming **Festival of Nations on August 9**, to help make our Basket Auction a success. Contributions of all kinds are appreciated, especially:

- Gift Cards
- Lottery Tickets
- Bottles of Wine
- Themed Baskets or Basket Items

Prefer to give a monetary donation?
We'll gladly do the shopping for you!



For questions or to arrange a donation, contact **Angie Dzurinko** at **724-825-8091**.

Items may be **dropped off at the Charleroi Rectory**, or **cash donations can be placed in the collection basket**—please **label your envelope "Festival Baskets."**

FESTIVAL INFORMATION

Mark your calendar for **St. Andrew's Festival of Nations** on **Saturday, August 9, from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** in the alley behind the church in Charleroi!

Enjoy a full day of fun featuring **international food booths** serving up authentic homemade dishes from around the world—**Italian, Slovak, Greek, German, Mexican, Hawaiian, and American cuisine.**

Be sure to stop by the Festival Bakery for fresh baked goods, enjoy **live music by DJ Carey Charles**, and try your luck at winning **specialty baskets and great prizes!**

ATTENTION BAKERS!

We need your help stocking our Bake Sale Booth, "**Peggy Pastries**"! Please consider donating baked goods—**all treats are welcome and appreciated.**

Drop-off Dates:
August 8th or 9th in Marian Hall

Questions?
Contact Bridget Roule at (412) 997-3799.

Thank you for your support!



Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish presents...

FRIDAY FUNDAYS

Please let your children join us every Friday for the rest of the summer for some food and fun! This is a time for the children of the parish to get to know each other and the parents to have a break. We will be playing games and introducing Jesus to them.

Marian Hall at the Charleroi Church from 9am—1pm.
Breakfast & Lunch included. No Charge. RSVP by calling the parish office.

Here's what you could expect...

Arts & crafts
Outdoor sports
Dance parties
Karaoke contests

Indoor games
STEAM projects
Quite time in the church
Pottery making



Celebrate Father Levi

Join us for a special celebration honoring

**Fr. Levi's 40th Birthday &
10th Priestly Anniversary**



Saturday, August 23

Immediately following the 4:00 PM Mass | Donora Grounds

NEW ADDICTION MINISTRY FORMING AT ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

Do you feel called to serve those who struggle with addiction?

St. Andrew the Apostle Parish is forming a new **Addiction Ministry** to support individuals and families impacted by substance use and related challenges. Inspired by the powerful words of St. Teresa of Calcutta, "*I thirst*," we seek to respond to the deep longing of the human heart with compassion, hope, and the healing love of Christ.

We are looking for parishioners who feel drawn to serve this vulnerable population—whether through prayer, outreach, education, or personal presence. No experience is required—just a willing heart and a desire to walk with those in need.

If you are interested in learning more or becoming involved, please contact Nancy Cole by phone at 412-398-9097 or by email at ncole@saintandrewmidmon.org

Let us come together as a community of faith to offer dignity, support, and Christ's love to those who thirst for healing.

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about our faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is a 7-month process of prayer, learning and reflection designed for those seeking to become Catholic, and for those simply exploring the Catholic faith. It is open to all adults ages 18+. OCIA is designed to guide adults toward full communion with the Catholic Church. This involves learning about Catholic beliefs and practices, developing a relationship with Jesus and the Church, and ultimately receiving the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Classes begin October 7th from 7 - 9pm at the Charleroi Rectory and continue every Tuesday evening until Easter.

For more info or to register, please contact Diane at dkooser@saintandrewmidmon.org.



AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This feast day commemorates Mary's body and soul taken directly to heaven.

In honor of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, special masses will be held to accommodate this holy day of obligation.

August 14

7pm vigil - Monongahela

August 15

8:30am - Monongahela

12pm - Charleroi

4pm - Donora

7:30pm - Charleroi (Haitian)

MANDATORY SESSION FOR EUCHARISTIC & HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Tuesday, August 5 | 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Charleroi Church

If you missed the last training, attendance at **this session is required.**

Led by Fr. Levi and our Social Minister, Philip, this meeting is essential for **becoming compliant with diocesan standards.**

This **applies to all current Eucharistic Ministers and Homebound Ministers** who have not yet completed the training.

Please make it a priority to attend.

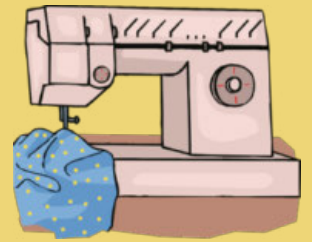


WORKS OF MERCY



DIGNITY ROBE GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month in St. Andrew's sewing room in Donora from 9:00 a.m. until noon. We are in need of more people to join us for this wonderful project to sew, cut, iron, etc... Come join us!



HONORARIUMS

We are thankful for the gifts given to the food bank in memory of:

ANNE MARIE BEDNER

By Bob & Jan Cicci

ANNE MARIE BEDNER

By Patrick & Judy Weiner

ANNE MARIE BEDNER

By Ruth Ann Yatsko

JIM BLOOM

By Evelyn Bloom

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PARISH EVENTS

The Rosary Makers

Rosary makers will meet again in August Marian Hall at 1pm. Anyone wishing to join, please contact Jean at 724-483-5533.

Eileen Claybaugh donated \$40 in memory of Tom & Elaine Weiss and Tom & Flo Claybaugh. The Rosary Makers operate solely from donations. Memoriam donations are greatly appreciated. An evening training session will be scheduled for anyone interested in joining. There are no yearly dues.



Women of Wonder (W.O.W.) MEETING

At the heart of our mission is a profound belief that wonder—a *compassionate curiosity and awe*—is an essential aspect of our faith journey, inspired by Jesus' own relationships and interactions. So together we accompany other women in their journeys toward spiritual wholeness through sacred curiosity, care, and contemplative prayer. WOW meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month studying together The Gospel of John. The next WOW meeting is Tuesday, August 5th at 7pm. All are welcome! If you're new, please call Kate at (443) 799-0325.

MAN UP

This ministry is intended to bring men together in the spirit of fellowship and spiritual growth. MAN UP is a vehicle for men to discuss, learn and deal with issues, concerns, and topics that all men struggle with and to bring the Holy Spirit into that setting to guide and strengthen them. MAN UP meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. The next meeting is August, 12th at 7pm. All are welcome. If you're new, please call Dave at (703) 473-6447.

There are 2 Knights Chapters for our Parish and they are always eager to accept new men interested in serving the parish.

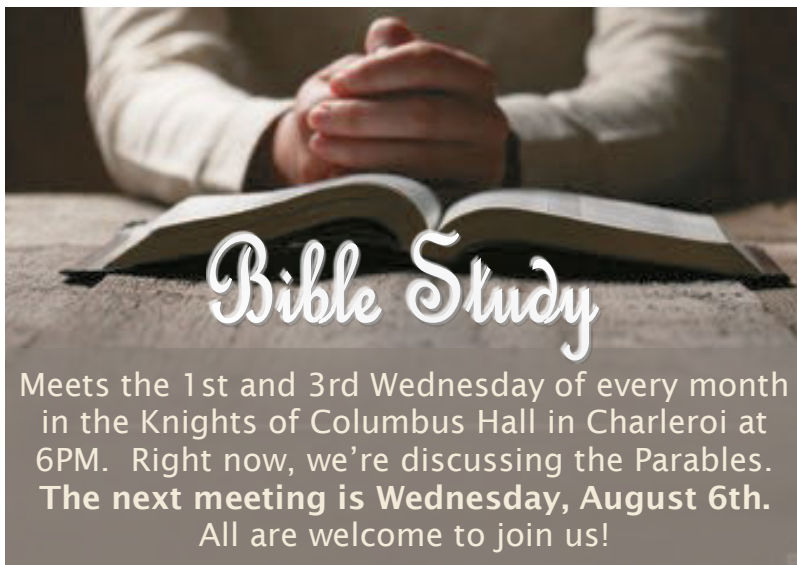
Knights of Columbus Council 956 is located in Charleroi, PA. They meet the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7:30pm in the Knights of Columbus Room in Charleroi. Please contact Dave DeRienzo at 724-323-6695.

Knights of Columbus Council 194 is located in Donora, PA. They meet the third Tuesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Room in Donora. Please contact Lou Lubecki at 724-379-5059.



Bible Study

Meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month in the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charleroi at 6PM. Right now, we're discussing the Parables. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 6th. All are welcome to join us!



BEREAVEMENT GROUP

Don't grieve alone! Please join our support group to help you move through the grief process and cope with your emotions. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm in Marian Hall. Please contact Diane for more information.

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FAITH FORMATION

In our families, we learn some of life's most important lessons like fairness, sharing, and looking out for one another. Think about this: What would happen if your family ordered a pizza, but some people took as many slices as they wanted while others only got a half slice? That wouldn't feel fair, would it?

Families work best when everyone gets a fair share and when decisions are made with the good of the whole family in mind. That's called working for the *common good*, and it's something Jesus asks us to do not just at home, but in the whole human family too.

We're all part of God's family, and we're called to share the world's resources fairly and with love. In this Sunday's Gospel (Luke 12:13-21), Jesus tells a story about a man who stores up all his riches just for himself. He isn't mean but he forgets about everyone else. Jesus calls this a mistake not because the man was rich, but because he was only thinking about himself. When we do that, it's called a *sin of omission* when we fail to do the good we could have done for others.

As a family, read Luke 12:13-21 together. Talk about the parable of the rich fool. What could he have done differently? How can your family look out for others and be generous? And remember at every Mass, we pray the *Confiteor*, where we ask God's forgiveness not just for the wrong we've done, but also for the times we *didn't* do what we should have. It's a reminder to always live with open hearts and open hands.



Kathy Miller
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ON FIRE FOR CHRIST



Don't let your possessions own you

Did you ever hear the expression; if you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans.

Today's Gospel relates Jesus' parable about the rich man who tears down his barns to build bigger ones so that he has many good things stored up for many years and then he can rest, eat, drink and be merry! However, God has different plans and that very night the man passes away from this life! The message contained in the parable is one that tells us we should not be concerned about possessions in this life but we should be focused on what truly matters to God. Jesus is trying to tell the people that they should guard against all greed and that our life here on earth does not consist of the possessions we have. How many possessions do we own that are just owned and not used? Clothes that go unworn, food that spoils due to sitting around too long, too many winter coats or sweaters, more cars than people in the house, possessions that haven't been used in years. I always loved the expression, *the man with the most "toys" still dies!*

Your challenge today is to focus on the importance of things from above. We should be focused on forming that radical love relationship with Jesus and following where God wants to take us. We should be persistent in our prayer and ask for God's will to be done. Jesus assures us that God, as a loving Father, is more willing to give good gifts, especially the Holy Spirit, to those who ask, seek, and knock in faith. We are encouraged as believers to approach God with confidence, knowing that he is a loving Father who hears and responds to our prayers, even when we may not see immediate results.

Remember you are a Child of God. Grow in your love relationship with Jesus and His Father each day through continuous and persistent prayer and the attending of the Sacraments. Form that radical love relationship that He longs to have with you. Get excited about what God has in store for you and go forth today and every day with a smile on your face spreading His Good News to all you meet. Turn your life, your total being over to God and be on fire for Him. God Bless. May God's many blessings be upon you. Always be on fire for Christ! God bless. I will see you at His table.



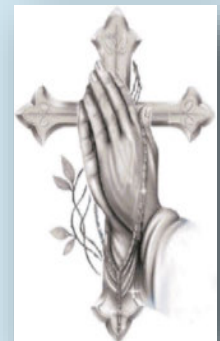
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