SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | NOVEMBER 16, 2025



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NOV 15	THIRTY	-SECOND SATURDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT	
8:30 am	CHA	Pauline Guliano by Jim & Patti Quinn	Fr. Levi	
4:00 pm	DON	Richard Fronzaglio by Louise Kowall	Fr. Pat	
5:00 pm	CHA	Shirley & John Gricas by Family	Fr. Levi	
6:00 pm	MON	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat	
NOV 16	THIRTY	-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	CELEBRANT	
8:30 am	DON	Joseph Haller by Sister, Kathryn Haller	Fr. Pat	
9:00 am	CHA	George Procko, Jr. by Wife, Lois	Fr. Levi	
11:00 am	MON	Michael & Edith Dutko by Jim & Esther McManus	Fr. Levi	
NOV 17	MEMOR	IAL OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS	S	
8:30 am	CHA	Don Ulens by Ulens Family		
NOV 18	DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES			
8:30 am	DON	Lucille Zeletski by Family		
NOV 19	THIRTY	-THIRD WEDNESDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
7:00 pm	MON	Rod Babich by Wife, Chris & Daughter, Joni		
NOV 20	THIRTY	-THIRD THURSDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
8:30 am	DON	DON Joanna (Delsandro) Megela by Paul & Mary Gene Delsandro		
NOV 21	MEMOR	IAL OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRG	IN MARY	
8:30 am	MON	Jim & Mary Jo Buono by Buono Girls		
NOV 22	MEMOR	IAL OF SAINT CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR	CELEBRANT	
8:30 am	СНА	Mark Garret by Family	Fr. Pat	
4:00 pm	DON	Frank & Camilla Pokol by Jeff & Carin Alvarez	Fr. Levi	
5:00 pm	СНА	Dolores Kozmierczak by Dominik Family	Fr. Pat	
6:00 pm	MON	David & Agness Simon by Suzie Simon	Fr. Levi	
NOV 23	THE SO	LEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERS	E CELEBRANT	
8:30 am	DON	Dorothy Haller by Patterson Family	Fr. Pat	
9:00 am	CHA	Lee Ann Flament by Family	Fr. Levi	
11:00 am	MON	Joseph V. Sala by Bernice & Family	Fr. Pat	



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MASS SCHEDULE/ ORE MAS

Saturday/Samdi

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

6:00pm - Monongahela

Sunday/Dimanch

8:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:00am - Monongahela

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 reflete jou ferye oswa jou apa pou Bondye.

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, November 9th:

\$12,800

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTIONS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS November 23 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 <u>six months</u> 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

JOHN & ANDREW KOLOCIK By: Sister, JoAnn Mocilan

DONORA FOR MARY D'AMORE By: Linda lannetti

MONONGAHELA FOR

PATRICIA ROSTCHECKBy: Daughter, Leanne

CLERGY

A WORD FROM FR. LEVI

Grace and peace to you in Christ! I pray you are well! This week we celebrate the 33 Sunday in Ordinary time, which is the second to last. Next week is the Feast of Christ the King! Starting this week and going through the first few weeks of advent we hear readings focusing us on the second coming of our Lord. These readings make us reflect on the end of the world, and they remind us that we should not be living for this world, but for the next!

Have you ever been so excited about something coming in the future, that is shapes how you live today? Perhaps for our children, that kind of excitement comes this time every year as they begin to prepare for Christmas. For some of us it might have been our ordination day or the day we got married. I hope that every one of us has had something in our lives that we looked forward to so much that it changed every day leading up to it. This is how we should be longing and yearning for the day Jesus returns and Justice reigns forever!

If the anticipation of getting gifts for Christmas can affect the lives of our young people so much, how much more can the gift of true HOPE transform all of our lives, especially the lost, hurting, lonely, and broken? Jesus is the answer for us! Jesus is perfect LOVE and in him is everything that all of us are actually longing for! As St. August so famously said, "our hearts are restless until they rest in you." If the second coming of Jesus is going to bring us into the fulfillment of perfect love, then how can we not yearn for it with everything in us? What is more, we can even now taste that perfect love through the gift of Hope! This virtue enables us to rejoice in what we have not yet seen, but firmly believe will come to be! For we have tasted the goodness of the Lord and we know that one day we will receive His fullness forever!

As we prepare for Advent, let us fix our hearts on the second coming of Christ and let us ask the Holy Spirit to make of us living signs of Hope for the world around us! You can join the parish this Advent and Christmas Seasons in bringing hope to the lives of those around us by volunteering for food bank, helping with Thanksgiving Dinners, inviting family and friends back to church, greeting newcomers at Mass with the love of Christ, or giving a warm smile to those you encounter while you are shopping! These are just a few ways that you can share the hope that keeps you going this blessed Season!

May our Lord continue to watch over you and keep you in his care!



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

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Assembly's Communion

Since mid-July my articles have been focused on walking through the Mass and explaining some of the history, tradition, and the "why" of why we do what we do at Mass. Each weekend's article could only contain so much information, since it had to be condensed to fit on one page, but there's such a breadth of history, and purpose, and truth to the Mass that's really astounding if you desire to dig deeper. I encourage everyone to continue learning about the Mass, because attending Mass is the most important thing we'll do during our lifetimes. Think of all the things you do on a daily and weekly basis, the people you care for, the income you provide for your family; all of those very important things, put into priority order, are in second place to God. Our whole life will culminate on the day we meet Jesus and are in eternal communion with Him, but until then the closest we can come to that is at the Mass by communing with him in the Eucharist.



Amanda Nicholson Music & Liturgy

Each week at Mass, or daily even if you attend daily Mass, we get the opportunity to receive Jesus into our body. The idea that the savior of the world and creator of the universe literally gives us his body and blood to physically consume is just staggering to think about. We are so small, sinful, and fallen, and yet Jesus desires to make us whole and to be with him for eternity. In order to attain that gift one day, we need the sustenance He provides. You may have heard the phrase, "You are what you eat," which describes the phenomenon of your body reflecting the food you put into it. The same can be said of the Eucharist. The more we consume Jesus' Body and Blood, the more we begin to look like Him, in which case, we should strive to receive him whenever we can. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily." (CCC #1389)

This encouragement to receive the Eucharist is paired with some preparation to ensure that our soul is in the proper disposition to receive this great gift. We would not prepare to meet the Queen of England wearing pajamas or casual, wrinkled clothing, and in the same token we shouldn't approach the altar and receive Jesus if our soul isn't cleansed and free of serious (mortal) sin. In fact, if we're aware that we're in a state of mortal sin, it's yet another mortal sin to receive the Eucharist without going to confession first. If you find that you're at Mass, but you shouldn't receive the Eucharist, it can be painful to stay in your pew, separated from communion with Jesus. The good news is that no matter what kind of sin you're dealing with, you will always encounter mercy and forgiveness from Jesus as soon as you take it to confession.

Knowing who Jesus is (our creator and savior), what he has done for us (forgiven us and saved us from death), and continues doing for us (sustaining us on earth with his Body and Blood), we ready our hearts to be one with Him. When you rise to join the communion line, you join the whole assembly in approaching the altar, which is symbolic of our journey toward heaven. "The Church sees this communal action as a symbol of the liturgical assembly coming together as the pilgrim Church on earth marching toward the Heavenly Jerusalem to be united with Christ. Each step symbolically draws us closer to the ultimate moment of our communion with God when, through death, we enter into new life in his eternal Kingdom." (Mass Explain, Dan Gonzalez, pg. 514)

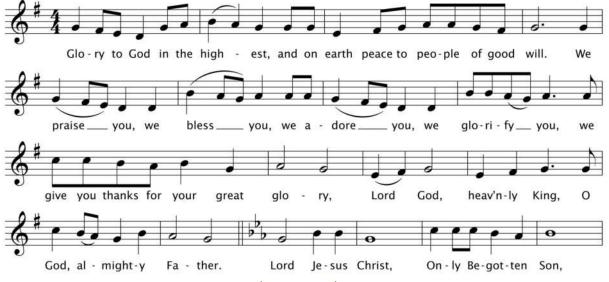
When it's our turn to receive, the priest lifts the Eucharist in front of us, and our bow and "Amen" acknowledges that we stand before Jesus, who is truly present in the Eucharist. We also bow before receiving the Precious Blood because both elements of the Eucharist are fully Jesus, so even if you do not receive the Precious Blood, you should respectfully acknowledge Jesus in the chalice with another small bow as you walk past. On returning to your pew, spend a few moments giving thanks for the precious gift you've just received, which is only a foretaste of the full communion that's to come in heaven!

OPENING HYMN CANTICLE OF THE TURNING joy - ful shout that the God of My soul cries out with a my heart is God, my Though am small, my all, you work great things in great, and my spir-it sings of the won - drous things that you bring to the ones who and your mer-cy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak-ness you did not wait. Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you be. spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be a-bout to turn? yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is a-bout to turn. Му sing heart shall of the day you bring. Let the fires burn. Wipe all the of your jus - tice a way tears, for dawn draws and the world a - bout

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A NEW MASS FOR CONGREGATIONS





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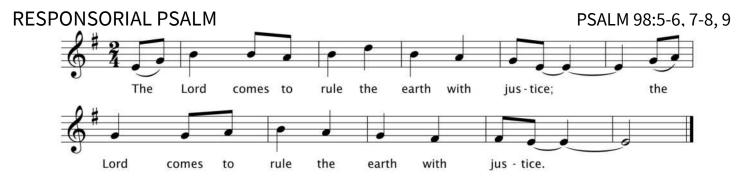
FIRST READING

Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire, leaving them neither root nor branch, says the LORD of hosts. But

MALACHI 3:19-20A

for you who fear my name, there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



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SECOND READING

Brothers and sisters: You know how one must imitate us. For we did not act in a disorderly way among you, nor did we eat food received free from anyone. On the contrary, in toil and drudgery, night and day we worked, so as not to burden any of you. Not that we do not have the right. Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us. In fact, when we were with you, we instructed

2 THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat. We hear that some are conducting themselves among you in a disorderly way, by not keeping busy but minding the business of others. Such people we instruct and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to work quietly and to eat their own food.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

GOSPEL

LUKE 21:5-19

While some people were speaking about how the temple was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings, Jesus said, "All that you see here-- the days will come when there will not be left a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down." Then they asked him, "Teacher, when will this happen? And what sign will there be when all these things are about to happen?" He answered, "See that you not be deceived, for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and 'The time has come.' Do not follow them! When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be powerful earthquakes. famines, and plagues from place to place; and awesome sights and mighty signs will come from the

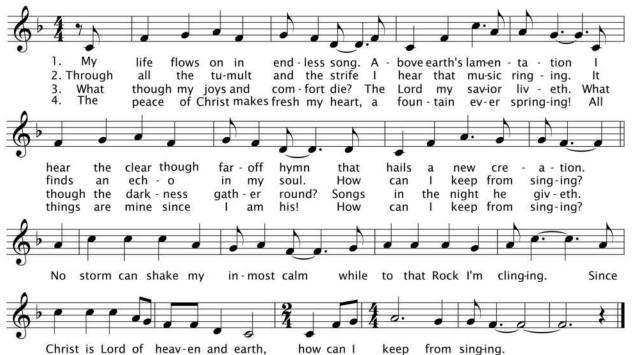
sky. "Before all this happens, however, they will seize and persecute you, they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons, and they will have you led before kings and governors because of my name. It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute. You will even be handed over by parents, brothers, relatives, and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

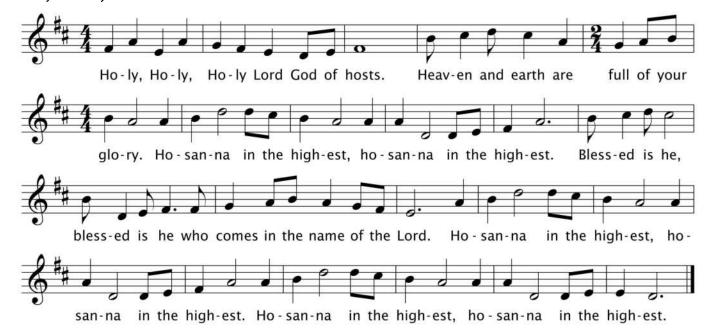
PREPARATION HYMN

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

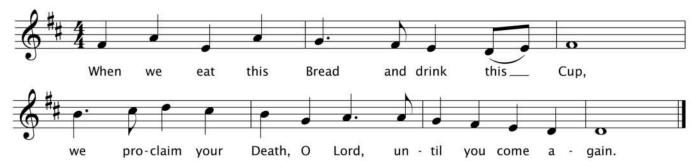


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HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



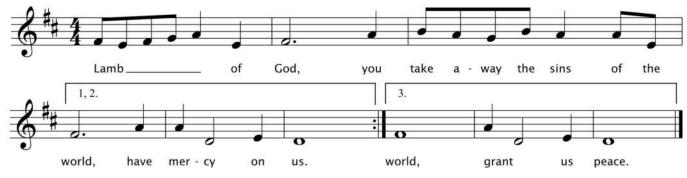
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



GREAT AMEN



LAMB OF GOD



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COMMUNION HYMN

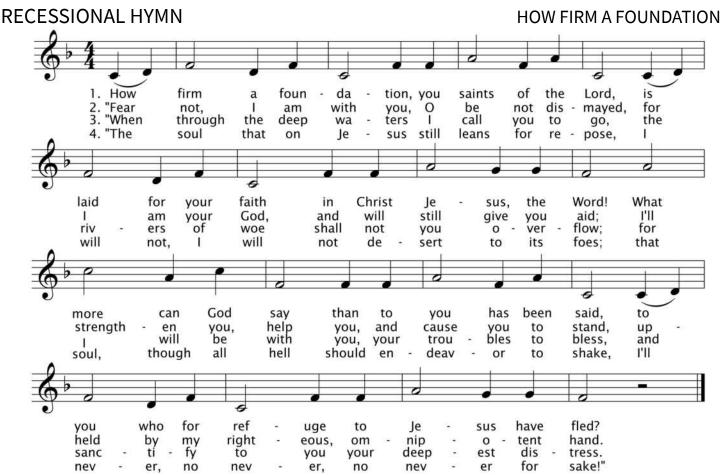
BE NOT AFRAID

 You shall cross the barren dessert, but you shall not die of thirst. You shall wander far in safety though you do not know the way. You shall speak your words in foreign lands and all will understand. You shall see the face of God and live. R/.



- 2. If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown. If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed. If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know that I am with you through it all. R/.
 - 3. Blesses are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs. Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh. And if wicked tongues insult and hate you all because of me, blessed, blessed are you! R/.

Text: Based on Isaiah 43:2-3; Like 6:20ff. Text and music © 1975, 1978, Robert J. Dufford, SJ, and OCP.



Text: 2 Peter 1:4, "K" in John Rippon's A Selection of Hymns, 1787, alt. Tune: FOUNDATION, 11 11 11 11; Funk's Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832; harm. by Richard Proulx, 1937-2010, © 1975, GIA Publications, Inc.

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WELCOME FR. PAT!

Grace and Peace to everyone reading this article and/or bulletin. I have been asked to give a brief biographical sketch of myself, for those who do not know me. There are some in the parish who do know who I am, since I was stationed here at the parish not too long ago, during Covid.

I actually grew up in the parish. My home church was St. Anthony, Monongahela. We lived and grew up in Carroll Township, where my father was born. Coming from a large family on both sides, I'm the youngest of six boys. My father was the third oldest of seventeen children (yes...seventeen!). My mother grew up in Charleroi. And, although, she is one of five, her parents are one of twelve and thirteen. Jokingly, I have to say that I come from a strong Catholic family. If the name "Barkey" makes that you think... "...I know a Barkey...", there is a very high percentage that I am related to that person.

Born in 1964, I went to the Ringgold School District for my early education. I actually went to the present Senior High School when the building was brand new. I graduated in 1982. It was that year God called me to a Vocation to the Priesthood. I originally



Fr. Pat Barkey Parochial Vicar

wanted to be an Electrical Engineer, but the Lord had other things waiting for me. I started college and seminary in the Fall, living at St. Paul Seminary and studying at Duquesne University. I majored in Philosophy (which was required) and minored in what was called Priestly Studies. Because I am a math/science type of guy, who did not understand Philosophy much, I double majored in general History. Having graduated in 1986, I was assigned to major Theological Studies and the Pontifical College Josephinum, located in Columbus, Ohio. This is where my final priestly studies took place. I was ordained in 1990. On a side note, for my Ordination reception, my mother mailed eight-hundred invitations (yes, 800! She was a proud Italian mother of a priest, and she had to tell the whole family, both sides!)

As for me, I am a practical joker. I sometimes love to get people going, all in good fun. And I love to receive things in return. So if I say something "funny" to you, smile and say something "funny" back to me. Together we can have a good laugh. I like to dabble in computer building, taking computers apart, upgrading them, fixing them...that type of thing. I used to be an outdoor person, but age and bad knees have hindered me.

In closing, for those who know me, I am constantly asking people to pray for me. I do believe in the power of prayer and God's response, so, please, pray for me, as I will do for you. I'm hoping that my ministry here in the Valley will be beneficial to you. I hope that together we can grow spiritually and really manifest the Kingdom of God here on earth.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Through spoken word, role play, and song, students of grades Kindergarten through 12 will tell the story of our Savior's birth.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

7pm in the Charleroi Church

Please mark your calendars for our annual children's Christmas program. This beautiful event is for all ages! All are welcome to our Charleroi site as our youth retell the most beautiful story ever told.

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(Quarter-1 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	197,626
Donations & Bequests	21,744
Fundraising	39,225
Campaign Income	486
Other Income	173,262
	432,343
OPERATING EXPENSE:	
Administration	182,280
Operations & Maintenance	83,472
Liturgical & Rectory	54,011
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	35,986
Property & Liability Insurance	18,336
Social/ Outreach/ Other	(16,171)
	357,914
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	74,429
NON-OPERATING ITEMS:	
Net Third Party Collections	2,080
	2,080

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2025

ASSETS:

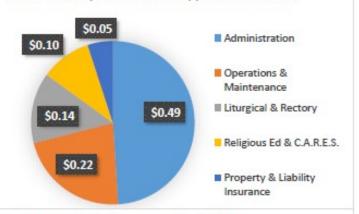
Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	142,855
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	128,372
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Restricted Funds:	
Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	498
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	193,446
Parish Endowment Investment	30,478
Other Investments	(1,192)
	223,230
LIABILITIES:	
Insurance Past Due	_
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	-
Other Payables	-

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 9-30-2025

Revenue: 432,343 Expense: 357,914

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal
Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.
Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive
Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee
Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,
RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools
Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep
Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

<u>Extraordinary Maintenance Expense</u>: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

For Q1 Fiscal Year 25-26, we reported total operating revenue of \$432,343, driven primarily by offertory collections (\$197,626), other income sources such as hall rentals and employee retention credits (\$173,262), and fundraising efforts (\$39,225). Operating expenses totaled \$357,914, with the largest allocations supporting administration (\$182,280), facilities maintenance (\$83,472), and liturgical and rectory needs (\$54,011). Religious education was supported with \$35,986, while social outreach yielded a net recovery of \$16,171.

We ended the quarter operating surplus of \$74,429, As of September 30, 2025, the parish held \$271,227 in unrestricted funds and \$223,230 in restricted assets, with no outstanding liabilities. The employee retention credits helped offset the deficit.

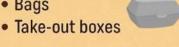


THANKSGIVING **HELP NEEDED**

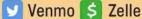
As we prepare to share a delicious Thanksgiving meal with our community, we could use a little extra help and a few key items!

Things we need:

- Hawaiian buns
- Pumpkin pies
- Potatoes
- Milk
- Turkeys
- Green beans
- Bags of stuffing
- · Turkey broth
- Bags



You can donate via:



S Cash App

for In person at church

Ouestions? Contact Michele Vidnivich at

(724) 777-8890

Ways to help:

- Peel potatoes
- Bag up buns
- Cut pies
- Debone turkeys (day before Thanksgiving)
- Deliver meals on Thanksgiving Day

We also need monetary donations to help purchase remaining items and supplies.

Every helping hand and every dollar makes a difference.





Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 AM Donora

Monongahela (parishioners welcome)

12:00 PM Charleroi

7:00 PM Monongahela



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, December 4 & 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Formation Center

Join us this Advent season for a time of reflection and Scripture. Seminarian Mark will be leading a study on the Gospel readings for the upcoming Sundays.



All are welcome.



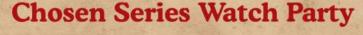


PRAISE & WORSHIP NIGHT THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20 AT 7 P.M.

"JESUS WE TRUST IN YOU"

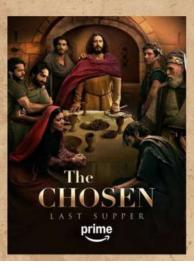


CHARLEROI SITE (624 WASHINGTON AVE.) VISIT: HTTPS://WWW.SAINTANDREWMIDMON.ORG



Starting October 21

6 p.m. | Formation Center in Charleroi



Then, join us on the third Tuesday of each month:

- November 18
- December 16
- January 20

To confirm your attendance, please call Helen Bednarczyk at 724-379-8737.



Step into the season with grace and joy at the Parish's first ever Ladies Advent Tea Party. Gather with friends and family for an afternoon of inspiration, conversation, and beauty. Please come in your Sunday best for this lovely occasion. Cocktail dresses and the Christmas spirit are encouraged!

The event is \$25 and reservations are required.

Saturday, December 6, 2025 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Marian Hall

The event includes an elegant lunch of soup, salad and sandwiches as well as delicate pastries served with tea & coffee. And our speaker, Taylor McKeegan, will offer an inspiring advent reflection during the meal.

Please return this portion below in the collection baskets or to any church office to reserve your spot for this special event. Seating is limited. RSVP's are due by November 30th. Absolutely no walk-ins!

Attendees Names:	
Amount Enclosed:	

WORKS OF MERCY



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Today we celebrate the 33rd Sunday of Ordinary time. Our focus should be on staying prepared for Christ's return and enduring through trials with faith. In our Gospel from Luke, he warns against false prophets and emphasizes that while earthly things, including the temple, will be destroyed, those who endure will have eternal life. Our focus should include living a vigilant, prepared life and finding hope and healing in faith, not in material things or specific predictions of the end times.

What are the key elements or takeaways from our readings today?

First, vigilance and preparedness: Being spiritually alert and not to be caught unprepared for the Lord's coming, whether it is the end of one's life or the Final Day of the Lord. Second, endurance and perseverance: Jesus' promise that "your endurance will win you your lives" is central, encouraging believers to persevere



Deacon Frank Bursic

through difficulties and persecution. Third, the briefness of worldly things: the destruction of the magnificent temple serves as a reminder that nothing in this world is permanent, no matter how grand. Our faith in Christ is the only thing that endures. Fourth, hope beyond the present: our readings, particularly the first reading from Malachi, offer hope for those who fear God. Just as the arrogant will be like stubble, a "sun of justice with its healing rays" will shine for the faithful. Fifth, the dangers of false prophets: do not be distracted by those who influence people's fears by making false predictions about the end times. Believers are instructed not to follow them. Finally, living out faith now instead of passively waiting. Once again this is a call to action, emphasizing that faith is lived out through quiet work, service to others, and living a righteous life and spreading His Good News.

What should you do? Examine your life and reflect on how you are using the time you have been given, preparing for the future while engaging with the present world. Trusting in God during hardship, especially when faced with difficulties, drawing strength from the promise of God's presence and protection. Living with a hope anticipating the future with joy and confidence, understanding that the greatest hope is not in the world to come, but in the eternal life we have with God. Being on Fire for Christ by answering His call for you, spreading his Good News and serving Him by serving others.

As I said last week, soon it will be Thanksgiving, so start to offer thanks for everyone and everything you have been given by our awesome God and go out and help others that are in need. Start today acknowledging and loving God more fully through a strong faith and persistent and humble prayer. Go be on Fire for Christ. God Bless. May God's many blessings be upon you and your family. I'll see you at His table.

TEMP. MASS SCHEDULE

Please be advised of the new weekend Mass Schedule that will begin the weekend of January 17/18, 2026.

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9:00 a.m. Charleroi
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FAITH FORMATION

Children may not fully understand the events happening in the world, but they are often deeply aware of the emotions and concerns felt by adults. As parents and caregivers, we can guide our children by helping them make sense of current events in age-appropriate ways and by reminding them that God is always present and caring for us, even in times of uncertainty.

Take time as a family to talk about a current event or a situation in your own lives that may cause worry or challenge your trust in God's care. Then, read together today's Gospel, Luke 21:5–19, where Jesus reminds his followers that even when they face difficulties and persecution, God is always with them.

After reading, discuss how God can bring good out of hard or painful situations. As a family, think of practical ways you can show care or make a positive difference in response to the challenges you discussed.



Kathy Miller Director of Faith Formation

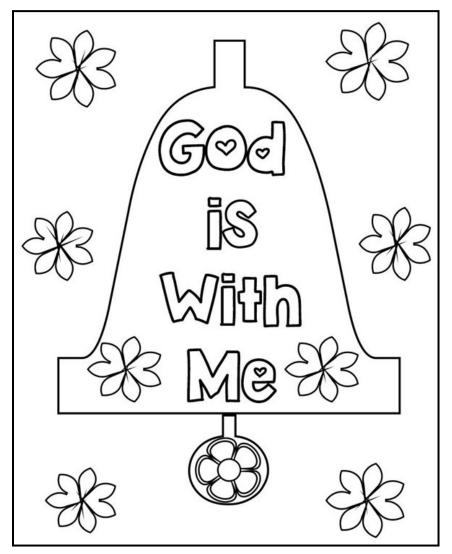
End your time together with prayer. Pray for the people affected by the situations you talked about, and together place your worries and hopes in God's loving hands.

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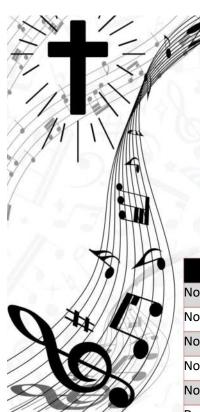
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Music Ministry Mass Schedule

Each weekend the Music Ministry will provide special music at Mass, led by the one of the parish's musical ensembles. Come join us for a spirit-filled celebration!

Music Ministry Schedule		
November 15	Laudate	5pm Charleroi
November 23	Parish Choir	9am Charleroi
November 29	Parish Choir	4pm Donora
November 30	Folk Group	9am Charleroi
November 30	Children's Choir	11am Mon City
December 7	Sam Meek (violinist)	8:30am Donora

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of Rick Puskar, \$20 from Judith Child and a \$25 anonymous donation. We operate solely from donations. Anyone wishing to join the Rosary Makers, please contact Jean at 724-483-5533.

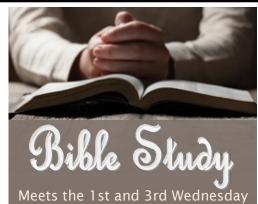
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FACILITIES UPDATE



Rich Rosick Facilities Manager

As we enter the final months of 2025, I wanted to give an update on some of the projects that are being worked on now or will be started shortly, along with what is planned for the beginning of 2026.

Donora— The roof project is nearing completion with only the trim work needing to be done, that should be completed within the week. Ron Pergola and his team have been working on painting the front windows of the social hall and the lower parts inside of the church. The ceiling that was damaged with the leaking roof is set to be repaired by the end of November. With the expertise of Bill Yohe, who has been working on additional handicap parking lot that will fit 13-15 additional cars. This work should be completed, weather permitting, by the middle of December.

Monongahela— Work is scheduled to begin on the handicap ramp at the side entrance of the church on Friday, November 14 with completion in time for weekend mass on November 22, again weather permitting. There will be a temporary handicap entrance in front of the building. We are still reviewing bids for the brick repointing, work anticipated to begin in the Spring.

Charleroi— We plan to remove and replace a retaining wall at the old convent site; this wall is a danger to those walking up and down the steps. In addition to

this work, we will be doing work at the end of the driveway to include removing a decorative wall and replacing it with decorative stone and fencing.

In addition to the repointing of the brick in Monongahela there are several other projects planned for the first part of 2026. Over the Christmas break work will begin on the second floor of the faith formation building. This will include painting the classrooms, bathrooms and hallway. The restrooms will also be getting new fixtures. Currently the Knights of Columbus are working on the chapel in the basement along with their new hall. The plan is to have the entire building done by the end of March with an official grand opening in April. Plans are in the works to do a refresh of the park. We are hoping to give a fresh coat of paint to the pavilion and to better utilize some of the other buildings on the park ground.

None of the above projects plus others that are being planned would be possible without the vast array of volunteers that make it possible. As one project gets completed and a new one comes up, I am always thankful that there is an ever-growing group of people willing to jump in and help. Thank you to those that have helped with anything and Thank You to those that will be helping in the future!!!!!!!



Join us as we share our hopes and dreams for the future of our parish, discuss finances, and talk about the new Mass schedule.





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