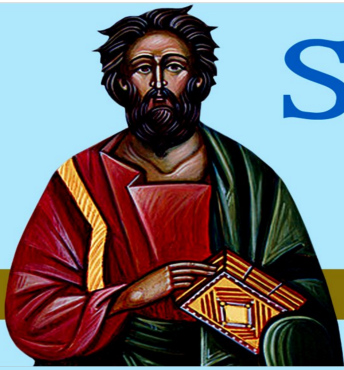




SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH

SUNDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME | AUGUST 16, 2026



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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

AUG 15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CELEBRANT			
8:30 am	CHA	George Savarino by Jim & Esther McManus	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Thelma, Fritz & Bryan by Patty Forsyth	Fr. Levi
5:30 pm	CHA	LaVerne Cole by Family	Fr. Pat
AUG 16 SUNDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME CELEBRANT			
7:30 am	DON	John & Anna Marie Bedner by John A. Bedner	Fr. Pat
9:00 am	CHA	People of the Parish	Fr. Pat
11:30 am	MON	Roberta Cappelli by Rayna Mendola	Fr. Levi
6:00 pm	MON	Ed & Grace Holod by Perri Holod	Fr. Levi
AUG 17 MONDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 am	CHA	Don Galloni by Wife, Jean Galloni	
AUG 18 TUESDAY OF THE TWENTIETH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
8:30 am	DON	Linda Craig by Sister, Sandy Craig	
AUG 19 MEMORIAL OF SAINT JOHN EUDES, PRIEST			
7:00 pm	MON	Dominic A. Bottino by The Bottino Family	
AUG 20 MEMORIAL OF SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH			
8:30 am	DON	Samule, Rosalie & Joe Sanfilippo by the Clark Family	
AUG 21 MEMORIAL OF SAINT PIUS X, POPE			
8:30 am	MON	Deceased members of the Mucci & Vitale Families by Vic & Marsha Vitale	
AUG 22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CELEBRANT			
8:30 am	CHA	Frank Pokol Jr. by Linda Zidek	Fr. Pat
4:00 pm	DON	Donald M. Dulovich by Wife	Fr. Pat
5:30 pm	CHA	John & Shirley Gricas by Family	Fr. Levi
AUG 23 SUNDAY OF THE TWENTY-FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME CELEBRANT			
7:30 am	DON	People of the Parish	Fr. Levi
9:00 am	CHA	Umberto DeRienzo by Wife, Angela DeRienzo & Family	Fr. Levi
11:30 am	MON	Julia Turtzer by Joe & Melinda Alvarez	Fr. Pat
6:00 pm	MON	Bill & Diane Kooser on their 35th Wedding Anniversary	Fr. Pat


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MASS SCHEDULE/ ÒRE MAS

Saturday/Samdi

4:00pm - Donora

5:30pm - Charleroi

Sunday/Dimanch

7:30am - Donora

9:00am - Charleroi

11:30am - Monongahela

6:00pm - 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.
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jou apa pou Bondye.*

STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, August 9th

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Catholic Communication & University

August 23, 2026



BAPTISM

For arrangements and to
schedule a class please call
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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
PAM CHACKO HARTSHORN**
By: Judy George

**DONORA FOR
DONALD M. DULOVICH**
By: Wife, Ruthann

**MONONGAHELA FOR
PEGGY LINES & TISH CARDIS**
By: John & Shirley Amon

CLERGY

A word from Fr. Levi...

Grace and peace to you in Christ! I pray you are well! I want to start this week's article by thanking God and everyone for supporting the Festival of Nations! Jean and Fr. Jerry did an amazing job of bringing everyone and everything together! Thank you, Jean and Fr. Jerry! Our leads from each national food did a wonderful job and their teams worked so hard to make everything happen! Thank you to our leads and their amazing teams! Thank you to our cashiers, and games of chance team! Thank you to all those who donated! Thank you to our sponsors! Thank you to Angie Dzurinko for putting together the baskets and her crew who manned the table throughout the day! Thank you to Kathy Constantino for getting the new banner hung and leading our hospitality team! Thank you to Diane and Bill Kooser for leading our prayer team! Thank you to Peggy Foster's family for leading our festival bakery! Thank you to Joe Caruso for the technical support! Thank you to our maintenance men and volunteers who worked so hard to set everything up and tear it all down! Thank you to our Charleroi sports teams that help with set up and tear down! Thank you to all of you who came and supported our parish, and thank you to all of you who prayed for good weather! The Festival of Nations was a huge success and blessing to our parish!

Speaking of gratitude, we have so many people who give so much of themselves in many ways to our parish and community at large and it is time that we thank them and celebrate everything that they have been doing with the help of God! **That is why the Pastoral Council and I want to make this year's St. Andrew the Apostle Picnic a time of thanksgiving and celebration!** We want to invite the whole parish to be present on September 12th, starting with an outdoor Mass at 4pm in Donora! Following Mass, we will get some good food and then have a time of celebrating and thanking everyone for all of the good work that you have been doing!

When we had the food bank appreciation dinner, I am pretty sure we were all amazed to hear of all the good things going on! We left that night feeling impressed, appreciated, grateful and energized! My prayer is that the Picnic will be the same but on an even greater level, as we will have an opportunity to hear about all of the great things being done by our ministries throughout the Parish, and I have no doubt we will be blown away!

If you serve the parish in any way, and that service is not through one of the established ministries, please email Valentina what you do for the church or the local community, so that we can be sure not to miss anyone during this time of thanksgiving! You may feel that what you do is small or insignificant, but it is not! No act of love is insignificant, and I guarantee that when we see all of the acts of love that are being shared in this parish, we will be blown away! If you belong to a ministry, please come and represent your ministry at the Picnic! If you are a ministry leader, please call Valentina and let her know if you will be present, so we can make special arrangements for you.



Reverend Levi Hartle
Pastor

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.

This week at a glance...

Tuesday, August 18th	The Chosen Series (6pm, Charleroi Formation Center)
Wednesday, August 19th	Catholic in Recovery (8pm, Monongahela Rectory)
Thursday, August 20th	Holy Spirit Roundtable (5:30pm, Charleroi Formation Center)
4 Friday, August 21st	Friday Night Fun (6pm, Donora Grounds)

LITURGY PREPARATION

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

One of the more powerful bonds humans experience is that of a parent to a child. Most parents would do almost anything for the good of their children, especially when that child is seriously hurt or sick. There are times that parents can't heal their children on their own, and depending on what is needed, parents may have to passionately advocate for their child to get the care they need.

The Canaanite mother from the Gospel today was in that very situation, as she had a daughter who was "tormented by a demon." (Mt. 15:22) We don't get much background information about this family and their situation, or what they may have already done to try to alleviate her suffering. One thing we do know is that this family was from the district of Tyre and Sidon, which were pagan territories. She must have somehow learned who Jesus was, though, because when she called out for Jesus' attention, she used the names, "Lord," and "Son of David," titles that identified him as the Jewish messiah. Interestingly, Jesus does not answer her right away. But as always, our God is a God of love, and everything he does is ordered toward the woman's good and the unfolding of God's eternal plan. Jesus' initial silence allowed time for the mother's faith to come to light. She didn't quickly get angry, give up, and walk away at being ignored, she persisted in calling out time and again, even to the point that the disciples asked Jesus to send her away. We can't be certain why the disciples wanted to dismiss her; whether that they were simply annoyed by her loud persistence, or maybe that she was a Gentile, an outsider to the Jewish faith.

When Jesus does speak, and is within earshot of the woman, he says, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." (Mt. 15:24) The house of Israel is the Jewish people, and that statement spoke of the nature of Jesus' priorities, to first fulfill the covenant and promises to Israel. This ordering of Israel first did not exclude Gentiles since the salvation that came through the Jews will extend to all people and nations. While the woman seems to accept this ordering, she is spurred by her faith and her desire to help her daughter and continues to beg, "Lord, help me." (Mt. 15:25)

This time, Jesus directly engages with her, but again gives her an opportunity to show her faith by asking, "Is it right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs?" (Mt. 15:26) The mother's desperate and faith-filled response that "even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters," (Mt. 15:27) demonstrated that even the smallest amount of Christ's grace would be sufficient. Without resentment or anger to that comparison, her response indicated that she was humble and trusting in the Lord for his help. Jesus exclaims that this woman's faith is great, which is in stark contrast to the times he observes those in religious leadership or the Jewish community that are lacking in faith. Lastly, Jesus grants the daughter healing, demonstrating that mercy and salvation are for all people, not just the Jews.

This woman's faith and trust is a powerful model for us of how to come to the Lord with humility and persistence in prayer.



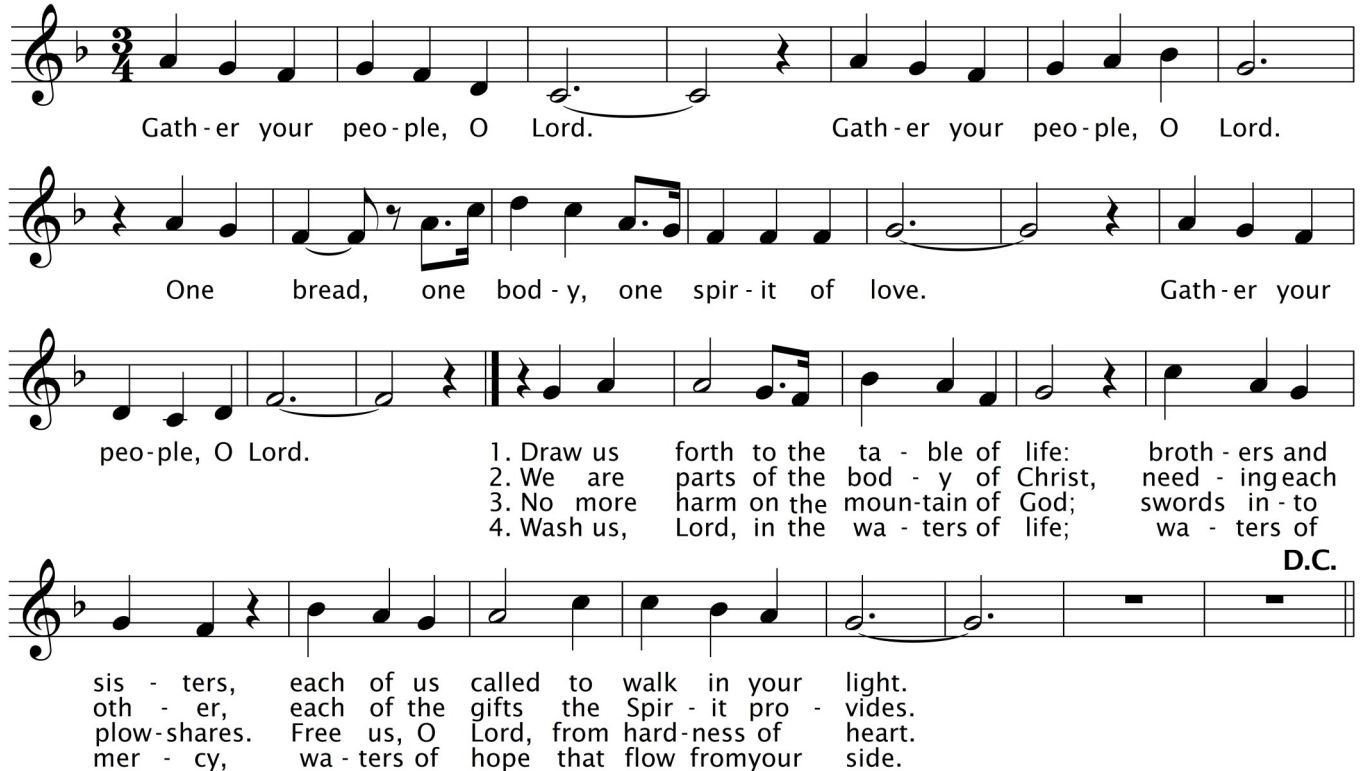
Amanda Nicholson
Director of Music & Liturgy



THE ORDER OF MASS

OPENING HYMN

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE



Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord. Gath-er your peo-ple, O Lord.

One bread, one bod-y, one spir-it of love. Gath-er your

peo-ple, O Lord.

1. Draw us forth to the ta-ble of life: broth-ers and
2. We are parts of the bod-y of Christ, need-ing each
3. No more harm on the moun-tain of God; swords in-to
4. Wash us, Lord, in the wa-ters of life; wa-ters of

D.C.

sis-ters, each of us called to walk in your light.
oth-er, each of the gifts the Spir-it pro-vides.
plow-shares. Free us, O Lord, from hard-ness of heart.
mer-cy, wa-ters of hope that flow from your side.

Text: Based on 1 Corinthians 12; Isaiah 2:3-4; 11:9. Text and music © 1991, Bob Hurd. Published by OCP.

GLORIA

A NEW MASS FOR CONGREGATIONS



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.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed.

The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them

I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE ORDER OF MASS

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8



O God, let all the na-tions praise you! O God, let all the na-tions praise you!

Tony Alonso, International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) Tune: © 2010, GIA Publications, Inc. Text: © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL

1. O God be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation.
2. Let the nations be glad and shout for joy,
with uprightness you rule the peoples;
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may revere him.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.

GOSPEL

MATTHEW 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the

food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ORDER OF MASS

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the

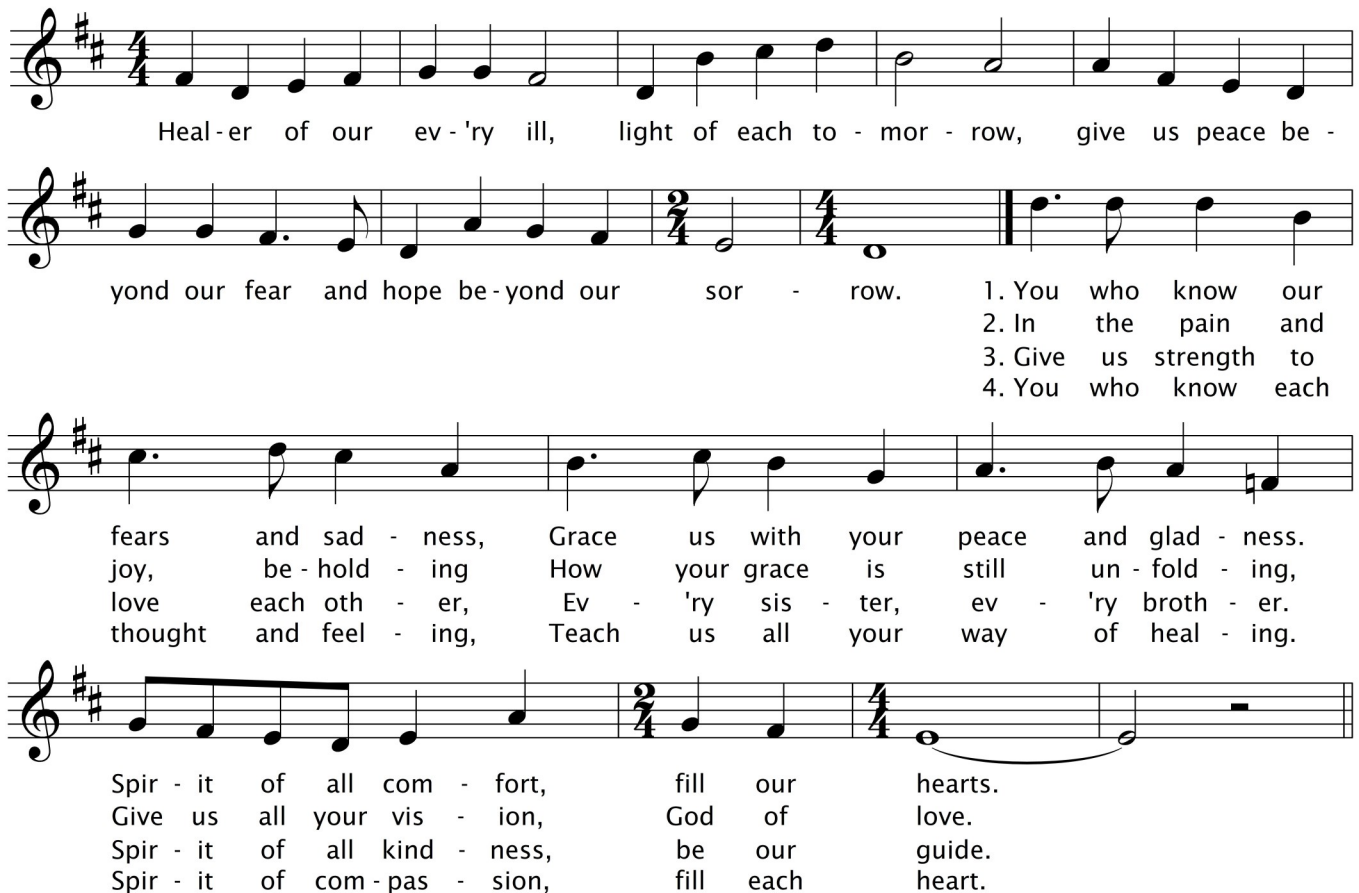
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PREPARATION HYMN

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL



Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, light of each to-mor-row, give us peace be -

yond our fear and hope be-yond our sor-row. 1. You who know our
2. In the pain and
3. Give us strength to
4. You who know each

fears and sad-ness, Grace us with your peace and glad-ness.
joy, be-hold-ing How your grace is still un-fold-ing,
love each oth-er, Ev-'ry sis-ter, ev-'ry broth-er.
thought and feel-ing, Teach us all your way of heal-ing.

Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
Give us all your vis-ion, God of love.
Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

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THE ORDER OF MASS

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

GREAT AMEN

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

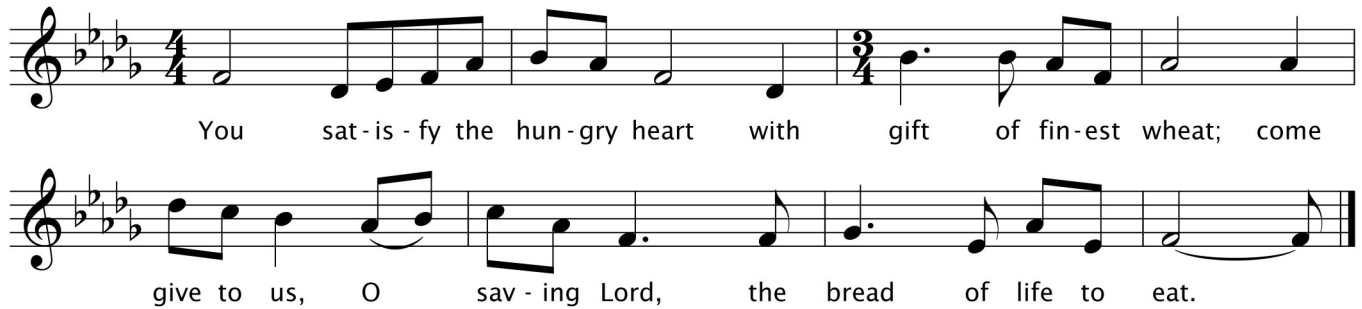
LAMB OF GOD

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

THE ORDER OF MASS

COMMUNION HYMN

GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT

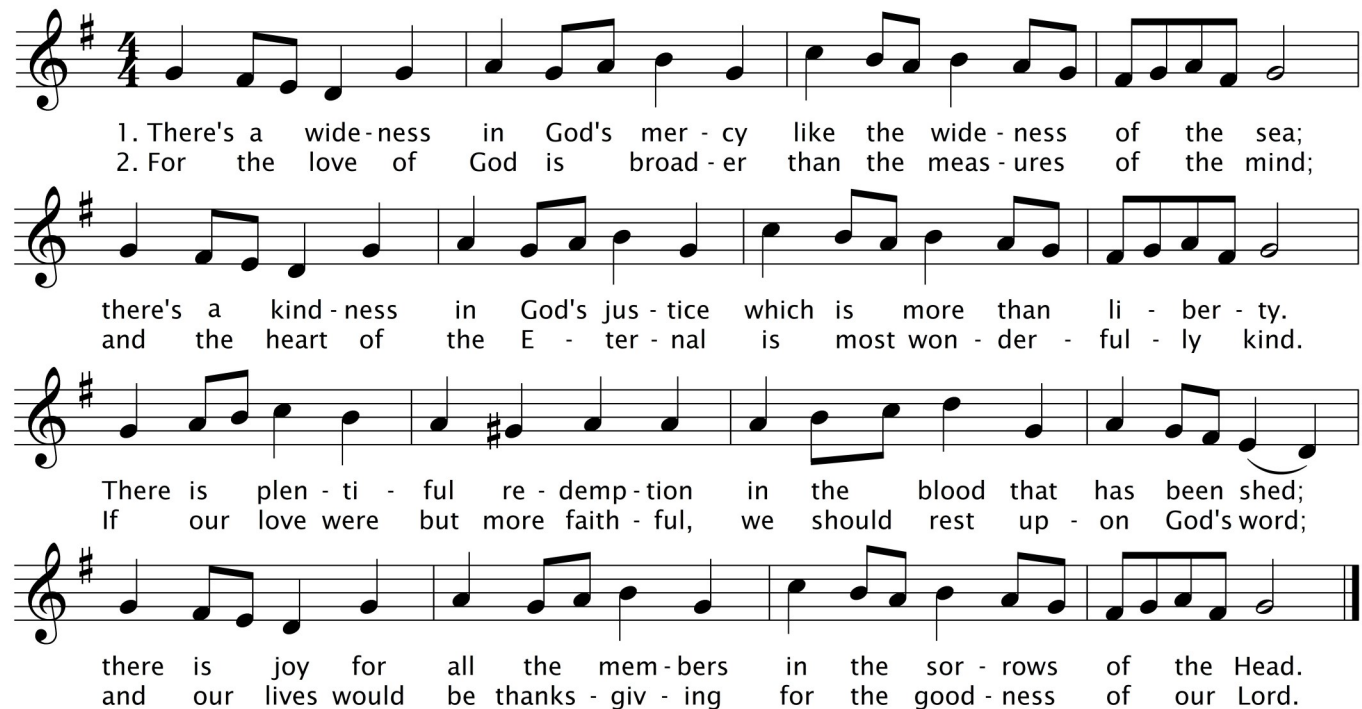


1. As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. R./
2. With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy Lord, To share this heav'nly food. R./
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ out-poured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? R./
4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tounge can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. R./
5. You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name in truth and charity. R./

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY



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Holy Spirit RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 18–20, 2026

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Join Catholics from across the country for the Holy Spirit Retreat, September 18-20, 2026. Sponsored by Pentecost Today USA, this weekend retreat offers inspiring teaching, prayer, worship, fellowship, and opportunities to grow in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B, and Neal Lozano, will be leading the retreat.



Father Boniface Hicks, O.S.B



Neal Lozano



Retreat Costs

- Early Registration: \$110
- On-Site Housing: \$250
- Meal Plan (all meals): \$150



Additional information and registration are available at:
<https://www.pentecosttodayusa.org/hs26/>



If there is sufficient interest from Saint Andrew the Apostle Parish, we will explore arranging motor coach transportation. The cost would be shared among participants, helping make travel more convenient and affordable for everyone.



If you are interested in attending, please contact Diane Kooser at dkooser@saintandrewmidmon.org so we can gauge interest and keep you informed about transportation options.



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THIS YEAR WE WILL

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**We ask for pop, water and homemade cookie donations
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Thank you for your generosity! ♥



Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Christian Mothers will be getting together for a casual meeting on Tuesday, September 1st at 1pm in Donora. New members are welcome so please join us!



Women of Wonder (WOW) 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 & interactions. So together we accompany other women in their journeys toward spiritual wholeness through sacred curiosity, care, and contemplative prayer. Starting on September 8th, WOW meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm in the Formation Center. Our study is entitled 'Fearless & Free' by Walking with Purpose. Please purchase your book & have lesson 1 complete by the first meeting. Please contact Kate at 443-799-0325 for questions.

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 at 7pm. All are welcome. If you're new and to find out where to meet, please call Dave at (703) 473-6447.



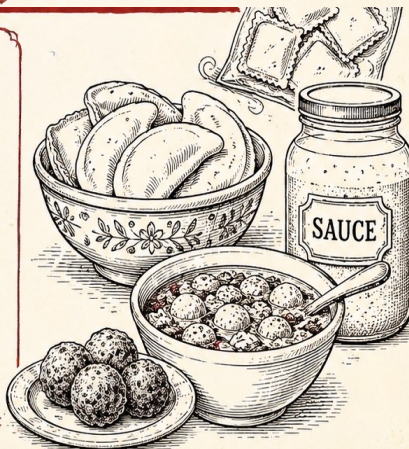
Music Ministry Mass Schedule

Music Ministry Schedule

August 16	Folk Group	9am Charleroi
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FROZEN FOOD SALE

- Meat Ravioli (dozen) \$10
- Cheese Ravioli (dozen) \$9
- Pierogies (dozen) \$6
- Sauce (quart) \$8
- Meatballs (6/quart) \$9
- Wedding Soup (quart) \$9



*Saint Andrew
The Apostle*

DONUT SALE

Saturday, September 12th

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\$6 PER HALF DOZEN

\$1.25 PER DONUT



Holy Spirit

— ROUNDTABLE —

Come. Learn. Share. Be Filled.



Who or what is the Holy Spirit?

A ghost? Perhaps a ghost that is holy? During Mass, we sing that Jesus is the Most High with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Together they are the Trinity. What does that mean?



The Holy Spirit was present

with the apostles, but how does it relate to our lives today? Can the Holy Spirit personally guide us in our different and challenging culture?



Whether you participated in faith formation decades ago, just a few months ago, or never at all, we will strive to answer those questions and more.



We have created an informal discussion group called the **Holy Spirit Roundtable**. In this group, we will explore the Holy Spirit through prayer, Scripture, and the experiences and lives of saints and individuals.



The Roundtable will be an opportunity to learn more about the gifts and charisms of the Holy Spirit, deepen your relationship with the Holy Spirit, share your thoughts and experiences, and build a community of fellowship in the Spirit.



The Holy Spirit has bestowed distinctive charisms upon each of us. It is your choice whether to develop these charisms glorify God, and strengthen a community of believers.



The Holy Spirit Roundtable will meet at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Charleroi Formation Center.

**THE FIRST SESSION IS
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH**



To reserve a seat at the Roundtable



email dkooser@standrewmidmon.org



or call the Donora Office at 724-379-4777.

Feel free to bring a friend!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Faith in Film
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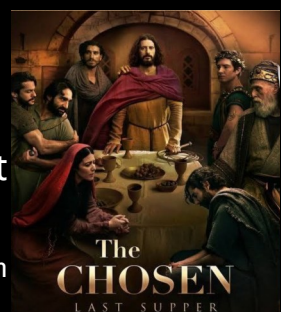
Tuesday, August 18th

6pm | Formation Center in Charleroi

Are now watching *The Chosen* and discussing its implications within the Catholic Faith. Join the next session!

To confirm your attendance, call Helen

Bednarczyk. 724-379-8737

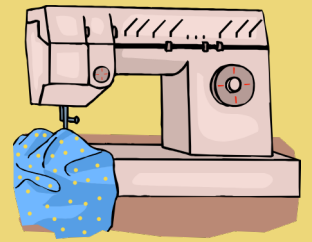


WORKS OF MERCY



DIGNITY ROBES GROUP

Meets the 3rd Friday of every month in St. Andrew's sewing room, 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!



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St. Andrew the Apostle Music Ministry
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We offer a **Parish Choir** for adults and teenagers in 9th grade and above, a **Children's Choir** for children in 3rd-8th grades, a **Folk Group** for anyone 17 and above, and opportunities for **instrumentalists** to play at mass.



PARISH CHOIR

The St. Andrew Parish Choir is gearing up to start after our summer break and we invite you to join our group! We welcome anyone who has a desire to sing and praise the Lord through song. There is no audition, and you do not need to be able to read music or have prior experience singing in a choir.

Our practices are held every Wednesday evening from **6:30-8 p.m.** in the church in Donora.

We sing at various Masses and feasts rotating between the three worship sites that make up our parish.

 **Our first practice of the fall will be on Wed., Sept 9.**

If you would like more information, contact Aaron Benney at abenney@saintandrewmidmon.org.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The Children's Choir began two years ago with just a small handful of kids, but this past year we grew to about 13 kids! We're hoping to expand even more this year, so please join us!

This is a great way for children to be able to actively participate in the liturgy and grow their musicality.

Children from grades 3-8 are welcome to join the children's choir. Rehearsals are twice a month and the children sing at mass once a month. Rehearsals are scheduled based on parent/child availability.

 Please contact Amanda Nicholson to sign up at anicholson@saintandrewmidmon.org.



FOLK GROUP

The Folk Group is open to new members from **age 17 and above.**



They play once a month at the **9:00 mass in Charleroi.**

For more information about rehearsals, and to join the group, contact Patty Baker at **724-344-5091.**



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Additional instrumentation to the music at mass is so beautiful, and we'd like to be able to offer this more often.

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Contact Amanda Nicholson at anicholson@saintandrewmidmon.org.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel reminds us that God always hears our prayers. The Canaanite woman never gave up asking Jesus to heal her daughter because she trusted in His love and mercy. Her faith and persistence show us the importance of bringing our hopes, worries, and needs to Jesus with confidence.

As a family, talk about a time when someone kept asking for something that was important to them. Why was it important? What happened in the end? Discuss how perseverance, patience, and trust can help us in our relationships with one another and with God.

Then read Matthew 15:21-28 together. Notice how the woman continues to trust Jesus, even when her request is not answered right away. Her great faith moves Jesus to heal her daughter, reminding us that God invites us to keep praying and to trust in His perfect timing.

Take a few moments to share prayer intentions as a family. Invite each person to name something they would like to ask God for whether for themselves, someone they love, or someone in need. Encourage everyone to remember that God listens with love and is always faithful, even when His answers may not come as quickly or in the way we expect.

Close with this prayer:

Loving Jesus, thank You for always listening to our prayers. Help us to trust You with confidence and never lose hope. Strengthen our faith, teach us to be patient, and remind us that You are always with us. Amen.



Kathy Miller
Director of Faith Formation

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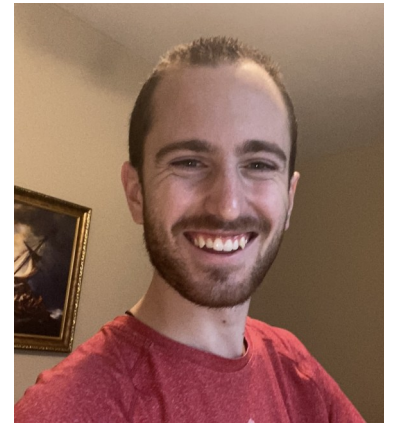
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LORD, HELP ME!

I've noticed when people have asked me how I'm doing, I tend to say something like, "I'm doing well. How are you doing?" Or maybe for others when asked how they are doing they might say something like, "I'm fine, how are you?" It's usually the same answer and normally we ask because it's proper and we don't think too much about the other person's response. So many of us just ask the question, "How are you?" without really wanting to know how someone is. But what would happen if we truly wanted to know how someone was doing. My friend from Franciscan University, who is now a TOR Sister named Sister Magdelene, did not like the question but instead preferred the deeper alternative, "How is your heart?" And I couldn't agree more. Because a lot of times when someone is asked, "How are you?" the answer someone gives could be different than how they are actually feeling. But it takes a lot of courage and vulnerability to express plainly that one is not well. The same can be true for our relationship with God. We can say we have a great relationship with God and claim to be a "good person," but the reality is that all of us are broken, poor, weak and sinful. It takes even more courage and vulnerability to admit the fact that I am a sinner who is in need a savior. Are we willing to acknowledge and admit (both to God and to others) that we are broken, poor, weak and sinful and that we need His help?



Philip Pierangeli
Social Ministry

Take the Canaanite woman for example in the Gospel of Matthew. She is an outsider. She does not belong the "lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). And yet, this woman expresses her need for Jesus by saying, "Lord help me." (Matthew 15:25). Why is it that this Canaanite woman, who was outside the house of Israel, had a greater awareness of her need for Jesus than some of those who were in the house of Israel? The answer is simple: *humility*. What is troubling to me is that so many people in the Church today do not acknowledge their need for Jesus. This is very dangerous since the heart of our Catholic faith is our relationship with Jesus Christ. If we do not acknowledge our brokenness, our weakness, our poverty and our sinfulness, how will we acknowledge our need for Jesus Christ who is indeed the only Savior of world?

If the solution is humility, then what does that look like practically speaking? First, we must realize that humility is a gift and grace from God. So, if we want to be humble, we have to ask in faith for humility and God will give us the grace and provide the opportunities for us to be humble. And let us remember that Jesus is *Humility Himself*. We must stay close to Jesus and the sacraments if we wish to be humble. Furthermore, Mary, who magnifies the Lord and is full of grace, is the perfect model for those who desire to grow in humility. By praying the Holy Rosary daily and meditating upon the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ through the eyes of Mary, Our Lady will help us to live a virtuous life that glorifies Jesus Christ. The *Litany of Humility* is another great prayer that will help a soul grow in humility as well as in charity. Service to the materially poor and the elderly is an amazing way of getting out of oneself and to simply focus on loving, caring and providing for another person (any interest in nursing home visits à please email me at ppierangeli@saintandrewmidmon.org).

My prayer for every person reading this article (including myself) will be for us to receive the gift of humility. All it takes is one cry of desperation to the Lord, one loving gaze of ours meeting His, one honest confession, one sincere prayer in faith, one tear of repentance for the good Jesus to envelop us in His infinite mercy and to embrace us in all our misery. May we cry out with the Canaanite woman in faith and in sincerity of heart that simple yet honest prayer, "Lord, help me." (Matthew 15:25). And may we one day hear Our Lord's response to our cry, "Great is your faith!" (Matthew 15:28).

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine!

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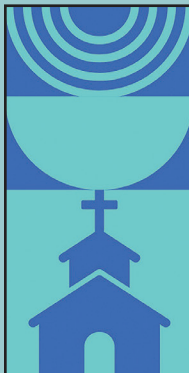
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