



# SAINT HENRY

*Parish*

# ANNUAL PARISH UPDATE

2024-25 FISCAL YEAR

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## REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekday

Monday	St. Wendelin	7:15am
Tuesday	St. Bernard	7:15am
Wednesday	St. Francis	7:15am
	St. Henry	12:00pm
Thursday	St. Aloysius	7:15am
Friday	St. Henry	7:15am
Saturday	St. Bernard	8:00am

### Weekend

Saturday	St. Henry	4:30pm
Sunday	Rotating*	7:30am*
	St. Henry	8:30am
	St. Bernard	9:00am
	St. Henry	10:30am

**\*\* Weekly Rotation:** 3rd Sunday: St. Wendelin  
1st Sunday: St. Aloysius 4th Sunday: St. Francis  
2nd Sunday: St. Francis 5th Sunday: St. Francis

\*Text SCHEDULE to 84576 to receive a text notification of any changes.

## REGULAR CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday	after morning Mass
Tuesday	St. Henry 7:30-8:30pm
Wednesday	St. Henry 11:15-11:45am
Thursday	St. Henry 7:30-8:30pm
Saturday	St. Henry 3:15-4:15pm
Sunday	St. Henry 7:30-8:15am

## REGULAR ADORATION SCHEDULE

Monday 8:00am through the day and night closing with Benediction on Friday at 5:00pm at St. Wendelin. If there's a funeral, at St. Wendelin, adoration will be suspended for a few hours. Affected adorers will be notified.

Emergency Contact.....567-344-1150  
Questions.....adoration@sthenrycluster.com



If you do not have a regular hour of adoration but are interested in being added to the schedule, contact the office.



PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

## PASTORAL STAFF

Pastor, Fr. Andrew Hess.....pastor@sthenrycluster.com  
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## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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## CYO DIRECTORS

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## PARISH OFFICE

Mon.-Thurs.: 8am-12pm, 12:45-4:30pm;  
Friday: 8am-12pm  
Closed on Holy Days & Holidays  
272 E. Main St.  
PO Box 350  
St. Henry, OH 45883  
Office: 419-678-4118  
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## PARISH COUNCIL

The council's purpose is to discern what God's will is for the parish and to make recommendations to the pastor. The pastor makes a decision to act while also discerning what God's will is.



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## RENTALS

St. Bernard Basement.....Office 419-678-4118  
St. Francis Basement..Steve & Mary Watercutter.....419-925-5036  
St. Henry Basement.....Office 419-678-4118  
K of C Hall.....Ron Clune 419-852-9592

# GOALS & PRIORITIES

*sinners becoming saints*

01

## DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST & MARY

Jesus in the Eucharist and our Blessed Mother are the pillars that strengthen and protect our souls and our parish. Adoration and the the rosary are the practices that anchor us to these pillars.

Perpetual Adoration and Marian devotions contribute to this goal.

02

## STRENGTHEN THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Family is the first place where God is known, loved, and served. Strong families living the Faith in the home produce strong Catholics who will transform the world.

Our Cana Family, St. Joseph Society, and Domestica efforts are contributing to this goal.

03

## HOLY MARRIAGES & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS

Holy marriages produce holy families, and holy families produce holy vocations to marriage, religious life, and the priesthood.

We've recently revamped our marriage prep program, and we are increasing exposure to religious life in our parish.

04

## CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS

Acts of service guided by the 7 Corporal and 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy are clear signs that the Gospel is alive among us, and that we are seeking to live, love, and serve like Jesus.

Tangible evidence of this among us is the Mission Club, Homebound Ministry, Catechetical efforts, and in the future, Saint Vincent DePaul.

05

## LIVING OUR LIVES LITURGICALLY

Liturgical time is "real time" for the Christian - these are the events that shape and define our lives.

Learning to live the Liturgy by emphasizing feast days and celebrating them together helps to lift us above the passing and frivolous things of this world and root our lives in Heaven.

06

## RIGHT WORSHIP. RIGHT BELIEF

We worship God with reverence, devotion, humility, and fidelity, as He deserves. Every encounter with God in the Liturgy is sacred.

We seek to know our Faith fully, so that we love and serve God more faithfully in this life and be with Him forever in the next.

In order to do so, we aim to teach the entire truth at every level & to restore the sense of the Sacred to the Liturgy.

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BAPTISMS

66

1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNIONS

51

CONFIRMED

23

MARRIAGES

28

DEATHS

15

NEW FAMILIES

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

2024-25 fiscal year

Account Shortcut and Description	2024-2025 Actual	2024-2025 Budget	2025-2026 Budget
<b>Income</b>			
<b>GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
These totals include bequests, interest, insurance settlements, socials and other kinds of general parish income:	151,823.31	65,485.00	92,897.97
<b>MINISTRY &amp; LITURGY</b>			
These totals include weekly collections, candle donations, mass stipends and other income related to ministries and liturgy:	1,004,755.76	935,160.00	1,090,760.04
<b>RELIGIOUS FORMATION</b>			
These totals include religious education tuition, donations to youth ministry, eucharistic adoration and other religious formation accounts:	115,602.08	132,285.00	118,967.15
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
These totals include income for all of the church maintenance funds:	245,530.56	45,840.00	200,000.00
Income Totals:	1,517,711.71	1,178,770.00	1,502,625.16
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE**</b>			
These totals include lay employee wages, insurance, payroll taxes, the general assessment expense as well as other administration expenses:	823,187.58**	596,870.00	847,826.51
<b>MINISTRY &amp; LITURGY</b>			
These totals include clergy wages, mileage, missalets, candles and expenses related to the sanctuary and liturgy:	162,235.34	151,235.00	169,153.66
<b>RELIGIOUS FORMATION**</b>			
These totals include youth ministry expenses, vacation bible school, RCIA and other adult formation expenses:	30,089.02	181,865.00**	19,977.57
<b>FACILITIES</b>			
These totals include all regular building & grounds maintenance and repairs:	301,212.58	280,365.00	241,430.83
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
These totals include all permanent capital improvement projects and are paid for using the maintenance funds:	206,591.58	400.00	200,000.00
Expense Totals:	1,523,316.10	1,210,735.00	1,478,388.57
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	(5,604.39)	(31,965.00)	24,236.59

\*\* The payroll expenses for the CCD Program were budgeted under RELIGIOUS FORMATION but the actual expenses were accounted for under GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE.

# FACILITIES

*completed projects*

## ST. ALOYSIUS

Fabricated a safer railing and platform to access the bell tower  
Resealed Parking Lot

## ST. BERNARD

Comprehensive exterior masonry repairs  
Restored Damaged equipment after lightning strike  
Interior Rectory Renovations

## ST. FRANCIS

Complete Roof Replacement  
Basement Renovation  
Complete Interior Rectory Renovations

## ST. HENRY

Replaced Exterior Church Doors  
Replaced Boiler  
Replaced sidewalks around North steps  
Replaced A/C Units  
Replaced Sanitary Line from Church

## ST. WENDELIN

Replaced Steeple Louvres  
Installed New Water Line from Hall to Church  
Extensive Bell Repair

## CATECHETICAL CENTER

Renovations to the Restrooms

## PARISH OFFICE

Installed all new phone lines & internet system  
Replaced A/C Unit

## CEMETERIES

Grass Seeding & Dirt Leveling at several cemeteries  
Concrete Base for Crucifix at St. Wendelin

When considering the entire financial picture, we have much for which to be grateful. While our parish mirrors national trends of decreasing involvement in parish life, those who remain committed to our parish continue to increase their sacrificial giving, helping to sustain the mission of St. Henry Parish and the Catholic Church as a whole. We are grateful to them and ultimately to the Holy Spirit who inspires us to sacrifice our worldly treasure for the sake of the Kingdom of God. As stewards of His Kingdom, we strive to make financial decisions that are grounded in wisdom, prudence and good counsel. We have attempted here to offer a clear and transparent report showing the past year's financials, budget, as well as the budget for the current year. If you have any questions regarding this report please contact the parish office. THANK YOU.

# PARISH MINISTRIES

*get connected*

## LEADERSHIP COUNCILS

- **PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Helps discern what God's will is for the parish & makes recommendations to the pastor.
- **FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Assists the pastor in temporal affairs. Members are knowledgeable about financial matters; offer constructive advice about money distribution and use; and prepare the annual parish budget to present to Pastoral Council.
- **BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE:** Assists in seeing to the physical maintenance of the church properties. Members are able to advise as to who can make the needed repairs or construction.
- **CEMETERY BOARD:** Represents and honors all those buried in their respective cemetery; providing administration and local management of the cemeteries.

## SERVING THOSE IN NEED

- **MISSION CLUB:** Promotes awareness of the needs of our sister parish in Haiti, and other missions we support with our tithing program.
- **NURSING HOME SERVICES:** A group who visits our parishioners who are in the nursing home & assists with Mass at the Gardens.
- **LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES:** There are baskets in the entrances of every church for donations to food pantries in Mercer & Darke County. We have a group that manages these donations.
- **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY:** The group offers to assist the family of parishioners who've passed away with support at the time of the funeral.
- **CASSEROLES OF KINDNESS:** A group that makes and delivers meals to those in need (illness, accident, new baby, etc.).
- **HOMEBOUND MINISTRY-Communion to The Sick:** Bring the Holy Eucharist to those who cannot make it to Mass, due to sickness, etc.
- **WELCOMING COMMITTEE:** This ministry will visit people who have registered as new members of our parish and welcome them.

## SMALL GROUPS / DIVE DEEPER

- **CANA FAMILY:** Small groups for wives and mothers to grow in their understanding of the faith as it pertains to marriage and the family.
- **OCIA // INSPIRE:** This program is for people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church or would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. Come be inspired by what the Lord has done.
- **ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY:** A Men's Group dedicated to being the spiritual leaders of our families & homes.
- **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** A Catholic fraternal organization for males 18 years or older. They are involved in the "Measure Up" campaign which aids the handicapped; Halloween, Christmas and Easter programs for the youth of our Parish.
- **DOMESTICA APOSTOLATE:** Online group to help others in growing and raising families.
- **LADIES SODALITIES:** There are various Ladies Sodalitys open to all Catholic women of the parish. Their purpose is to aid and support the church by way of purchasing items that are needed and also to provide helping hands when needed in the Parish. St. Bernard Ladies Guild, St. Francis Ladies Sodality, St. Henry Altar Rosary Sodality, Daughters of Isabella and St. Wendelin Ladies Sodality are all open to join.

## BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCHES

- **DECORATING COMMITTEE:** Coordinates and manages the decorating of the churches throughout the year.
- **GROUNDS UPKEEP & FLOWER BEDS:** This committee is responsible for the landscaping.

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## YOUTH

- **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** We offer religion classes during the school day through a release time schedule & evening classes on Wednesday evenings.
- **PRE-SCHOOL RELIGION:** We offer two 8-week sessions prior to Easter and Christmas for 4-5 year olds.
- **CYO BASKETBALL:** This is an opportunity for the high-school-age boys & girls to play basketball in a league comprised of teams from other local parishes
- **SMALL GROUPS:** For girls & guys in middle school & high school to dive deeper into relationship with our Lord and each other.
- **ST. ZITA HANDS:** For girls grades 5-12 to find joy in their femininity & vocations and grow deeper in faith
- **LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB:** For girls grades 1-4 to learn about female saints, virtues, and scripture through crafts, games, songs and adoration.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Held in the summer on 3 different weeks. Children ages 4 years through 4th grade (previous school year) are invited to attend.

## LITURGICAL & MUSIC MINISTRIES

- **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:** Ushers, Servers, Lectors, Rosary Leaders, Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Offertory Gift Bearers
- **SACRISTANS:** This is a group of adults who prior to Mass organize and prepare all that is needed for the priest to say Mass.
- **MUSIC MINISTRIES:** All are welcome!! We have Adult Choirs, Youth Choir (Schola Cantorum "School of Singers") Grades 4-8, Funeral Choirs, and Cantors

## SHARING THE FAITH

- **MARRIAGE PREPARATION TEAM:** A group of couples who are trained to prepare engaged couples for marriage.
- **RELIGION TEACHERS (Catechists):** Adults who share the faith with our students throughout the week at the CCD center or on Wednesday evenings.
- **SMALL GROUP LEADERS:** Adults who share their faith in a more casual setting than a classroom with students who willingly attend to go deeper.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEAM:** Share faith in a simple way with our littles this summer!

## PRAYER WARRIORS

- **PARISH PRAYER CHAIN:** This ministry is comprised of parishioners who have volunteered to pray for specific prayer requests that are received.
- **ADORATION AT ST. WENDELIN:** Commit to visit Jesus in the Eucharist for 1 hour each week.

CONTACT FOR  
MORE INFO!



OR CALL 419-678-4118

# PARISH EVENTS

*to look forward to*

## VESPERS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at St. Francis

## DONUT SUNDAY

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday each month (May-Sept)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday each month at St. Francis  
St. Wendelin (3 times/year)

## WAFFLE SUNDAY

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at St. Bernard

## INSPIRE/OCIA CLASS

Meet weekly Sept. - May

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

## CANDLEMAS MASS

Candlelit Mass at St. Bernard on Feb. 2

## CYO CHILI DINNER

## FILL YOUR CUP

Appreciation Social

## WAY OF THE CROSS & CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Weekly through Lent at each Church

## PARISH MISSION

Speakers during Lent

## DAY OF GRACE

Extra confession opportunities in Lent and Advent

## LIVING STATIONS

at St. Henry HS Commons

## WALK FOR CHRIST

Good Friday at St. Henry

## EASTER EGG HUNTS

Monday after Easter at St. Francis  
Saturday after Easter at St. Bernard

## MAY CROWNING

## DIVINE MERCY SERVICE

Sunday after Easter at St. Henry

## LITTLE FLOWERS' TEA PARTY

Wrap-up Event

## GRADUATION MASS & BREAKFAST

Sunday, the week before Graduation at St. Henry

## CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Sunday after Pentecost at St. Henry

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Held at St. Bernard, St. Francis & St. Henry

## PARISH PICNIC

Celebrating one of our 5 Patron Saints' Feast Days  
2026 @ St. Aloysius

## I27 GARAGE SALES

Fundraiser at St. Francis Church Basement

## PILGRIMAGES

One-day & week-long trips to various locations

## PARISH MEALS

St. Francis Feast Day in October at St. Francis  
Palm Sunday Paschal Meal at St. Bernard

## ALL HALLOWS EVE SAINT PARTY

Last Saturday in October at St. Bernard

## ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBRANCE

Mass and Cemetery Service on November 2

## ST. MARTIN'S PARADE & BONFIRE

November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Henry

## RORATE CAELI MASS & SOCIAL

Candlelit Mass at St. Francis, First Saturday of Advent

## BIRTHDAY IN BETHLEHEM

Children's Play in December