SAINT HENRY
Parish

ANNUAL PARISH UPDATE

2025-26 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:***
1st Sunday: St. Aloysius
2nd Sunday: St. Francis
3rd Sunday: St. Wendelin
4th 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

SIGN UP

PASTORAL STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE

Mon.-Thurs.: 8am-12pm, 12:45-4:30pm;
Friday: 8am-12pm
Closed on Holy Days & Holidays

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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.

Erica Franck
Pam Moody
Ryan Buschur
Joe Wourms
Matt Lochtefeld
Fred Ranly
Alan Hartke
Leah Knapke
Jaime Koesters
Adam Webster

COUNCIL NOTES

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, Men's & Women's groups, and parish book studies are all 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.

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, and Catechetical efforts.

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.

87	93	74	22	34	41
BAPTISMS	1ST COMMUNIONS	CONFIRMED	MARRIAGES	DEATHS	NEW FAMILIES

FINANCIAL REVIEW

2025-26 fiscal year

Account Shortcut and Description	2025-2026 Actual	2025-2026 Budget	2026-2027 Budget
Income			
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE			
These totals include bequests, interest, insurance settlements, socials and other kinds of general parish income:	126,199.57	92,897.97	73,000.00
MINISTRY & LITURGY			
These totals include weekly collections, candle donations, mass stipends and other income related to ministries and liturgy:	1,030,479.82	1,090,760.04	1,108,537.16
RELIGIOUS FORMATION			
These totals include religious education tuition, donations to youth ministry, eucharistic adoration and other religious formation accounts:	130,447.52	118,967.15	136,900.00
Income Totals:	1,287,126.91	1,302,625.16	1,318,437.16
Expense			
GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE			
These totals include lay employee wages, insurance, payroll taxes, the general assesement expense as well as other administration expenses:	798,619.22	847,826.51	830,982.87
MINISTRY & LITURGY			
These totals include clergy wages, mileage, missaletts, candles and expenses related to the sanctuary and liturgy:	200,100.08	169,153.66	168,764.07
RELIGIOUS FORMATION			
These totals include youth ministry expenses, vacation bible school, OCIA and other adult formation expenses:	20,110.82	19,977.57	22,800.00
FACILITIES			
These totals include all regular building & grounds maintenance and repairs:	226,083.40	241,430.83	238,414.54
Expense Totals:	1,244,913.52	1,278,388.57	1,260,961.48
Income - Expense:	**42,213.39**	**24,236.59**	**57,475.68**
CAPITAL INCOME			
These totals include income for all of the church maintenance funds:	340,464.04	200,000.00	300,000.00
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
These totals include all permanent capital improvement projects and are paid for using the maintenance funds:	508,640.50	200,000.00	300,000.00
Income - Expense:	**(168,176.46)**	**-**	**-**

Capital income and expenses are shown separately because they are not part of normal operating income and expenses.
This layout vairies slightly from last year's report.

FACILITIES
completed projects 2025-26 fiscal year

ST. ALOYSIUS

Installed an updated auto locking door system
Completed minor repairs to roof and sign after spring storms
Removed old concrete sidewalk on east side of the church

ST. BERNARD

Removed risers and repositioned west pews towards sanctuary
Patched burnt carpet in sanctuary
Upgrades to elevator lift system
Completed restored 3 stained glass windows and other in progress
Replaced sections of concrete sidewalks
Installed all new basement windows
Sealed and striped west asphalt parking lot

ST. FRANCIS

Replaced damaged sections of concrete parking lot
Sealed and striped asphalt parking lots

ST. HENRY

Installed new front down spouts
Completed repairs to areas of slate roof
Completed masonry repairs on exterior of the apse
Replaced an older AC unit
Replaced a steam humidifier for organ stability
Installed an auto opening handicap door

ST. WENDELIN

Installed and upgraded latching system on front doors

CATECHETICAL CENTER

Cleaned and relined the sewage lines under the building

PARISH OFFICE

Renovated an upstairs office
Removed an inoperative second story restroom
Replaced old carpet in three rooms

CEMETERIES

Lifted and leveled leaning headstones in every cemetery
Purchased land for future cemetery expansion at St. Bernard
Grass seeding and dirt leveling at several cemeteries

PARISH MINISTRIES

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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: For people who are interested in joining the Catholic Church.
- INSPIRE: This program is for people who would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. Come be inspired by what the Lord has done.
- MEN'S & WOMEN'S GROUP: Groups dedicated to growing in virtue, prayer, and family life.
- 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.
- LADIES SODALITIES: There are various Ladies Sodalities 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.
- CLEANING COMMITTEE: Groups that clean the churches on a regular basis

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YOUTH

- RELGIOUS EDUCATION: We offer religion classes during the school day through a release time schedule & evening classes on Wednesday evenings.
- PRESCHOOL 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.
- FRATRES IN CHRISTO, BROTHERS IN CHRIST: Young men's group (grades 7-12) that joins the priests for brotherhood, recreation & prayer

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.
- RELGION 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
2nd Sunday each month at St. Francis

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

WAFFLE SUNDAY
1st Sunday of month at St. Bernard

OCIA CLASS
Meet bi-weekly Sept. - May

WOMEN'S RETREAT

CANDLEMAS MASS
Candlelit Mass at St. Henry 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
2027 @ St. Wendelin

127 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
In October at St. Bernard

ALL SOULS DAY REMEMBERANCE
Mass and Cemetery Service on November 2

ST. MARTIN'S PARADE & BONFIRE
November 11th at St. Henry

RORATE CAELI MASS & SOCIAL
Candlelit Mass at St. Francis, First Saturday of Advent

BIRTHDAY IN BETHLEHEM
Children's Play in December