

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

213 55th Street, Vienna, WV

November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY VIGIL — 5:00 PM

SUNDAY — 9:00 AM AND 11:30 AM

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY — 7 PM

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY — 8:15 AM

ROSARY IS PRAYED STARTING 15 MIN BEFORE DAILY MASS

Pastoral Staff

REV. SHINU LUKOSE — ADMINISTRATOR

LORRI MCBRAYER — SECRETARY

MONA SMITH — BOOKKEEPER

Religious Education

Jane Frances Hofbauer, Director
304-483-2496
Parish School of Religion (PSR), K-8
Sundays, 10:15-11:10 am
(September to May)

Church email:
Please use stmp2146vie@dcw.org when communicating with the church secretary.

Readings

First Reading - Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel - Mark 13:33-37

Sacraments

BAPTISM

Please contact the Pastor.

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Saturday, 4:00 to 4:30pm.

FIRST COMMUNION

Students from second grade onward receiving sacramental preparation with one year of prior instruction in the Catholic faith are eligible.

CONFIRMATION

Students in ninth grade receiving sacramental preparation with previous instruction in the Catholic faith are eligible.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

For a pastoral visit at home, nursing home, or hospital, or for the Sacrament of the Anointing, please contact the office.

MARRIAGE

Schedule a meeting with the Pastor for instructions and forms 6 months in advance.

OCIA (INITIATION FOR ADULTS, 16+)

Contact the parish office for more information.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Pastor's Message

November 29, 2026

The First Sunday of Advent

Advent is a season of hope, joyful expectation, and renewed faith in the Lord who continually comes into our lives. As we begin a new liturgical year, Jesus invites us through the Gospel: "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). His words encourage us to live each day with hearts open to His presence and confidence in His promises.

As we begin our Advent journey, let us prepare our hearts with joyful hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. This holy season invites each of us to renew our relationship with Him, welcome His presence more deeply into our families, and allow His love to shape our daily lives. As we look forward to celebrating His birth in Bethlehem, let us also recognize how He continues to come into our lives through His Word, the Eucharist, and the people we encounter. With hearts filled with hope, let us look forward to His glorious coming, trusting in His promise of eternal life. May these weeks of Advent become a beautiful journey of faith, love, and joyful expectation.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a beautiful opportunity to experience God's merciful love, receive His forgiveness, and renew our friendship with Christ. I warmly invite everyone to our Parish Communal Penance Service on Sunday, December 6, at 2:30 p.m. Let us embrace this opportunity to prepare our hearts through the grace of this sacrament.

May this Advent awaken in us a deeper love for Christ, strengthen our hope in His promises, and make our lives a joyful preparation for His coming.

Fr. Shinu Lukose

November 30th is the Feast day of St Andrew The Apostle

St Andrew was the first one to be called by Jesus "We have found the Messiah", expresses the great joy of the apostle Andrew. Those are the words we find in John's Gospel when Andrew rushes to meet his brother Simon Peter to tell him what he has discovered and to share his joy at being the first one called by Jesus. A fisherman from Bethesda of Galilee and a disciple of John the Baptist, Andrew recognizes the "Lamb of God" in the son of Joseph the carpenter. The disciple recalled the time of this encounter at the Jordan river that would mark his life forever, "it was about four in the afternoon".

From that first exchange with each other, a journey of faith began in following Jesus in his daily ministry. Andrew is one of the twelve apostles, whom the Son of God chose as one of his closest friends. He must have been amazed when he witnessed the multiplication of the loaves of bread and fish. Before the miracle, when he turned his gaze on the hungry crowds and saw only five loaves of bread and two fish, he asked "what good are these for so many?"

Let us remember this miracle, one of many, that with small things, great things can happen. (The Vatican News)

Promise to Protect

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. Please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Child Abuse and Family/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800-923-6111. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's Office at 304-233-8380.

Pledge to Heal

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the healing of its children and young people. Please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Child Abuse and Family/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800-923-6111.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



**How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of Hosts!
(Psalm 84:1)**



Knights of Columbus are collecting winter coats - both new and gently worn. The barrel is in the gathering area. All sizes needed. Thank you.



**Good Samaritan Center
November Donation:
Box stuffing mix.**



Just a friendly, now that cold and flu season is upon us please be considerate of your fellow parishioners. We have hand sanitizer and tissues in the Gathering Area. Thank you

ADVENT GIVING TREE FOR THE STONE SOUP KITCHEN



The Advent Giving tree is up in the Gathering area with tags for items for donation for the Stone Soup Kitchen. Purchased items should be placed under the tree by the weekend of December 19th and the 20th. Any gift cards purchased will be used to buy food and supplies for the soup kitchen. Gift cards may be placed in the collection basket.

If you can't purchase sizes requested, ie 1 gallon can, please provide enough cans to equal one gallon. God bless your generosity.



The Parish Office will be closed Tuesday December 8th for The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Have a Blessed Day



St. Michael Parish Kids Corner

Advent is a special four week season when we wait and get ready for Jesus to come at Christmas. Today we light the first purple candle. It reminds us of hope - the excitement of waiting for Jesus, light of the World.

Short Prayer: Dear Jesus, help me get my heart ready for you this Advent. Fill me with joy, hope, and love as I wait for Christmas. Amen.

What you can do this week to get ready for Jesus: Watch out for the nice things people do for you and say Thank you. Do something nice for someone else.

Online Parish Directory

We would like everyone to be listed in the Online Directory. Only a few Parishioners have taken advantage of this free app through Instant Church Directory. If your email is contained in our printed directory, you can register and login. If your email doesn't register, let us know at stmichaelvienna@gmail.com. You can also send your picture if not in the printed directory to the same email and your picture will be added to the online directory.

**Thank you for your continued generosity,
prayers, and support of our parish community!**

COMMUNITY & PARISH INFORMATION



COMMUNITY SERVICES AND SCHOOLS

STONE SOUP KITCHEN:
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
609 Market Street, Parkersburg

GABRIEL PROJECT:
609 Market Street, Parkersburg
304-422-6786
By appointment only: Monday, 1:00-3:00 p.m. and Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:
304-422-6694

PARKERSBURG CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:
304-485-6341

GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER:
Food Pantry and Limited Utility Assistance
Open Monday & Wednesday 1pm to 3pm
3001 Grand Central Avenue, Vienna WV
304-865-0429

CATHOLIC REVOVERY
681-229-7220
CatholicInRecoveryMOV12@mail.com
Monday 7 – 8 pm St. Margaret Mary Parish Hall



PARISH GROUPS

CEMETERY REPRESENTATIVES:
Janie Flanagan & Paula McHenry

WOMEN'S GROUP:
Pat Helmick • 304-295-7097

MEN'S ORGANIZATION:
Ed Borkowski • 304-482-6902

Birthdays



11/29	Chole Mulligan, Josh Woods
11/30	Martin Prisc
12/1	Sophia Curry
12/2	Susan Grandick, Cade Kiselica, Samara Linnell
12/3	Stephen Brookover
12/4	Alexis Beha, Shannon Glodowski Margie Santer
12/5	Linda Bunnell, David Rea

Anniversaries



11/30	Jim & Rose Ann Szarko
12/3	Angela & Jeremy Caplinger, Laura & Marty Prisc

If your birthday or anniversary was not listed in the bulletin, please call the office and let us know.



Sanctuary Lamp

For Thanksgiving
for all the blessings
we have.

Offering for November 22, 2026

Offering - $2988.50
Loose - $ 311.00
Christmas Flowers - $910.00
Attendance -303



The Altar flowers for the weekend of November 29th for Thanksgiving for our Parishioners.



Prayer Network:

Contact Janie Flanagan at 304-575-8458, call or text or email to irish-spring612@gmail.com. Parishioners on the prayer network will pray for your intentions.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 28-29

	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
5:00 pm	Mike DeRose	Dorinda Byers	*John Hushion Laurie Hushion Annette Fehrenbacher	Lori Williamson
9:00 am	Louise Wince Joe Brunicardi	Ray Fanta	*Cindy Sutphin Rita Fish Beth Fanta	Sofia Jamie Caroline Santer
11:30 am	Dimve Baldevieso	Martha Ballengee	*Rich Schaffer Allen Ridenour Cathy Smith	Noah Algmin Vincent Algmin

December 5-6

	Greeter/Usher	Reader	Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers
5:00pm	Mike DeRose	Bill Gavin	*Jeff Williamson, Laurie Hushion John Hushion	Lori Williamson
9:00am	Louise Wince Fred Bartimoccia	Arlene Borkowski	*Cindy Sutphin Beth Fanta Rita Fish	Sofia Jamie Emma Santer
11:30am	Rich Schaffer	John Bogdan	*Rich Schaffer Allen Ridenour Pat Helmick	Javin Province

MASS INTENTIONS

THIS WEEK

11/28 Saturday 5pm
Jerry Bennett †
(Ellis Corra)

11/29 Sunday 9am
Our Parishioners

11/29 Sunday 11:30am
For Gratitude
(Dorionda Byers & Eddy Biehl)

11/30 Monday No Mass

12/01 Tuesday 7pm
Monica Moening †
(Dorinda Byers & Eddy Biehl)

12/02 Wednesday 8:15am
Bill Cullen †
(Connley Sisters)

12/03 Thursday 7 pm
Patricia Kincaid †
(Lorri McBrayer)

12/4 Friday 8:15am
Commemorative Mass
Association Members



NEXT WEEKEND

12/5 Saturday 5pm
William Bostaph †
(Bostaph Family)

12/6 Sunday 9am
Guy & Margaret Mendenhall †
(Dorinda Byers & Eddy Biehl)

12/6 Sunday 11:30am
For Our Parishioners

12/6 2:30 to 4pm Penance Service

Christmas Penance Service

The St. Michael Penance Service will he here at St. Michael on Sunday December 6th from 2:30 to 4:00pm. There will be several priests here to assist Fr. Shinu. Start your Advent season with Reconciliation.

Masses for Immaculate Conception
Tuesday December 8th will be 8:15 am and 7pm

Please remember in your prayers.

Corra, Ellis
Gallagher, John
Goodlive, Luke
Gray, Jim
Joyce, Barbara
Judy, Melody
McLaughlin, Joan
McLaughlin, Marg
Miller, Glenn
Molinaro, Linda
Molinaro, Lou
Moore, Bill
Nolan, Decker Lee
Pacofey, Filomena
Polen, Joan
Reeves, Christel
Rhodes, Tony
Robinson, Gail
Alex Sabo
Schaffer, Pauline
Schneider, John
Smith, Brian
Snyder, John
Wiltsy, Joe

and all of our ill and homebound parishioners.

PARISH LIFE & EVENTS

Vienna Christmas Parade



The Vienna Christmas parade is Saturday December 5th. We would like to have the children of the parish participate by riding in the float. There is a sign up sheet in the gathering area for anyone interested in participating. The more the merrier!



We will begin decorating the float for the Vienna Christmas Parade this week. The parade is Saturday December 5th. If you are interested in helping decorate the float please contact Lorri in the parish office. All are welcome!



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Women's Bible Study: We will be starting a four week Advent program starting on November 19th. The program is by Ascension Press and titled: Joy to the World: An Advent Journey with the Angelus. Come to one or all of the sessions. If you have any questions, contact Arlene Borkowski at (304) 482-1186, amborkowski@citynet.net.



National Vocation Awareness.
During this week renew your prayers for more vocations and encourage young people to consider God's call in their lives.

Men's Organization meeting

The Men's Organization will meet Monday, Nov 30th at 6 pm at the Church. We will be planning for the "J" Dollar breakfast to be held Dec 16th. Dinner will be provided - Lasagna made with leftover Bruno sauce! A signup sheet will be in the gathering area to get an idea of how many to prepare for.

Additional Masses During Advent

During Advent Fr. Shinu will be adding Masses on Monday and Saturday at 8:15am.

Our PSR classes will resume on December 6th. We want to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Please be safe if you are planning to travel.

Our OCIA class will meet on December 6th after the 11:30 Mass. We will be covering the Mass either on the 6th or the following class. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and be safe if traveling.

Attention Advertisers

Invoices will be mailed this month to bulletin advertisers. The rates will remain the same in 2027. Please contact the Parish office at 304-295-6109 if you have any questions or are interested in advertising in our bulletin.







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