

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Office hours:
Tuesday — Friday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

08 December 2019

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass
8:30 a.m.
10:15 a.m.

Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday
6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday
5:00 — 6:00 p.m.



Holy Spirit Church

On that day a shoot
shall sprout from the
stump of Jesse, and from
his roots a bud shall
blossom.

Isaiah 11: 1



Pastor

Fr. W. David Nestler,
O.F.M. Cap.

Deacons

Deacon Shelby Friend
Deacon Ronald James

Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
216.991.9644

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND WORSHIP WITH US



**Holy Spirit Parish
Mission Statement**

We come together as a diverse and welcoming community to glorify, praise, and give thanks to God in Christ Jesus. Inspired by God's Word and the Eucharist, we go forth to serve the needs of our parish and the extended community.

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed. We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ's body.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 07 December 2019* 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm (+) Barbara J. Davis
- Sunday, 08 December 2019* 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am (+) LaBertha Burns
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 11 December 2019* 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT
6:30 pm (+) Sylvia Joseph
- Saturday, 14 December 2019* 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 15 December 2019* 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 am (+) Fred & Anna Jefferson
10:15 am (+) Roger St. Clair

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We offer the promise of prayers to Merline Goodson and her family on the passing of her mother Daphne Allen. The funeral Mass is on Saturday, December 14th at 11:00 am at Holy Spirit Church. The family will receive friends at 10:30 am. There is also a public viewing at H.M. Martin Funeral Home on Monday, December 13th from 12:00 Noon - 7:00 pm.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th. The feast is usually a holy day of obligation, but is not this year because it falls on a Monday.

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, December 15th, is the Third Sunday of Advent - also known as *Gaudete* Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad.

Providing us with encouragement to continue our spiritual preparation is the reason that the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is lit on Gaudete Sunday, is traditionally rose-colored. We shift our reflection from "the Lord is coming" to "the Lord is near." Rejoice as you light the rose candle on your Advent wreath. We encourage you to wear rose on Gaudete Sunday.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday* Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12
- Monday* Gn 3:9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday* Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday* Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday* Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Friday* Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday* Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday* Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

PARISH OFFERING THROUGH ONLINE GIVING



The parish is soon going to add the option to make your Sunday offering to the parish through our website with the support of our envelope company, Our Sunday Visitor. Online giving is secure and safe. The process is designed for maximum flexibility. You will also be able to donate to second collections and the various parish programs and groups in the same way. Please watch the bulletin for more details in the coming weeks. In the next few weeks, look for this logo on our parish website.

MASS AT ARCHBISHOP LYKE SCHOOL

Wednesday, 11 December 2019

You are invited to come and celebrate Mass with the students at Archbishop Lyke School on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:30 am. Enter the school by ringing the bell at the main entrance.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Sunday	Gina Burtnett Patricia Moore	Marcus Jones Jr. Margaret Luton
Monday	Evelyn James	Naomi Gaston
Tuesday		
Wednesday	Tiana Craft	Renee Gillespie
Thursday	Betty Brown	Esther Sam-Ezirim
Friday	Kimberly Fortson	Dennis Ross
Saturday	Alisa Smith	

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT

Last Sunday approximately 30 of us stayed after Mass to ask questions and have a dialogue about Catholic church teaching and practice. We talked about concerns surrounding death and cremation, organ donation and donating our bodies for medical research.

We talked about the delicate balance between proper respect and reverence for what we are doing during the Mass and our natural instinct to be warm, friendly and engaging with each other during the sign of peace.

We talked about the church's teaching regarding who may receive communion and those who ought not. We discussed the role of women in the church's liturgy and rituals and why the diaconate and priesthood are limited to men only.

This is only a cursory summary of a wide-ranging conversation that was always respectful, charitable and heartfelt.

There was a near-unanimous consensus that it would be beneficial to have such a conversation on a regular basis, perhaps every six months or so. Looking ahead, we're planning a similar kind of conversation, tentatively scheduled for Sunday, 07 June 2020. Consider the questions you may have and, if you're interested, plan on being a part of the next conversation.

**BLACK NATIVITY PERFORMANCE
KARAMU HOUSE THEATRE
Sunday, 29 December 2019**

Danny McElroy, one of the music directors of the Diocesan Gospel Choir, and the music director of St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church is selling tickets for the final performance of *Black Nativity* on December 29th. Danny's son Joshua is a featured actor. Tickets are \$45. Contact Danny at 216-326-0823 to purchase tickets.

MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK	
Sunday, 08 December 2019 after the 10:15 am Mass 1:00 - 5:00 pm	First communion class PSR teachers' meeting OGN party
Monday, 09 December 2019 7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday, 11 December 2019 12:30 pm 5:00 - 6:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Bible Study Sacrament of reconciliation Mass Adult choir rehearsal
Thursday, 12 December 2019 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal Praise dance rehearsal
Saturday, 14 December 2019 8:30 am - 12:00 pm 12:30-1:30 pm	PSR breakfast and class Peter Claver youth meeting
Sunday, 15 December 2019 after the 10:15 am Mass 3:00 pm	Confirmation class Grief support group - Calvary Cemetery

**ACTS OF MERCY MINISTRY
Sponsored by the Women's Guild**

The *Acts of Mercy Ministry* is an outreach begun by our parish's Women's Guild some years ago. Every month from March to December, three or four ladies visit our parishioners who are homebound or are in nursing care. They begin their day by meeting at church where Father David gives the eucharistic minister in the group communion to be taken to those whom they visit that day. In addition to the eucharist, they carry a gift from the parish and they carpool to their two or three visits after receiving a prayer and a safe-travel blessing.

The ladies' visit with the parishioner consists of praying, singing and pleasant, ordinary conversation. Near the end of the visit, the ladies pray with our parishioners, give communion, a gift bag from the guild, the parish bulletin, and other news about the parish.

The visits are on the third Saturday of the month, and will resume in March; a post of each visit will be in the bulletin each month.

The *Acts of Mercy Ministry* visited the following parishioners this year (some more than once):

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| Mattie Talmadge | Vera Payne |
| Marie Thompson | Reaves Jones |
| Calvin Singleton | Amanda Lewis |
| Donna Clayton | Pauline Reid |
| Fred Whatley | Juanita McPherson |
| Kay Tucker | Dorothy Minor |

Gerry Kersey and Dorothy Newman were to be visited, but they both passed before it could be arranged.

If you want to be a part of this rewarding ministry, contact Tommie or Rhonda at the parish office and they will give your name and phone number to Rose Dukes. Please note that you do not need to be a member of Holy Spirit Women's Guild to participate in this ministry.

**THE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS
Our Parish Responds**

At this week's meeting of the task force leading our parish response to this crisis, we immediately noted that about 1/2 of the materials available at the church doors have been taken. Of course, we don't know by whom. And that is the point. All of this must be held in the highest degree of confidentiality and reverent respect. If you are someone who has picked up one of those pages: please, please, follow up using the contact information on the page you have taken. Alternatively, if anyone wants to ask a confidential question about any kind of abuse or harassment, please know that you can safely and confidentially contact members of the task force:

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| Kathy Ewing: | ewingkathy@sbcglobal.net |
| Jennifer Johnson: | jenmacjohnson@mindspring.com |
| Margot Williams: | rosebud4oh@yahoo.com |
| Doreen Kelleher: | cleospad976@yahoo.com |
| Carol Bugg: | 216/464.4443 |
| Maureen Belinson: | mjbelinson@yahoo.com |
| Fr. David: | pastor@holyspiritcleveland.org or
216/581.0981, extension 12. |

As of this printing, other members of the task force were not available to confirm the release of their contact information.

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999 or email response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.



THANK YOU FOR GIVING #WEGIVECATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Thank you to all who gave to the #WeGiveCatholic campaign. Holy Spirit Church raised \$395. The money raised will go to Holy Spirit

Church’s designated causes: the Thea Bowman Center and the Holy Spirit Hunger Center.

NOTABLE AT THIS WEEKEND’S 10:15 MASS

Carter Collier (of the first communion class) is being formally and ritually welcomed into our community so as to become a member of the Catholic church, which will culminate in his profession of faith at our Easter celebrations and his first communion in May.

Members of the **National Council of Negro Women** are worshiping with us as they celebrate their founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune.

Our parish’s **Women’s Guild** is turning leadership over to a new team. Please thank the outgoing officers, welcome the incoming officers, and notice all the good work the Women’s Guild does for our community and neighborhood.

COLLECTION	
01 December 2019	\$6,829.00
Ministries of Mercy	\$152.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS

If you or members of your family are admitted to the hospital and would like to be visited and remembered in prayer, please notify the parish office. If you are unable to attend Mass and want to receive a visit from the pastor or deacons, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishioners. In particular, please remember in prayer:

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| Rochelle Larkin-Carr | Estella Fortson | Catherine Powell | Amanda Lewis | Rosie Bridges |
| Eliza Solomon | Henry & Kay Tucker | Jesse & Jessica Carr | John P. Jones, Jr. | Maxine Friend |
| Calvin Singleton, Sr. | Marvin Young | Juanita Adams | Elissa Coleman | Shirley Liston |
| Roger & Connie Raines | John Shields | Demateress Richards | Len Rosky | Patricia Pendleton |
| Rosemarie McBride | Fletcher & Delores Posey | Juanita McPherson | Luis Lorenzo | Bill & Monica Starks |
| Vera Payne | Pauline Reed | Catherine Wilson | Jewell Gardner | Bettina & Horace Bowling |
| James Wilson | Marian Mauldin | Marlene Land | Maria Hanan | Patricia Polk |
| Carmen Whaley | Don Miller | Denise Curry | Patricia Pendleton | Marlene DeBrossard |
| Edith Richardson | Allyssa Brand-Bey | Theresa Talbott | Frederick Whatley | Thelma Arnold |
| Helen Collier | Reaver Jones | Margaret Luton | Daniel Jefferson | Mattie Smith |
| Dorothy Minor | Della Powell | Sandra Cummings | Sharm Starks | Tyrone & Terry Lester |
| Phyllis Partee | Raman Belinson | Maureen Belinson | Linda E. Williams | Horace Reese |
| Sara Dickson | Ruby Fett | Jesse Smiley | D.D. Ward -Warden | Jonathan Traylor |
| Kiana Pearson | Mildred Jackson | Mary Evans | Tammy Larkin | Al Roberts |
| Jerry Freeman | Carrie Aaron | | | |

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

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| Sandra Clark | Melissa James | Stephanie Wentz | Andy Hutchinson | Uchechi Onwunaibe |
| Joshua Sánchez | Tyrone Franklin, Jr. | Mario Williams | Steven Daniel | Sadé Powers-Morgan |
| Dennis Ross, II | Steven Rau | Glen Pfleger | Maurice Williams | |

