

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*15 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

Be strong, fear not!  
Here is your God ... he  
comes to save you.  
Isaiah 35: 4



## 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, 14 December 2019* 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 15 December 2019* 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 am (+) Fred & Anna Jefferson  
10:15 am (+) Roger St. Clair
- Wednesday, 18 December 2019* 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF ADVENT  
6:30 pm (+) Darryl Davis
- Saturday, 21 December 2019* 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
4:00 pm (+) Noel Howard
- Sunday, 22 December 2019* 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
8:30 am People of Holy Spirit Parish  
10:15 am (+) Alice Aarons
- Tuesday, 24 December 2019* THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
7:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 25 December 2019* THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

**THE SIGN OF PEACE and THE LAMB OF GOD**

One of the charming features of our celebration of the Mass at Holy Spirit Church is the warmth and energy that is part of the sign of peace. I don't want to do anything to stifle the joy, the care, the authenticity of the moment. It is impossible to not go out of our way to give a special smile and greeting to someone whom we haven't seen for several weeks because of travel, illness, or other reasons; but the sign of peace must remain in proportion to the rest of the Mass.

Sometimes, when I give the signal to Mr. David Williams that it is time to go on to sing the Lamb of God, we can be almost halfway through it before the entire congregation is settled back in and attentive. So, we're going to try something new and see if it works.

At my signal, Mr. Williams will play the accompaniment of the Lamb of God, which will serve as a signal to all of us that it is time to return to our places and give our fullest attention to the action at the altar, and our immediate preparation for the most intimate and communal act of the Mass — the reception of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let me know if you have any questions.

*fr. David*



**THE JOY OF ADVENT**

Today we celebrate Gaudete Sunday which is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," joy, and "gaudeo," to rejoice or be glad.

The Advent banner above, displays the word "Joy" in English, as well as several African languages. The Bakossi language is spoken in Cameroon, where Fr. Akolla Etuge is from.

English - "Joy"  
Swahili - "Furaha"  
Igbo - "Onu"  
Bakossi - "Nsoo"

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11
- Monday* Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday* Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Wednesday* Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
- Thursday* Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
- Friday* Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
- Saturday* Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45
- Sunday* Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sunday	Carley O'Rourke	
Monday	Samuel Johnson	
Wednesday	Lydia Allen Natasha Wilson-Dawson	Tyrone Franklin Jr. Clifton Hines Jr.
Thursday	Patricia Douglas Kierra Westmoreland	
Friday	Robert L. Moore Sunni Wenson	
Saturday	Brenda Anekwe-Smith	Roslyn McClain

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS EVE

*December 24<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 pm*

CHRISTMAS DAY

*December 25<sup>th</sup>*

*10:15 am*

On New Year's Eve we will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm. This Mass fulfills our obligation to attend Mass on the holy day, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

*December 31<sup>st</sup>*

*7:00 pm*

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

From Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, the parish office will be closed to ordinary business. Fr. David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs.

To reach Fr. David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

We offer the promise of prayers to Paula Everette and her family on the passing of her mother Joyce Clark, who passed on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The funeral was held this past Saturday in Columbus. A memorial service will be scheduled later here.

**KEEP IN PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers Merline Goodson and her family. The funeral mass for her mother Daphne Allen was this past Saturday at Holy Spirit Church.

**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, 15 December 2019 after the 10:15 am Mass 3:00 pm	Confirmation class Pray the rosary Grief support group
Monday, 16 December 2019 7:00 pm	Bible study
Wednesday, 18 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, 19 December 2019 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Youth choir rehearsal Praise dance rehearsal
Saturday, 21 December 2019 10:00 am	Holy Spirit Marthas'
Sunday, 22 December 2019 after the 10:15 am Mass	First communion class

**THE CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS**

***Our Parish Responds***

At last 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 any of these members of the task force:

- 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.

The materials available at the church doors are two one-page flyers:

1. "Your Teen Disclosed — What Now?"
2. "How Do I talk to My Child About Sexual Abuse?"

**PARISH OFFERING THROUGH ONLINE GIVING**

The parish will soon be offering online giving. We will have a link on our church website to sign up and to begin contributing automatically to our church. This convenient new system does not require you to contact your bank to sign up or to make changes. You can use your checking or savings accounts and the funds will be automatically transferred to our church bank account. It is convenient because you can make changes at any time.



You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end.

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

If you want to celebrate this sacrament of God's mercy and love before Christmas, Fr. David is available in the chapel on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. If this is an inconvenient time, other arrangements can be made by calling Fr. David.

Canon law (that is, church law) directs that we are obligated to celebrate the sacrament at least once a year, particularly if we are aware of having committed a serious sin. Over the centuries, however, Christian sinners have found it to be a meaningful and helpful spiritual practice to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation on a regular basis — monthly, for example. The practice helps us to keep our desire to live as God wills forefront in our consciousness and our daily efforts to be Christians worthy of the name.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION**

**MONTHLY GRIEF SUPPORT**

*Sunday, 15 December 2019*

Today at 3:00 pm is the monthly grief support meeting at Calvary Cemetery. The same grief support is available on the same day at other cemeteries. Visit <https://www.clecem.org/information/Bereavement.aspx>.

**HOLY NAME SOCIETY FOOD DRIVE**

The Holy Name Society is sponsoring a food drive from now until Christmas. Please place non-perishable food items in the boxes at the church entrances. Thank you.

**LIVE NATIVITY**  
**ST. ALOYSIUS CHURCH**  
*Thursday, 19 December 2019*  
 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Enjoy live characters and live animals.  
 Refreshments will be served.  
 For information call 216-451-3262.

**GUN SAFETY PETITIONS**

Thank you to all who signed the gun safety petitions. While we will no longer be collecting signatures this year at our church, if you did not sign a petition and are still interested, please contact the church office. The deadline has been extended into 2020 to collect additional signatures to petition the Ohio legislature to expand and strengthen background checks on gun sales.

**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 29<sup>th</sup>. Danny's son Joshua is a featured actor. Tickets are \$45. Contact Danny at 216-326-0823 to purchase tickets.

COLLECTION	
<i>08 December 2019</i>	\$6,832.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy</i>	\$150.00
<i>Retirement Fund for Religious</i>	\$943.61
<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:*

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:**

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

