

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*29 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

Let the peace of Christ  
control your hearts; let  
the word of Christ dwell  
in you richly.

Colossians 3: 15a, 16a



**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.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

*Monday* Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

*Tuesday* Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

*Wednesday* Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

*Thursday* Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

*Friday* Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

*Saturday* Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

*Sunday* Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, 28 December 2019* THE HOLY FAMILY  
4:00 pm (+) Anthony W. Edwards

*Sunday, 29 December 2019* THE HOLY FAMILY  
8:30 am (+) Willametta Edwards  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Tuesday, 31 December 2019* MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD  
7:00 pm People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Sunday, 05 January 2020* THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
10:15 am People of Holy Spirit Parish

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
PARISH ANNIVERSARY  
NEXT SUNDAY**



Next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, marks our twelfth anniversary as Holy Spirit Parish. As is customary, Bishop Roger Gries will celebrate the 10:15 am Mass that day. Because it is our anniversary, and

therefore an important celebration in the life of our parish community, Mass with Bishop Roger is the only Mass that weekend. Please accept whatever inconvenience this may entail for you for the sake of the great feast of the Epiphany of our Lord, and to give expression to our parish unity.

A small reception of cookies and punch will follow Mass in the parish center. Please plan on attending.

**DIOCESAN GOSPEL CHOIR REHEARSALS  
FOR LENTEN REVIVAL**

The first rehearsal of the Diocesan Gospel Choir for the Lenten Revival will be on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Spirit Church at Noon.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

Please keep Mrs. Priscilla Shields and her family in your prayers. The funeral Mass for her husband John was this Saturday morning at Holy Spirit Church.

**THANKS FOR THE PRAYERS**

Mr. Cal Temple and his family thank all the parishioners for expressions of sympathy and the promise of prayers the family received after the passing of his father.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Sunday	James Garrett	Brandy Scott William Starks
Monday	Carlton Darrell Jr.	
Tuesday	Cuydell Darrell	Cora Williams
Thursday	Myrtle Alexander Ruby Fett	Marilyn Griffin Angel Hawkins Alfredo Gonzalez
Friday	Theresa Howard	
Saturday	Denise Curry	

**SAVE THE DATES**

**DAY OF REFLECTION, FR. AUGUSTUS TOLTON**

*Saturday, 01 February 2020  
10:30 am*

Movie Screening of "Across"  
The story of Father Tolton's escape from slavery  
Our Lady of Peace Parish

**2020 ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN LENTEN REVIVAL**

*Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 26-28 February 2020  
St. Agnes + Our Lady of Parish*

**JOHN HENRY FAULK'S CHRISTMAS STORY**

Storyteller and radio broadcaster John Henry Faulk wrote a touching Christmas story in 1974 for the program *Voices in the Wind*. National Public Radio has been rebroadcasting the story every year on Christmas day since 1994. If you have ten minutes to sit down and listen, maybe you'll find this story as touching and beautiful as so many others have.



Scan the QR code here or go to:  
<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=5028755>

**MLK JR. MEMORIAL CONCERT**

*Sunday, 19 January 2020  
3:00 - 4:00 pm  
St. Mary Parish, Bedford*



A concert celebrating the life and work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Gospel choir is three Sundays from today. A free-will offering will be collected. Light refreshments follow the performance.

**PSR TEACHERS AND STAFF**

PSR teachers and staff have a scheduled meeting next Sunday after the 10:15 am Mass in the parish center. Because of the small reception which follows our parish anniversary and Epiphany celebration, the meeting may be slightly delayed and will take place on the second floor.

The next PSR breakfast and class is on Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

Finance Council meeting: **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**  
Parish Pastoral Council meeting: **Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> after Mass**

**PARISH OFFERING THROUGH ONLINE GIVING**



Planning for online giving continues; holiday schedules are making things go a little more slowly than hoped. However, the link you may soon use is already on our parish website; it looks exactly like the

image here. When it is fully operational and registration is open, we will let you know. It won't be long now.

Online giving allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time. Online giving is very easy to use and requires no special knowledge other than how to access the internet. Go to our church website at [www.holyspiritcleveland.org](http://www.holyspiritcleveland.org) and click on the online giving button.



**GRATITUDE FOR A GENEROUS PARISH**

Christmas almost always brings out the best in us. And that is certainly true in our parish. The beautiful liturgical celebrations we have prayed during Advent and into Christmas Eve and Christmas Day testify to this. Our concern for families in particular need also give testimony. Various parish groups have been very generous with money available to them, and with their time. Many people made contributions specifically for certain families and wish to remain anonymous.

It is impossible to thank everyone by name; besides, many do not want to be acknowledged by name. But we must express our gratitude to the Women's Guild, and the Men of Faith; Operation Good News; the choir, the youth choir, the praise dancers, and those who so gently and patiently guide them toward excellence. Our deacons, music minister, sacristans and decorators do so much to make our worship as excellent and beautiful as possible.

There are so many who have stepped-up to support the ministries of our parish so that we can advance the gospel message and Jesus' kingdom of peace. Whether you have been named here or not, please know that your parish loves you and thanks the God of heaven for your efforts.

Finally, I thank everyone reading these words. I thank you for your presence and participation. Your joy in the Lord makes all of our efforts worthy of being lifted to heaven for the greater honor and glory of our God who is good all the time.

May your Christmas celebrations continue to be blessed by the Lord. May our new year of worship and service be filled with his special blessings.

Let us pray for each other every day.

*J. David*



**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

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

**7:00 pm**

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.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

From Monday, December 30<sup>th</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>.



**PLEASE**

For our convenience there are a few trash receptacles strategically located throughout the church. Please look for them and use them rather than drop tissues and lozenges or candy wrappings indiscriminately on the floor.

And in church, please silence or power-down all cell phones and other devices which might disrupt our worship.



COLLECTION	
<i>22 December 2019</i>	\$7,361.25
<i>Ministries of Mercy</i>	\$15.00
<i>The total for the Christmas collection will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.</i>	
<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       | Carrie Aaron        | John P. Jones, Jr. | Maxine Friend            |
| Calvin Singleton, Sr. | Marvin Young             | Juanita Adams       | Elissa Coleman     | Shirley Liston           |
| Roger & Connie Raines | Jesse & Jessica Carr     | 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       | Jerry Freeman            |
| Doris St. Clair       |                          |                     |                    |                          |

**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 Pflieger   | Maurice Williams |                    |

