

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*12 April 2020*

## 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

Jesus came and stood  
in their midst and  
said to them, "Peace  
be with you."

— John 20: 19b



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

**Deacons**  
Deacon Shelby Friend  
Deacon Ronald James

**Music Minister**  
Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School  
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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**

While we are still not permitted to celebrate public Masses, scheduled intentions for the remainder of April and early May have been transferred to the next available dates. To learn re-scheduled dates for any of these intentions, please call the office:

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| <i>Audrey Hopkins</i>        | <i>Leslie DeBrossard</i>       |
| <i>Robert Block</i>          | <i>Robert Schieberl</i>        |
| <i>Lady Pat West</i>         | <i>Roderick Rencher</i>        |
| <i>William Jones</i>         | <i>Fred and Anna Jefferson</i> |
| <i>Dominic Strowder, Jr.</i> |                                |

**PALM SUNDAY — IT WAS A JOYFUL DAY**

*My heart overflows with noble words.  
To the king I must speak the song I have made;  
My tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.*

I don't know exactly why. But these words have been ringing in my ears since last Sunday. They are from Psalm 45 and are a part of the church's evening prayer on Monday evenings every fourth week.

I wish that I had made a plan last Sunday to count how many of us came down the driveway to pick up palm, to drop off regular offerings, to say "hi." We must have seen at least 200 vehicles. We started the day with 100 bulletins, and throughout the day I printed another 150. There are only 20-some remaining. If we gave away more than 200 bulletins, that many of us made the effort to connect to church in that way last Sunday.

And it was such a joy ... a simple joy of seeing each other, greeting each other, even if it was through the side window of a car. Thank you for coming. Even if you couldn't come, know that you are remembered and being prayed for. Thank you for loving your parish community and doing what it takes to stay connected to the Lord and to each other as a community. Like so many of us, I am so looking forward to the day I can stand at my chair in church and say, "welcome home."

*J. David*



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday* Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or 41: Mt 28:1-10
- Monday* Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday* Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday* Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday* Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48
- Friday* Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday* Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday* Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

**STAYING CONNECTED  
AS A CHURCH COMMUNITY**

Many of us are staying connected to our Holy Spirit community by accessing the Masses and services, by reading updates regarding our church status and the pandemic on our website. However, other than close family and friends that we talk to regularly on the phone, we may feel that we do not have much contact with our community. So you may be receiving a call from our church ministry leaders or other volunteers to just say "hi" and see how you are doing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/12	Dorien Strong	
04/13	Sheryl Blakemore	
04/14	Juanita Pollard Hurt	LaShelle Roberta Wilson
04/15	Morgan Crawford	Lillianna Morales
04/16	Charles Leak	
04/17	Gloria Anekwe	Mary Brown
04/18	Carol Bugg	William Hughes Sr.
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
04/05	Kelly & Charles Teasley	
04/12	Gail & Charles Ellington	

### TRUST IN GOD

During a time of crisis or uncertainty, we may find ourselves struggling with fear and anxiety. This is a natural reaction. But St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Philippians to “have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known to God” (4:6). Then, he assures us, “the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (v.7). With steadfast prayer and thanksgiving, then, we do our best to put our trust in the Lord.

Let our actions reflect the trust and peace that can only be found in him. Stay close to Jesus and the Blessed Mother in prayer, asking that those who are suffering from the disease or from any related anxiety may find healing and peace.



### PRAYER DURING A PANDEMIC

*This is a prayer that you can pray with your family in the midst of what health experts are saying will be some of our toughest weeks, predicting the pandemic's peak. As we enter these weeks, please continue to follow the CDC's guidelines, including staying at home as much as possible. If you must go out, practice physical distancing and wear a face mask or other protection over your mouth and nose.*

Lord Jesus,

Hear our pleas, our Good Shepherd and Divine Physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and to care for those most vulnerable. Assist all professionals and volunteers who work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless service and never by panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all who have been called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen.

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.  
St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.  
St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SEW MASKS

Now that we are being encouraged to wear face masks while in public, volunteers from Holy Spirit Church are sewing masks. If you are interested in helping, please call the parish office. You will be able to sew from your home and the supplies will be provided.

### HOW TO VOTE DURING OHIO'S POSTPONEMENT OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION

For those who did not early vote prior to March 17<sup>th</sup>, there will not be any in-person voting whatsoever. You must now submit an absentee ballot.

Ohioans can vote by mail until April 27<sup>th</sup>; votes will be counted on April 28<sup>th</sup>, but ballot request forms must be received by the board of elections *before noon* on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Because elections board staff is reduced, the earlier you send in the request, the better.

*The board of elections will send all registered voters instructions on how to apply for an absentee ballot. Instructions will also include how to complete and return the ballot, which can be mailed or hand-delivered to the elections office.*

*If you do not receive instructions to vote absentee, call your county's board of elections and request that a ballot be sent to you in the mail.*

Cuyahoga County:	216/443.8683
Lake County:	440/350.2700
Stark County:	330/451.8683
Summit County:	330/643.5200
Geauga County:	440/279.2030
Lorain County:	440/326.5900
Medina County:	330/722.9278
Portage County:	440/297.3511

*You may also request an absentee ballot by downloading an application at [https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/forms/11-a\\_english.pdf](https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/forms/11-a_english.pdf).*

*Voters must fill out the form, print it and mail it to their county board of elections. To find the mailing address for your county's board of elections, go to: <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/elections-officials/county-boards-of-elections-directory/>.*

*All completed ballots must be mailed by April 27<sup>th</sup>. You need to request that the post office apply a postmark to the envelope.*

Don't miss this opportunity to have a voice in the selection of our public servants for the next term of office.

Please silence all cellular phones and other electronic devices prior to the beginning of our liturgies.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERY ASSOCIATION  
PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR**

The Catholic Cemetery Association has decided to cancel the pre-planning seminar scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, at Calvary Cemetery. This decision was made in an effort to protect vulnerable groups and to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

You can request pre-planning materials by contacting [bdejohn@clecem.org](mailto:bdejohn@clecem.org) and may visit <https://clecem.org/Information/PrePlanning.aspx> for additional information. The seminar will be rescheduled; please visit their website for updates.



COLLECTION	
<i>05 April 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$3275.00
<i>05 April 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$7203.14
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$10,478.14</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$115.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$115.00</b>
<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	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	Merline Goodson	Shirley Wenson	Diane Heckathorne	Mary Lois Smith

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:**

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	

