

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

*19 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

Give thanks to the  
Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

— Psalm 118: 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**

The following Mass intentions, originally scheduled between now and May 3<sup>rd</sup>, have been moved to dates early in 2021. To learn rescheduled dates for any of these intentions, please call the office:

<i>Audrey Hopkins</i>	<i>Leslie DeBrossard</i>
<i>Robert Block</i>	<i>Robert Schiebel</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>	

**HAPPY EASTER!**

This is probably the first time that any of us have not been able to celebrate Holy Week in church; even so, we were still able to celebrate as a church community through the recorded liturgies — a poor substitute, to be sure, because we cannot see each other face to face, or do any of the other stuff that goes along with human contact — but it is still something to keep us connected to our community.

As you are able, please view our recordings. They are our connection to each other right now. Let's remain strong.

We will continue to record the Sunday liturgies at least through May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the date that the Catholic Bishops of Ohio extended the temporary suspension of all in-person activities at churches.

There have been technological glitches along the way — and there will be more, certainly. But thank you for your patience and flexibility as we learn how to do all this new stuff and keep inviting people of our community to give the support we will need as this future unfolds.

Remember: the church office is open, Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

May God keep us safe and healthy.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31  
*Monday* Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3:1-8  
*Tuesday* Acts 4:32-37; Jn 3:7b-15  
*Wednesday* Acts 5:17-26; Jn 3:16-21  
*Thursday* Acts 5:27-33; Jn 3:31-36  
*Friday* Acts 5:34-42; Jn 6:1-15  
*Saturday* 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Mk 16:15-20  
*Sunday* 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

**KEEP IN PRAYER**

Please keep Bishop George Murry, an African American bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown in your prayers. The diocese reported that Bishop Murry's leukemia has returned. To read an inspirational message from the bishop, go to [wfmj.com/story](http://wfmj.com/story).

**A NOTE ON BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

If you do not see a birthday or anniversary listed, please let the office know and we will correct the omission. We're finding many gaps and some erroneous information in our database. We are working to clean it up, but we need your help.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/19	Kendall Fortson Marcus Jones Sr.	Helecia Vallery
04/22	Jesse Carr Sandra Rose	Dan Lawson Greg Lewis
04/23	Lilian Carter	Maxine Friend
04/24	Steven Abrams	Charnesia Larkin

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

We received word that Father Chester Smith, SVD, died April 8<sup>th</sup> of a heart attack in his home. Father Chester preached a number of our revivals. He and his twin brother Fr. Charles Smith, SVD, saw a need to evangelize to African American youth across the United States and helped start the Bowman

Francis Ministry based in Indianapolis. Funeral services are pending. Please keep the family in your prayers at this difficult time and pray for the eternal rest of Father Chester.

<i>Condolences may be sent to:</i>	<i>In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:</i>
Smith Family 5140 South Hyde Park Blvd. Apt. 7A Chicago, IL 60615-6021	Bowman Francis Ministry c/o Fr. Charles Smith, SVD 8681 Jaffa Court East Dr. Apt. 31 Indianapolis, IN 46260

**A PRAYER TO REMOVE FEAR**

*Together say this prayer with your family; it may help ease some of the fear that many of us are experiencing.*

Thank you Lord, for this new day, for waking us up this morning, as we are privileged to worship you. We proclaim your reign in our lives and our nation and all the earth. We give thanks, as always, to you Lord. You are in charge of this day.

We pray for wisdom of our policymakers and our leaders, for the safety of our front-line workers, for healing of those who are affected with the coronavirus disease and their families. Remove all fear Lord, and replace this fear with affirmation from your word. In Jesus' name, amen.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18 "in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."*

**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.

**THEA BOWMAN AWARDS**

The Sister Thea Bowman Awards Banquet has been re-scheduled. Originally scheduled in early May, it will now take place on September 13<sup>th</sup>; the venue and other arrangements remain the same. Michele Grooms-Massa of our parish is receiving an award for her dedication to the education of our youth. We will provide further details as they become available.

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

The only way to vote in Ohio's primary election this spring is by absentee ballot. If you already voted, there is nothing else you need to do.

The deadline to request an absentee ballot is now less than one week away. You can vote by mail until April 27<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.

If you are a registered voter, you should have received instructions from the board of elections on how to apply for an absentee ballot.

If you have not yet received these instructions, 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.

## DVD DONATIONS FOR THE INCARCERATED



One group of people who are certainly isolated in our community during this time are those who are incarcerated. Because they have no access to modern technology, the facilities depend on DVDs which can be broadcast into the institutions.

The Diocese is looking for DVD programs to share with them — religious materials and others information which may be inspiring and encouraging. The Diocese distributed a DVD to each institution with the Holy Week Services and Easter Mass. If you have DVDs of educational programs, movies or TV shows that you would be willing to share with these men and women, please send them to:

*Sr. Rita Mary Harwood*  
Catholic Diocese of Cleveland  
1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114

COLLECTION	
<i>12 April 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$3,128.00
<i>12 April 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,390.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,518.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$15.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$85.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$100.00</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:

Saundra 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	

