

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

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## 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  
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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.

**STAYING CONNECTED**

The Catholic Bishops of Ohio are supporting the governor's April 27<sup>th</sup> plan to begin phasing in a planned reopening of the state. The plan calls for a gradual return to work and daily activities. Their letter to all of us is posted on our parish website. This decision comes out of deep concern for the common good as well as the physical and spiritual well-being of all the people of Ohio.

The bishops have extended the temporary suspension of all publicly celebrated Masses, liturgies and other public services until May 29<sup>th</sup>, with the hope of publicly celebrating together the solemnity of Pentecost on the week-end of May 30-31<sup>st</sup>.

As our church remains closed to public services, the highest priority is that we stay connected as a community. Among several initiatives to help us stay connected, Father David has recorded a video message that you can view by accessing our website. He may be creating these messages periodically. Keep an eye on our website, not just for these messages, but for the recordings of our Sunday Mass and other important announcements.



**POSTPONED MEETINGS**

The following church meetings have been postponed:

- Finance Council - 4-23-20
- Parish Pastoral Council - 4-26-20

The meetings have not yet been rescheduled, but we are looking into ways to hold these meetings remotely. Once the meetings are rescheduled, we'll let you know.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

*Monday* Acts 11:1-18; Jn 10:11-18

*Tuesday* Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10:22-30

*Wednesday* Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12:44-50

*Thursday* Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20

*Friday* Acts 13:26-33; Jn 14:1-6

*Saturday* Acts 13:44-52; Jn 14:7-14

*Sunday* Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



**CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY**

Next Saturday, I will be at the side door of the church from Noon until 2:00 pm to distribute a gift for all mothers to honor Mother's Day. If you are a mother — or better yet, if you are a son or daughter — come on by next Saturday to receive a gift from our parish to give to your Mom. It's a simple gift, a small devotional book. All I ask is that you be sure to say that the gift is accompanied by the prayers of our parish family.

*Fr. David*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
05/03	Joshua Beckles	Shena Ellis-Wilson
05/04	Paula Everette Deacon Ron James	Karla Morson
05/05	William Jefferson	Ervin Metlock
05/06	Faith Metlock	Ralph Morris
05/07	Brenda Sánchez	Doris St. Clair
05/09	Catherine Gibson	Karen Westmoreland

**FIRST COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION**

Plans are being adjusted for the celebration of First Communion and Confirmation.

First Communion was scheduled for next Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, but since we are not permitted to have a public Mass, we're consulting the families of our seven first communicants to come up with an alternative plan.

Confirmation was originally scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>. Because there is no definite guarantee that we will be allowed to have a public Mass that day, Father David is in conversation with Abbot Gary Hoover about arranging a more certain date.

We'll let everyone know what is decided as soon as possible. In the meantime, please keep our first communicants and our candidates for confirmation in your prayers.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is cancelled this year. We are well into what ought to be the planning stages for this summer activity; but since we do not know when we can gather groups of people and under what conditions, it is best to cancel it outright and plan for next year.

**PARISH PICNIC**

The status of our parish picnic is pending at this time. Father David will be consulting the members of our parish pastoral council. We expect that further information will be available on or before May 29<sup>th</sup>. Please keep an eye on our bulletin, our website, and your email.

**RESOURCES AVAILABLE****HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH HUNGER CENTER**

Although the Hunger Center is closed due to the pandemic and is not currently serving hot meals on Wednesdays, the center does have available bags of non-perishable food items every Tuesday - 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. The bags will be distributed outside of the side door.

**THEA BOMAN CENTER**

If you or someone you know is in need, the Thea Bowman Center's food pantry and lunches are still taking place on Saturdays from 10:00 am - Noon. The center is located at 11901 Oakfield Avenue, Cleveland. The food pantry provides bags of food that will be distributed as takeout, as well as lunches. They will be distributed outside of the blue side door, across from the garage. The Thea Bowman Center is a cause that is dear to our Holy Spirit community's heart.

**SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS**

On April 25<sup>th</sup>, Theresa Luca-Edwards died in her home, presumably from Covid-19. It was her second bout with the virus. She was the sister of Sandra Cummings. No public services are being planned at this time. Please remember Theresa in your prayers, her husband, George, and her sister, Sandra. May God's peace be with the family and may he give rest and mercy to Theresa.

**TODAY IS PASTOR BONUS SUNDAY****WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?**

That does not mean that the pastor of the church gets a bonus. *Pastor Bonus* is Latin for "good shepherd." We focus on the role of Jesus as the good shepherd and our response as faithful sheep of his flock.

May you enjoy the comfort and peace that comes from knowing that Jesus, the good shepherd, is caring for you at all times.

Some people do not like being compared to a sheep. They see a sheep as a mindless animal aimlessly grazing.

In reality, sheep seem to sense a closeness to the shepherd who truly cares. They trust in the one who leads them and they follow the shepherd wherever the shepherd goes — recognizing the sound of his voice. We have that same trust in our good shepherd who cares for us above and beyond all expectations. We sense the comfort and peace of him who leads us through the dark valley and provides abundantly — even to the point of laying down his own life for us.

As we continue to be in this "sheep pen" of a pandemic, please pray for all who are called to provide for the flock. Don't think only of your pastor, but think first of our first communion teachers, our PSR and confirmation teachers. Remember those who check in on our buildings, those who are sewing masks for our safety, those who are working diligently to provide the video recordings of our Mass every Sunday. Pray for those whom we will call upon to sanitize our church and other spaces in anticipation of reopening.

Please keep on praying.

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

### CONGRATULATIONS



Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of the Office of Ministry for African American Catholics, Diocese of Cleveland, has been asked to serve on Governor DeWine's Minority Health Care Strike Force to address the disproportionate impact of Covid 19 to minority communities in the State of Ohio. Please join in offering prayers to Mr. Dabney and the strike force, on addressing the Covid 19 impact on us.



COLLECTION	
<i>26 April 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$2,923.00
<i>26 April 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$1,770.00
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$4,693.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$195.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$195.00</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	Jeffrey Rose
Doris St. Clair	Merline Goodson	Shirley Wenson	Diane Heckathorne	Jerry Freeman

### 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	

