

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

06 December 2020

Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass
8:15 a.m.
10:30 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

We are the clay and
you are the potter: we
are all the work of
your hands.

— Isaiah 64: 7b



Pastor

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

Deacons

Deacon Ronald James
Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

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

- Sunday, 06 December 2020* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church
- Tuesday, 08 December 2020* THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Church
- Wednesday, 09 December 2020* ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Hewitt Richardson
- Sunday, 13 December 2020* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday* Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
- Monday* Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday* Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday* Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday* Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday* Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday* Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Lk: 1:26-28; 1:39-47 or 707-712
- Sunday* Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Under ordinary circumstances, December 8th is a holy day of obligation, but during the pandemic the bishops of Ohio have suspended such obligations. Even so, there will be a public Mass in church at 6:30 on the evening of Tuesday, December 8th for anyone who wants to attend. There is no word yet about the availability of a videographer to livestream the Mass.

**2021 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
CALENDARS AVAILABLE**

The 2021 Josephite 50th Anniversary African American History & Heritage calendars are now available at the church entrances. If you are unable to come to church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to receive one. Please take or request only one calendar per household. Thank you.

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- CHRISTMAS EVE
December 24th
7:00 pm
- CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25th
10:30 am

On New Year's Eve we will celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm. This Mass is for the holy day, January 1st, the feast of Mary, the Mother of God.

- NEW YEAR'S EVE
December 31st
7:00 pm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/07	Edward Hawkins	
12/08	Gina Burtnett Braxton Lovett	Margaret Luton Patricia Moore
12/09	Evelyn James	
12/11	Tiana Craft	Renee Gillespie
12/12	Betty Brown	Esther Sam-Ezirim

PSR CLASS

The next PSR class is Saturday, December 12th.

Pre-K and K - 1st grades: 9:00 am in person in the parish center

Mary Sibyl Kress (Pre-K)
Rosalind Whatley, Erin Whatley and Erin Raines (K - 1st)

2nd - 3rd grades: 10:00 am, virtual classroom
Penny Croom and Barbara Neal

4th - 6th grades: 11:00 am, virtual classroom
Paula King and Reiko Simmons

7th - 8th grades: 12:00 Noon, virtual classroom
Faith Conroy, Tom Fett and Sofia Fasone

The teachers at each level are in communication with the parents and family of the students. Each family should have instructions for signing in to the virtual classroom.

OUR PARISH ANNIVERSARY

The feast of the Epiphany falls on Sunday, January 3rd. It marks our 13th anniversary as Holy Spirit Parish. God is good.

As he has every year, Bishop Roger is planning to be here to lead us in celebrating God's goodness. We will livestream the Mass, but if you've been thinking about returning to Mass in person, even occasionally, maybe Epiphany Sunday is the day.

AN ADVENT PRAYER

*God of light and life,
Give us hope as we wait for your coming again.
When we are tempted
To be grateful to have found you while others are lost,
Send us out into the darkness
In search of those who need you most. Amen.*

VIRTUAL CONCERT

You are cordially invited this evening to join the Borromeo Seminary and Saint Mary Seminary online, as we prepare for the holy season of Christmas with Advent Lessons and Carols. Holy Spirit Church's very own Erin Raines is part of the virtual choir that will be singing. You can access the concert at 7:30 pm by typing this link. If you're looking at this announcement online, ctrl+click: [Advent Lessons and Carols | December 06, 2020 | Diocese of Cleveland](#)

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY STRONG

Last Thursday was to be the first in a series of ongoing presentations about various aspects of faith and spirituality. Father David was to speak in church to those who wanted to attend in person, and the event was to be livestreamed for those unable to come to church. Unfortunately, we did not have a camera-person available.

The hope is that we expand our livestreaming capabilities in order to keep our community connected and in contact with our church. Since the pandemic continues to severely limit our ability to gather safely as a community, the livestreaming of events appears to be the best way to stay connected to church, to each other, to the practice of our faith.

This plan still has merit, but its implementation must wait until we have enough camera-operators to reliably stream each event. We're actively working on recruiting more helpers; if you know anyone who should be approached to help, please call the office.

JESSE TREE MATERIALS

At the church entrances, and on our website, you will find this week's materials for Advent's Jesse Tree. There is a symbol for each day of the week, along with a reference to a Scripture passage, a prayer and a reflection for the day.

The Jesse Tree has a long tradition in the church as a way to celebrate Advent. It is a meaningful family activity, and a great way to introduce children to important Bible stories.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The first communion class is meeting today at 2:00 pm. The class will be conducted by way of a video conference call. The Zoom link which parents and students have already used is the same way to gain access to today's classroom. If you need the link again, please contact Brenda Anekwe-Smith at 234-380-1586 or Father David at 216-581-0981 x12.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Gabrielle Lawrence, a junior at St. Martin De Porres School. Gabrielle received First Honors during her first semester of 2020.

Please join us in recognizing her hard work and supporting all of our students in maintaining high standards.

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

**SECOND COLLECTION
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they continue to pray for and serve an aching world. Years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION	
<i>29 November 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$3,165.00
<i>29 November 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,361.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$5,526.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$25.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$30.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$55.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

THE COMING OF OUR GOD

Advent points to three comings of Jesus. First, and most importantly, it refers to Jesus' final coming at the end of time. The church waits in joyful hope of Christ's coming. Second, Advent prepares us to celebrate Jesus' birth at Christmas; and finally, Jesus comes into our lives through grace, the church's sacraments, and so many other ways each and every day. Keep looking for his face. He is present. All of our Advent praying and preparation needs to have all three comings in mind.

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 & Shelby Friend
Calvin Singleton, Sr.	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Elissa Coleman	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Jeffrey Rose	Luis Lorenzo	Bill & Monica Starks
Vera Payne	Pauline Reed	Catherine Wilson	Tammy Larkin	Bettina & Horace Bowling
Beverly Jordan	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	Isaac King, Sr.
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty, SND	Della Powell	Sandra Cummings	Sharm Starks	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Kenny White	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Mary Evans	Cole Whaley	Gerri Fracasso
Clemetine Jefferson	Lucille Mahone			

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 Pflieger	Maurice Williams	

