

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

27 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

The people who
walked in darkness
have seen a great
light.

— Isaiah 9: 1a



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, 27 December 2020 THE HOLY FAMILY
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, 30 December 2020 ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Emmitt Griggs

Thursday, 31 December 2020 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY
7:00 pm MOTHER OF GOD
The People of Holy Spirit Church

Sunday, 03 January 2021 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

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

Saturday 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

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

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The office is closed through January 4th to ordinary business. Father David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs.

To reach Father David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 5th.

THANK YOU TO THE MEN OF FAITH

Thank you to the Men of Faith members for donating their time and skills in cleaning, waxing and buffing the church floors. Cleaning the floors is a big task and the men did a phenomenal job.

OUR PARISH ANNIVERSARY



The feast of the Epiphany is next Sunday. It also marks our 13th anniversary as Holy Spirit Parish. God is good.

As he has every year, Bishop Roger Gries 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/27	Matthew Sacco	Erin Whatley-Baker
12/28	Deborah Bunkley LaShaun Carr Marvin McMichael Jr.	Walter Moore Christopher Williams Nyla Wilson
12/29	James Garrett	William Starks
12/30	Carlton Darrell Jr.	
12/31	Cora Williams	
01/02	Myrtle Alexander Ruby Fett	Alfredo Gonzalez Marylin Griffin

PRAYER FOR HOPE IN THE NEW YEAR

As we prepare for the New Year, please say the prayer below with your family.

Dear God,

Thank you for helping us to make it through this difficult year. Thank you that you've carried us through the uncertainty of deep waters, through the flames of trials, and through the pain of hard losses. We are constantly aware of how much we need you, your grace, your strength, your power working through even the toughest days.

Fill us with your joy and the peace of your Spirit. Direct our hearts and minds towards you. Thank you for your reminder that both in seasons of celebration and in seasons of brokenness, you're still with us. For you never leave us. Thank you for your daily powerful presence in our lives, that we can be assured your heart is towards us, your eyes are over us, and your ears are open to our prayers. Thank you that you surround us with favor as with a shield, and we are safe in your care.

We choose to press in close to you today and keep you first in our hearts and lives. Without you, we would surely fail, but with you, there is great hope. Thank you for your healing power, thank you for bringing us into this new season up ahead. We look forward to all that You still have in store.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY STRONG

We're still working on the plan to livestream more parish events to help us maintain our vibrant community's strength and relationships. We have already added the Wednesday evening Mass to the streaming schedule. With more people willing to learn how to livestream, we can implement the plan to stream series of talks by Father David on Thursday evenings.

A group of people meet on Monday evenings by way of video-conferencing for Bible study. The Men of Faith are returning to regular meetings using the same technology. During these days when we are highly encouraged to avoid gathering in large groups, we are making our way using technology. Please take advantage of these ways of gathering remotely in order to nourish our community and our relationship with God.

KWANZAA - A CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Kwanzaa is a holiday tradition that is based on the “first harvest” celebrations in Africa. It is celebrated from December 26 - January 1. While many of these first-fruit celebrations differed among societies, they shared these common principles: people gathering together to celebrate, acknowledging the creator and thanking him for his blessings, a commemoration of the past and a recommitment to African cultural thought and a time to celebrate community.

Kwanzaa was created by Dr. Maulana Karenga – a professor of Black Studies at California State University, Long Beach, USA. He created it after the Watts riots as a way to bring African-Americans together as a community. He gave it the name Kwanzaa — a word that is taken from the phrase “matunda ya kwanza” and is Swahili for “first-fruits.”

Most Kwanzaa celebrations are based on Nguzo Saba – or the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

The Seven Principles:

- *Umoja (Unity): Striving for and maintaining unity in the family and the community*
- *Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): Defining oneself and speaking for oneself*
- *Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): Building and maintaining a community and making our brother's and sister's problems our own and solve them together*
- *Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): Building and maintaining our businesses for ourselves and each other*
- *Nia (Purpose): To build and develop our collective communities together*
- *Kuumba (Creativity): To do whatever we can to leave our communities more beautiful than when we inherited them*
- *Imani (Faith): To believe with our hearts in our people, our families and the righteousness of our struggle*

Kwanzaa celebrations often include: African clothing, eating fresh fruit and traditional African foods and a feast on the final day called Karamu. Seven candles are burnt in a candelabra called a Kinara that is lit during the celebration. A candle is lit to represent each of the seven principles.

Although Kwanzaa is not a religious but rather a cultural observance, the values nevertheless can be referenced and supported in sacred text. Even the numeral “seven” which biblically means “complete” is rich in symbolism suggesting order and an expected end. In Scripture, seven often symbolized completion or perfection. Genesis tells us that God created the heavens and the earth in six days, and, upon completion, God rested on the seventh day. Lastly, the final principle of Kwanzaa is faith.

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

HUNGER CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The hunger center will be closed for the holidays on December 29th and January 5th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 12th.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event that winter weather forces us to cancel parish events, a notice will be posted to several mainstream media outlets through the i-Alert system. The i-Alert system notifies WKYC-TV 3, Newsradio WTAM 1100 AM, WMVX, WMJI, WGAR, WAKS, WMMS, WHLO, WKDD, RADIO FREE OHIO 1350 AM, WVIZ/PBS ideastream, 90.3 WCPN ideastream, WCRF 103.3 FM, WCLV 104.9 FM, wkyc.com, wtam.com, wmvx.com, wmji.com, wgar.com, kisscleveland.com, wmms.com, 640whio.com, wkdd.com, and 1350radiofreeohio.com. Please watch or listen to any of these media sources for information about our open or closed status.

Please have a very happy and safe New Year. We look forward to connecting with you and other members of our Holy Spirit Church community in 2021.

COLLECTION	
20 December 2020 — online contributions	\$3,163.00
20 December 2020 — envelope contributions	\$3,847.25
Sunday collection total	\$7,010.25
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$000.00
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$276.00
Ministries of Mercy total	\$276.00
<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 & 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
Clementine 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 Pfleger	Maurice Williams	

