

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

03 January 2021

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

Rise up in splendor!
Your light has come.

— Isaiah 60: 1



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, 03 January 2020 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

Wednesday, 06 January 2020 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Curtis Williams

Sunday, 10 January 2020 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

WELCOME BISHOP ROGER GRIES



We welcome Bishop Roger Gries today. It is an honor to have Bishop Gries lead us in celebrating the 13th Anniversary of Holy Spirit Parish. Bishop Gries has celebrated with us on our

anniversary each year from the beginning and we are excited to have him here.

Bishop Gries' presence helps us to place the challenges of an unprecedented year behind us and to look forward to the hope that God brings us in this new year. We thank the bishop for sharing his time and spiritual wisdom in celebrating with us.

THIRTEEN YEARS AND COUNTING

The strength of our parish is, first of all, God's Holy Spirit. That strength manifests itself very importantly in the strong bonds of love, affection, and cooperation we have forged among ourselves over the years. We belong to a community of people who is very compassionate, kind-hearted and generous in many different ways. Thank you for all you do to make Holy Spirit Parish the beacon of God's love that it is. I cannot wait to welcome you all back when it's safe.

Happy Anniversary, brothers and sisters! *fr. David*



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Monday 1 Jn 3:22-4:6; Mt: 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday 1 Jn 4:7-10; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday 1 Jn 4:11-18; Mk: 6:45-62

Thursday 1 Jn 4:19-5:4; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday 1; Jn 5:5-13; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday 1 Jn 5:14-21; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11

MAY THEY REST IN GOD'S PEACE

Myrtle Anderson, the sister of Edith Richardson, passed away on December 23rd. Her funeral service will be celebrated in the funeral home later this week.

Edgar Brown, the brother of Charlotte Brown also died. His funeral arrangements are still pending.

Please remember them and their loved ones in your prayers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
1/03	Theresa Howard	
1/04	Denise Curry	
1/05	Connie Raines	
1/06	Jeneen Brownlee Marie Ciccotti	Frances Johnson Jesse Smiley
1/07	Gwendolyn Lewis	
1/09	ShyQuita Larkin	Thomas O'Rourke

PSR CLASS

The next PSR class is this Saturday, January 9th.

- Pre-K: 9:00 am in person in the parish center
Mary Sibyl Kress and Erin Raines
- K - 1st grades: 9:00 am in person in the parish center
Rosalind Whatley and Erin Whatley
- 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. The link is also available on the website's homepage.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

The first communion class is meeting next Sunday, January 10th at 2:00 pm. The classes are 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 next week's classroom. If you need the link again, please contact Brenda Anekwe-Smith at 234-380-1586.

CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY

Candidates for the sacrament of confirmation in 2021 will meet for the first time on January 10th at 12:30 pm. Please look for an invitation to a Zoom video conference call from Ms. Michele Grooms Massa. If you haven't registered yet for any reason, please do so immediately.

A COMPOSER AMONG US

The Mass setting which we have been using in church since the First Sunday of Advent was composed by our own David Williams. Written so that we can give great glory to God, he entitled it, *Mass of the Epiphany* in honor of our parish anniversary.

A Mass setting typically includes these pieces which are always sung: the Gloria, the Alleluia, the Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, and Lamb of God.

When you have a chance, thank David for his excellent work, not just on this Mass setting, but also for all he does to support our worship of God.

BLESSING OF THE HOUSE



Traditionally on the Feast of the Epiphany, also known as the twelfth night, Theophany, and Three Kings Day, Christians have blessed their homes, using a practice sometimes known as “chalking the doors.”

The following inscription is marked above the doorway of the door in chalk:

20 + C + M + B + 21

The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also represent the Latin words “*Christus mansionem benedicat*” which means “May Christ bless the house.” The “+” signs symbolize the cross and the 20 and the 21 represent the year, 2021.

As a family, as you enter into the new year, you can bless your house by getting some chalk and writing the inscription above your doorway. Taken together, this inscription is a request for Christ to bless our homes and that he stay with those who dwell there throughout the entire year. Seeing the symbols over our doors can help to remind us, while passing in and out on our daily routines, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ. As you write the inscription, say the prayer below:

*May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever. Amen.*

Have a Blessed New Year

ASSISTANCE WITH DOMINION ENERGY BILL

If you're facing a financial hardship, Dominion Energy Ohio has several payment and assistance options. Dominion Energy recently increased its contribution to the EnergyShare program, making additional dollars available this year to residential customers struggling to pay their bills.

If you've fallen behind on your bill, or are unable to pay your current bill, contact Dominion Energy Ohio at 1-800-362-7557, for help with payment arrangements.

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

ALL SOULS COMMEMORATIVE CANDLES

During last November's commemoration of those who were buried from our parish throughout the previous twelve months, we lit a six-day candle with each person's name on one. After Mass that day family members were invited to take their candle home. Many are still unclaimed.

Our plan is that beginning next week, we will burn several at a time on the Saint Joseph altar, the altar that holds our parish *Book of the Dead*. There is still time to claim your family's candle if you like. Just leave a message at the parish office with your name and telephone number, and we'll get back to you.

COLLECTION	
<i>27 December 2020 — online contributions</i>	\$5,930.00
<i>27 December 2020 — envelope contributions</i>	\$5,434.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$11,364.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$00.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$95.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$95.00
<i>Christmas contributions — envelope & online</i>	\$4700.00
<i>Thank you so much for your continuous support!</i>	

THANK YOU

A special thank you to all involved with the Holy Spirit Church Hunger Center, who helped to make the holidays special, for as many as possible. This includes: those who made monetary, food, clothing and toy donations, the Hunger Center coordinator and all of the volunteers who worked so diligently. We were able to help more than 100 families this past holiday.

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	

