

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

21 February 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

One lives on every  
word that comes forth  
from the mouth of  
God.

— see Matthew 4: 4b



## 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  
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**

*Sunday, 21 February 2021* FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

*Wednesday, 24 February 2021* LENTEN WEEKDAY  
6:30 pm Fred and Anna Jefferson

*Sunday, 28 February 2021* SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church

**CANDIDATES FOR FULL COMMUNION  
IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

*Belinda Henry-Ruffin  
Portia Gadson*

On this First Sunday of Lent we formally call on our parish's candidates for full communion in the Catholic Church to share in our life of continuing conversion. There is a short ritual after the homily in which we affirm their desire to have a place at the eucharistic table with us. We offer them our prayerful support as they join us in the church's Lenten journey toward the glory of Easter.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Sunday* Gn 9:8-15; Mk 1:12-15

*Monday* 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

*Tuesday* Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

*Wednesday* Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

*Thursday* Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

*Friday* Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

*Saturday* Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

*Sunday* Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

We began praying the Stations of the Cross as a community this past week. We will do so every Friday during Lent at 7:00 pm, except Good Friday. This time-honored devotion will be livestreamed.

**LENT AND BLACK HISTORY REMEMBRANCES**



In honor of Lent and Black History month, we have African American prayer cards (*cover shown to the left*) and a choice of black history buttons shown below, that you are invited to take.



**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

If you wish to receive a contribution report for 2020, please contact the church office. We will print a report of contributions only at your request.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

02/21	Jewell Gardner	Michele Garrett
02/22	Wayman Frazier Anthony Gibson	Kenneth White
02/23	Bettina Bowling	Isis King
02/24	Adayre Beville	John James
02/25	Roselyn Sánchez	
02/26	Michael Chukwu Jr. Willie Pearson Jr.	Sheneia Wilson

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

2/25	Merline & Gene Goodson	
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**REFLECTIONS FOR THE LENTEN SEASON**

The Diocese of Cleveland Office of Ministry to African American Catholics has partnered with the Xavier University Institute of Black Catholics Studies and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to provide a series of reflections during Lent. The series is entitled, “When You See Me; You See Lent.” It is a collection of reflections and expressions of faith through the lens of the African American Catholic community.

We would like to see our Black Catholic voices from the diocese added to the voices of our Black Catholic brothers and sisters across the country. The reflections can be spoken word, dance, song, or poetry. The contribution needs to only be 3-5 minutes in length. It can be recorded by using your phone or recording yourself on Zoom. If you are interested, please send your contributions to Cary, whose role is selecting and editing the contributions, at: [cdabney@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:cdabney@dioceseofcleveland.org).

Cary is posting the reflections daily throughout Lent at the Institute for Black Catholic Studies new YouTube page: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbQWPMdVG4\\_pgeolxSMKdWQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbQWPMdVG4_pgeolxSMKdWQ)

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

This week during Black History month, we reflect on a quote by Harriet Tubman.



*“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, the passion to reach the stars to change the world.”*

Harriet Tubman was an escaped slave who became a leading figure in the abolitionist movement. She also served as a spy for the US army during the Civil War and was an active participant in the struggle for women’s suffrage.

The selection of the quote was inspired by the phenomenal essays of the youth of Archbishop Lyke School, referenced in the next column. They are our future and they have the power to help to change the world.

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT**

The Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support group will meet today from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery.

**THE SPIRITUAL MATURITY OF YOUTH**

The middle-schoolers at Archbishop Lyke School recently wrote essays reflecting on their experience of stay-at-home orders in the light of faith. Their essays give evidence of a depth of faith and spirituality that may surprise many. Their level of self-reflection and ability to grow spiritually and personally in difficult situations evince an impressive maturity for people so young. Here are a number of quotations from some of those essays:

- *It doesn’t matter how people see you. It matters how God sees you.*
- *I love the world, I feel like I’m personally connected with it.*
- *God guided me into the light and helped me become a better person.*
- *Many parents lost young children ... I pray that God is with them always.*
- *I brought myself down a lot. I kept trying and praying ... I knew God could do it, I just had to stay in faith.*

If you need a little lift, maybe you’ll find it by reading some of these essays in their entirety. They are posted on our parish website’s homepage. May God continue to bless all of our young people, and may he do so abundantly.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal in-pew commitment process is this weekend. Your support of the 2021 appeal helps us to carry out the mission that Jesus entrusted to us: “I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers or sisters of mine, you did for me.” Our parish’s goal this year is \$19,532. There are brochures at the church entrances with further details on Diocesan-wide goals.

We will hear a personal message from Bishop Malesic, and then Father David will lead the congregation through the process of making a pledge.

There are envelopes and pencils provided in your pew. If you have already responded through the mail, there is a box on the in-pew envelope to indicate that. Thank you for your generosity.

**FREE COVID-19 TESTING CANCELLED**

The free Covid-19 testing that was scheduled to take place here last week was cancelled due to a lack of supplies on the first day and the inclement weather during the rest of the week. We will let you know if the testing is rescheduled.

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

### AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE DURING LENT

Womankind provides women with prenatal care and basic necessities for their babies up to 24 months of age. Womankind provides free care for those uninsured and also provides counseling to those suffering from addiction, abuse, anxiety or depression. The organization is funded completely by donations.

One of their fundraisers is an annual baby bottle drive where churches ask parishioners to fill baby bottles with coins. You are invited to take one of the bottles at the church entrances home and fill it with loose change during the season of Lent. You may be amazed at how a small amount of change can impact so many who seek assistance. Thank you for considering Womankind during your Lenten journey this year.

COLLECTION	
<i>14 February 2021 — online contributions</i>	\$2,860.00
<i>14 February 2021 — envelope contributions</i>	\$3,898.25
<b><i>Sunday collection total</i></b>	<b>\$6,758.25</b>
<i>Black and Indian Mission — online contributions</i>	\$155.00
<i>Black and Indian Mission — envelope contributions</i>	\$205.00
<b><i>Black and Indian Mission total</i></b>	<b>\$360.00</b>
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$140.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$105.00
<b><i>Ministries of Mercy total</i></b>	<b>\$245.00</b>

### 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	Walter Malcomb	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	Star Lewandowski		

### 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	

