

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

12 December 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

May the Lord make
you increase and
abound in love for
one another...

— 1 Thessalonians 3: 12a



Pastor

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

Deacons

Deacon Ronald James
emeritus

Deacon Shelby Friend
emeritus

Music Minister

Mr. David Williams

Archbishop Lyke School
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COME, 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.



THANK YOU



We thank everyone who donated to the #weGiveCatholic campaign. 19 donors contributed online a total of \$1525. In addition, 16 donations were made directly to the church, totaling \$626. The total amount that we received is \$2151. The money will be used for the Holy Spiritteens to help rejuvenate this ministry and fund a trip to the National Catholic Youth Conference next year.

HOLIDAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Copies of the holiday ministry schedule through the Feast of the Epiphany, are available in the sacristy. Thank you to all of our ministers for sharing your gifts during the holy days and throughout the year.

HUNGER CENTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The hunger center will be closed for the holidays on December 21st and December 28th and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

FAMILY PROMISE THANKS YOU

The Family Promise volunteers thank the parishioners for their donations. The donations received from Holy Spirit Church were greatly needed and appreciated by Family Promise temporary housing facility for their 2021 holiday wishes. Our donations will enable the families to have a blessed Christmas with their children.

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 11 December 2021* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm Isaac Turner
- Sunday, 12 December 2021* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Church
- Wednesday, 15 December 2021* ADVENT WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Anthony Edwards
- Saturday, 18 December 2021* THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Church
- Sunday, 19 December 2021* THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
10:30 am Billie Edwards

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY



As the bulletin is going to print there have been no gatherings of parishioners for the synod conversations. By the time you are reading these words, we are likely to be in the midst of the very beginning

of the process.

Regardless, every person who is reading these words is invited to participate in the conversations we will have over the next several weeks to contribute our thoughts and wisdom to the church's desire to hear from all of us.

Ten opportunities have been scheduled before the end of January to gather in small groups to listen to each other in a spirit of prayer and work together toward what the church is called to be in our times.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- First communion class meets today.
- Confirmation class meets next Sunday, December 19th.

YOUTH MASS SUNDAY

Today's Mass features the youth of our parish in roles of service. Please offer them a word of encouragement and gratitude.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

12/12	Esther Sam-Ezirim	
12/13	Kim Fortson	
12/14	Alisa Smith	
12/15	Annette Lyons	Carley O'Rourke
12/16	Samuel Johnson	
12/18	Ray Hines	Natasha Wilson-Dawson

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 12/24/2021	Friday, 7:00 pm
Christmas Day 12/25/2021	Saturday, 10:30 am
Holy Family 12/26/2021	Sunday, 10:30 am
New Year's Eve 12/31/2021	Friday, 7:00 pm
Epiphany 01/02/2022	Sunday, 10:30 am

- There is no 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 25th or Saturday, January 1st.
- January 1st, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, is not a holy day of obligation this Christmas season.
- On the Feast of the Epiphany, January 2nd and our parish anniversary, Bishop Roger Gries will preside over our celebration.
- The Wednesday evening Masses will be celebrated as usual at 6:30 pm on December 15th, 22nd, 29th, and throughout January.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Thursday, December 23rd at Noon through Monday, January 3rd, the parish office will be closed to ordinary business. Fr. David will pay close attention to incoming messages and will respond to pastoral needs.

To reach Fr. David, please call the parish rectory and leave a message at extension 12. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

***2022 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY
CALENDARS AVAILABLE***

The 2022 Josephite 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.

WORDS OF GRACE

The new Words of Grace daily reflections and prayer booklets for January - March 2022 are now available at the church entrances. If you will not be coming to the church, please contact the church office to make other arrangements to obtain one.

OFFICE MANAGER RETIRING

I have submitted my notice of retirement to Father David. I will be working through the end of January to help transition my replacement. When I started my career path over 35 years ago, after receiving a chemistry degree, working as an environmental laboratory scientist and then later as a district environmental enforcement coordinator and international environmental, health and safety manager, I never imagined that my journey would end here at Holy Spirit Church. What I am certain of, is this was God's plan. From the moment he helped guide me to a position I secured quickly, when moving from Michigan back to Cleveland due to my Father's health; until now, when I literally took a leap of faith and retired early from my previous job. I still needed to work, but had no job. The summer that my Mom made me take typing when I wanted to play, the jobs where they cut resources and I had no administrative help to prepare and manage documents - these all helped poise me for the end of my journey. How ironic that the end of my journey, would reconnect me with some wonderful friends that were part of the former St. Cecilia and Epiphany communities. I am finding it necessary to retire now, in order to spend more time with and care for my family. So, it is with mixed emotions - the excitement of retiring, but also sadness because I will miss all of you, that I write this announcement. I want to give a special thank you to Father David for giving me the opportunity to work here; to Father Bob Marva, who along with God, guided me here to Holy Spirit; to all of you who have embraced me and made me feel like I am a member of the Holy Spirit family; to each and every one of you who calls or stops in just to say "hi", to check on me, to give words of gratitude or tokens of appreciation. You will never know how much you helped me get through many days...the uncertainty of the pandemic...and Fr. David's two surgeries to name a few. Lastly, I thank my family who has always supported me throughout my journey. I love all of you and I hope that our paths will cross again soon.

Rhonda Cross Mangham

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES GRIEF SUPPORT

The Catholic Cemeteries Grief Support group will meet next Sunday, December 19th from 3:00 - 4:00 pm at Calvary Cemetery. Please RSVP or address questions to Rhonda at rabrams@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Zep 1:14-18a; Lk 3:10-18

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Zep 1:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday Is 54:1-10; Lk 7:24-30

Friday Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

Saturday Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial minister or personnel associated with the church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at Response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

LIVE NATIVITY

Visit the live nativity at Saint Aloysius Church on Saint Clair Avenue on Thursday evening, December 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. See the flyers on the bulletin boards for complete details.



Like us on Facebook

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The second collection today is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thank you for your generosity.

COLLECTION	
05 December 2021 — online contributions	\$3,869.00
05 December 2021 — envelope contributions	\$4,815.00
Sunday collection total	\$8,684.00
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$10.00
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$380.00
Ministries of Mercy total	\$390.00
<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
Jewell Gardner	Henry & Kay Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Cole Whaley	Marvin Young	Richard Bass	Wendy Lewis	Shirley Liston
Roger & Connie Raines	Jesse & Jessica Carr	Demateress Richards	Jean & Len Rosky	Jerry Freeman
Rosemarie McBride	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Gerri Fracasso	Cordell Curry	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	Clementine Jefferson
Edith Richardson	Allyssa Brand-Bey	Theresa Talbott	Preston 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
Lucille Mahone	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Horace Reese
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	D.D. Ward -Warden	Jonathan Traylor
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Cora Williams	Alanna King
Tyric Green	Mary Sibyl Kress	Hal Wyant	Patricia Pecnik	Merline Goodson

If you decide that it is no longer necessary for your name to appear on this list because your condition has improved, please contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY:

Sandra Clark	Mario Williams	Maurice Williams	Steven Rau
Joshua Sánchez	Dennis Ross, II	Uchechi Onwuanaibe	Sadé Powers-Morgan

