

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

15 January 2023

Sunday Mass
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.



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For ever I will sing
the goodness of the
Lord.

— Psalm 89: 2a



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.

COME, WORSHIP WITH US

WITH OVERWHELMING GRATITUDE

Words seem to fail because they fall so far short of the depth of sentiment they have to carry: thank you, most sincerely, to everyone who helped make our celebration last Sunday as beautiful, memorable, and enjoyable as it was.

The joyfulness began in church, of course. We were led in prayer by Bishop Roger with his usual grace and charm. He clearly feels very much at home among us; he has already sent us a gracious thank you note for our open invitation to him to be part of our anniversary celebration every year. The choir and music ministry went to extra lengths to give the liturgy a special beauty and prayerfulness.

The banquet hall was full – full of smiles and laughter, good food and genuine love. It was a very kind gesture of Mayor Matt Burke and Father Phil to stop by and share a word of congratulations. Alisa Smith hit exactly the right tone in her remarks that afternoon. Sherman Whaley guided us through the afternoon with grace and flexibility.

The pastoral council took the lead in the planning and unfolding of the day. A special word of thanks is due particularly to Kim Fortson, David Tucker, Erin Raines and Brenda Holbert.

When you see any of these people in church, please be sure to go out of your way to express your gratitude in your own way. Next week we should be able to provide a full financial report on the event and how much we have toward the renovations of Mulligan Hall and its accessibility.



MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 14 January 2023* THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm Mabel Staton
- Sunday, 15 January 2023* THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 18 January 2023* WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
6:30 pm Barbara Davis
- Saturday, 21 January 2023* THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 22 January 2023* THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:30 am David Holly



MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. NATIONAL HOLIDAY

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“We must accept finite disappointment, but never lose infinite hope.”

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

“Forgiveness is not an occasional act. It is a permanent attitude.”

“People fail to get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don’t know each other; they don’t know each other because they have not communicated with each other.”

MAY SHE REST IN GOD’S PEACE

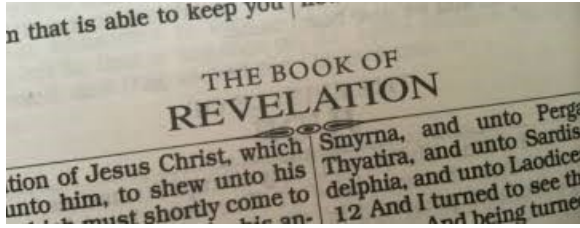
Gail Sanford of our parish died last Saturday, January 7th. Her funeral liturgy will be on Tuesday this week at Boyd Funeral Home on Emery Road. The wake begins at 10:30 am and the service follows at 11:00.

Please remember her and her family in your prayers. May they be filled with God’s peace.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

There is a Parish Pastoral Council meeting next Sunday immediately after the 10:30 Mass.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
01/15	January Williams	
01/16	Ariana Taylor	
01/17	Damien Williams	
01/18	Carrie Aaron	Doreen Chukwu
01/19	David Williams	
01/20	Onni McCoy	Antonio Morson
01/21	Kala Johnson Tiana Logan	Sr. Carol Pelegrin Linda Williams



CONFUSED BY THE BOOK OF REVELATION?

Are you unsure how to read it or understand its message? On five Thursday evenings beginning early in March we are hosting Fr. Jerry Bednar who will lead us through an exploration of this last book of the New Testament.

These presentations explore a new approach to the book. In fact, it may not be a new approach at all, but rather an authentic return to the original understanding of the early Christians for whom the text was intended. These presentations look back to the oldest interpretation we have and discover a fresh reading. Surprisingly comforting and challenging at the same time, the text displays a much more Christian sense of love and mercy than often associated with the Book of the Apocalypse.

Here’s the key: everything in the Book of Revelation has already happened, is happening now, and will happen in the future. It’s all about the perennial significance of the Paschal Mystery of Christ.

Save the dates and see the flyer available on the literature rack at the church’s north entrance. Please register by using the form on the back of the flyer, the form on our website, or by calling the parish office.

THURSDAYS IN THE PARISH CENTER
6:30 - 8:00 pm

09 March	30 March
16 March	13 April
23 March	

Fr. Jerry Bednar is a priest of the diocese and a retired professor at Saint Mary Seminary in Wickliffe.

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CONTRIBUTION REPORTS

Now that 2022 has come to a close, the parish office is ready to prepare financial statements of your generous giving. If you need such a report, please leave a message at the parish office.

BEREAVEMENT VOLUNTEERS

Sunday, January 29th
Noon to 1:00 pm
Parish Center

Has God given you a heart for helping the grieving? Are you gifted with compassion, creativity, organization, good penmanship, prayer, or empathetic support either by telephone or in person? We are hosting a special organizational meeting for anyone able to share the gift of your time and compassion with those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We can use your help in a variety of areas: hospitality (funeral ushers and lectors), sending condolence notes, calling bereaved families, sharing helpful pre-planning and support resources, maintaining the database of deceased and family contacts, maintaining our *Care Notes*, preparing the annual All Souls Mass.

A small lunch will be provided, so your reservation will be appreciated by January 22nd. To save a place, please call Rhonda at 216-396-4136. All current bereavement ministers are encouraged to attend, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the ministry.

PSR TEACHERS AND STAFF

There is a staff meeting on Thursday evening the 19th at 7:00 pm by way of Zoom.

CHURCH UNDECORATING

The duty doesn’t come with as much glamour as the decorating, but it is a necessary chore. Thank you to everyone who helped remove our Christmas decorations, clean up, and carefully put everything away until the next time we need it. May God bless you all!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34
Monday Heb 5:1-10; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday Heb 6:10-20; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday Heb 7:25--8-6; Mk 3:7-12
Friday Heb 8:6-13; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday Heb 9:2-3,11-14; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday Is 8:23--9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23

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

LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY

Are you interested in ramping up your service to God and the church? Lay ecclesial ministers are theologically and pastorally trained to take a leadership role in almost every aspect of church life at the local level. If you are interested in learning more, please see the flyers on the bulletin boards and save the evening of January 30th.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend's second collection is for the Catholic University of America which trains many future priests from around the country and the world.

Next weekend we will take the collection for Latin America, most of which supports the work of the missionary efforts of the Diocese of Cleveland in El Salvador.

◆ **PSR CLASSES** meet this weekend immediately after the 10:30 Mass. The **CONFIRMATION** and **FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** also meet in the parish center at the same time.

COLLECTION	
<i>08 January 2023 — online contributions</i>	\$2,645.00
<i>08 January 2023 — envelope contributions</i>	\$4,261.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$6,906.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$95.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$95.00
<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	Hal Wyant
Jewell Gardner	Henry Tucker	Carrie Aaron	John P. Jones, Jr.	Maxine & Shelby Friend
Cole Whaley	Marvin Young	Jimmy Owens	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	Barbara Galloway
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	Tyrone & Terry Lester
Sr. Kathleen McCafferty	Della Powell	Sr. Mary Beth Daly	Sharm Starks	Horace Reese
Sandra Rose	Raman Belinson	Maureen Belinson	Linda E. Williams	Jonathan Traylor
Doris St. Clair	Ruby Fett	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Barbara Oliver	Sophonria Reed
Jerry Cohea	Dwight A. Carpenter	Tyric Green		

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	Sadé Powers-Morgan	Uchechi Onwuanaibe

