

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

26 March 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.



Holy Spirit Church
O my people, I will
open your graves and
have you rise from
them. I will put my
spirit in you.

— Ezekiel 37: 12b, 14a



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

THE SCRUTINIES



This Sunday we celebrate the third and final *Scrutiny* on behalf of our five young members nearing their day of baptism. This scrutiny emphasizes that Christ is the

Resurrection and the Life – stronger even than the finality of a grave. In our baptism we die to all that God wants us to leave behind, and rise to a whole new life in his company.

Please continue to hold our *Elect* in your prayers:

- Kadeon Bogan* *Janae Collier*
- Dominic Darrell* *Maximus Kress*
- Olivia Kress*

At the Easter Vigil they will all be baptized. Kadeon and Maximus will also receive the Eucharist with us for the first time.

**PALM SUNDAY
PASSION SUNDAY**

It's the same day. We begin our liturgy next weekend commemorating the shouts of glory from the crowds welcoming Jesus to Jerusalem, and by the time it's over the Gospel of Matthew will have told us how it happened that our Lord Jesus saved us.

Here's a way to celebrate and commemorate Holy Week at home with your family. Many people enjoy making palm crosses. Why not make it a family activity? It can be a great way to spend time together.

You can make a palm cross with these step-by-step instructions:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/how-to-fold-a-palm-cross-in-10-easy-steps>

MASS INTENTIONS

- Saturday, 25 March 2023* THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
4:00 pm Kay Tucker
- Sunday, 26 March 2023* THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Wednesday, 29 March 2023* LENTEN WEEKDAY
6:30 pm Kevin Niako
- Saturday, 01 April 2023* THE PASSION OF THE LORD
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 02 April 2023* THE PASSION OF THE LORD
10:30 am Leslie DeBrossard

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

- Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*
- Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord*
- The Easter Vigil of the Lord's Resurrection*

The Latin word, *Triduum*, means three days. These are the central celebrations of our faith in Jesus as our Christ, our Messiah, our Savior. The truth is that they are not three separate liturgies; they constitute one liturgy that spans three days.

If you come, you will notice that Mass on Holy Thursday evening begins in the usual way, but it has no discernable ending; we just get up and leave when we're done. The liturgy on Good Friday begins in silence with a humble posture and ends in stark quiet. The Easter Vigil begins not with the usual sign of the cross, but with a wordless lighting of a fire, and then the blessing of light the fire provides. It's all one, unified liturgical prayer that takes us three days to complete.

The church's long tradition insists that what happened once in history passes over into the mystery of our liturgical celebrations. The liturgies of these days do not take us back to the upper room or the path of Calvary. Their ultimate purpose is not to retrace or relive the last hours of Jesus' life – nor to catch sight of him emerging from the tomb at Easter's dawning.

They celebrate not what once happened to Jesus but what is now happening among us as a people called to conversion, gathered in faith, and gifted with the Spirit of holiness. They celebrate God's taking possession of our hearts at their deepest core, recreating us as a new human community broken like bread for the world's life – a community rich in compassion, steadfast in hope, and fearless in the search for justice and peace.

Excerpts from "The Three Days of Pascha," Nathan Mitchell, in *Assembly, Volume 18:1*.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
03/26	Brittanie Calhoun	
03/27	Richard Johnson Jr Eric Rose	Nannette Haygood
03/28	Tyric Green Edith Jones	Edith Richardson
03/29	Gayle Bullock	Willie Kennedy Jr.
03/30	Dylan Arnold	Jeneba Samba
03/31	Eyani Forte	
04/01	Mary-Sibyl Kress	

AT HOME WITH THE LORD

In the early hours of Tuesday morning this week (March 21st) Tommie (Eunice) Smiley passed into the Lord's arms from her home with her husband, Jesse, and daughter, Jessalyn, at her bedside.

A wake is scheduled for Wednesday, April 12th in the Boyd Funeral Home on Emery Road at 1:30 pm with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm. Interment will take place immediately following this service.

A Memorial Mass will take place in Holy Spirit Church at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 13th.

Please pray for Tommie, her family, and the many, many people who will miss her and her leadership around here.

**PSR CLASS
FIRST COMMUNION CLASS**

PSR and First Communion classes meet right after the 10:30 Mass next Sunday, April 2nd.

MEN OF FAITH FISH FRY

Don't forget to pick-up your prepaid meal(s) this week between 3:00 and 7:00 pm.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
June 14 - 21, 2023**



Vacation Bible School is returning this summer for grade levels K through 6. The dates are the weekdays from Wednesday, June 14th to Wednesday June 21st. The time is 9:00 am - 12:00 noon each of those days.

More information and registration forms will be available in the coming weeks. For now, please be sure to save the dates.

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Join fellow
 parishioners
 in praying
 the Stations
 of the Cross for the
 last time this Lent:
 Friday night at
 6:30.

THE BOOK OF REVELATION STUDY SERIES

This Thursday evening (March 30th) is the fourth of five sessions on the Book of Revelation. The series has been well attended and is holding the fascinated attention of those participating. Because the following Thursday is Holy Thursday (April 6th), the group will not meet that day, but will conclude the series on the evening of April 13th.

That evening the group will be joined by Father Francis Moloney, who will be streaming in from Australia. His research and writing on the Book of Revelation has been the foundation for Father Jerry Bednar's presentations.

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP?

You don't have to speak in public. You don't have to sing a note. You don't have to know how to use a microphone or sign-on to a virtual computer meeting room. You don't even need a computer.

But do you have a clothes iron? Are you willing to put it at the service of your parish community, keeping your hands busy while you watch TV or wait for the washing machine to finish its cycle?

We need to expand the team of helpers who take care of the church's laundry. As our Sunday Mass attendance continues to tick up and we use more linens at each of our Masses, the laundry workload is increasing.



If you're willing to consider helping, please let us know by leaving a message at the church office.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

Don't forget to keep dropping your spare change in the cardboard rice bowl on your kitchen table. We'll collect them the weekend after Easter, April 15th and 16th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday* Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45
- Monday* Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday* Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday* Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42
- Thursday* Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Friday* Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10: 31-42
- Saturday* Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sunday* Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14--27:66

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

SISTER KATHLEEN WROTE TO US THIS WEEK:

“I am finally making some significant progress. I WILL BE BACK. Love to my beloved parish family.

– Sr. Kathleen

PARENT EDUCATIONAL FREEDOM ACT

Senate Bill 11, called the “Parent Educational Freedom Act,” expands eligibility for educational choice scholarships to all students beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. It would provide to parents for each pupil up to \$5500 for grades K - 8, and \$7500 for grades 9 - 12. It also increases the amount of homeschooling expenses that a taxpayer can claim as an income tax credit each year, from \$250 to \$2000. If you want to express your support for this legislation visit the site of the Ohio Catholic Conference: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org>.

COLLECTION	
<i>19 March 2023 — online contributions</i>	\$3,485.00
<i>19 March 2023 — envelope contributions</i>	\$2,823.00
<i>Sunday collection total</i>	\$6,308.00
<i>Catholic Relief Services collection — online</i>	\$30.00
<i>Catholic Relief Services collection — envelopes</i>	\$130.00
<i>Catholic Relief Services collection total</i>	\$160.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — online contributions</i>	\$000.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions</i>	\$20.00
<i>Ministries of Mercy total</i>	\$20.00
<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 a eucharistic minister, 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
Dwight A. Carpenter	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	Jesse Smiley	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Barbara Oliver	Sophonria Reed
Jerry Cohea	Tyric Green	Sr. Brigetta Waldron	Rachel Gason	

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

