

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

02 April 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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He humbled himself,
becoming obedient to
the point of death,
even death on a cross.

— Philippians 2: 8



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 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 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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INTENTIONS

- 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
- Wednesday, 05 April 2023* LENTEN WEEKDAY
 6:30 pm Donald and Barbara Bossard
- Thursday, 06 April 2023* HOLY THURSDAY
 6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Friday, 07 April 2023* GOOD FRIDAY
 6:30 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Saturday, 08 April 2023* THE EASTER VIGIL
 4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish
- Sunday, 09 April 2023* EASTER SUNDAY
 10:30 am The People of Holy Spirit Parish

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. It's not the vestments, the albs and other robes. We have those garments dry-cleaned regularly. It's the corporals (akin to a placemat) and the purificators (cloth napkins, essentially), the hand towels. As our Sunday Mass attendance continues to tick up and we use more corporals and purificators 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANNUAL APPEAL

With 26 donors, we have met and exceeded our goal for the annual Catholic Charities Appeal. \$25,760 has been pledged by 6% of our membership; this is 129% of the goal we are expected to achieve.

Thank you to everyone who is stretching their bank accounts to support the extensive work of Catholic Charities, helping those most in need among us.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
04/02	Tamika Pearson	
04/03	Joseph Hawkins	
04/04	Calee Metlock	
04/05	Adlean Atterberry Lamont Dodson	Beverly Jordan
04/06	Joshua Starks	
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY		
04/05	Vallery & Terrence Gaines Kelly & Charles Teasley	
04/06	Monica & William Starks	

AT HOME WITH THE LORD

Jewell Gardner of our parish died on January 27th. Without next of kin and without having assigned power of attorney, Jewell's remains have been in the hospital morgue since her passing. All the legalities have finally been dealt with and Jewel will be buried at Calvary Cemetery on Tuesday this week according to her wishes.

Before committing her body to the earth, we will celebrate a funeral Mass for her in church that morning at 10:00 am. Please join us for this Mass for Jewell who has no family except her church family and the few close friendships she nurtured and cherished.

In the early hours of March 21st **Tommie 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.

MOTHER LANGE'S CANONIZATION CAUSE



The canonization cause of Mother Mary Lange has taken a step forward. The Vatican has accepted documentation of Mother Lange's life; the text will be reviewed by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and following that review it will be sent to Pope Francis who is expected to declare Mother Mary Lange venerable.

The processes involved are painstakingly slow, so every step forward is a reason to thank God. We keep our prayers lifted before God.

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The Ladies of Peter Claver will meet on Saturday, April 15th at 9:30 am in the parish center.

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.

WILL YOU STAND WITH ME?

This is my request to our community as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist together. The Easter posture is to stand. Please stand with me.

Ordinarily, kneeling remains the preferred posture during the eucharistic prayer in the United States. But kneeling is not easy or possible for everyone. Standing during the eucharistic prayer is better than sitting. We stand when someone enters a room to greet them. We stand to show respect to another.

Throughout the Easter season, I call upon us to remain standing through the entirety of the eucharistic prayer as we are able. A single posture can speak eloquently to a unity of faith.

Please stand with me through the entirety of the Easter season. When we get to Pentecost, let me know how you experienced it. I'm quite thrilled to be able to stand at the altar this year; please stand with me.

f. David

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14--27:66

Monday Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5: 7-9; Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

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

THE SAINT PATRICK DAY BASKET RAFFLE

The raffle, sponsored by the Holy Name Society, was held last Sunday. The winner was Carolyn Jackson who purchased her winning ticket (#426043) from Holy Name member Tandy Rencher. Thank you to all who participated.

OPERATION GOOD NEWS RETREAT DAY, MAY 27

The spring retreat is to be held at the Loyola Retreat House in Clinton, Ohio. Mrs. Betty Holden and Fr. Phil Bernier are leading the day. Registration forms are at our church doors. For more information, call Carol (216.443.4443), Juanita (216.659.3569) or Shawn (216.233.0880).

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.

COLLECTION	
26 March 2023 — online contributions	\$2,715.00
26 March 2023 — envelope contributions	\$3,006.00
Sunday collection total	\$5,721.00
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$000.00
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$75.00
Ministries of Mercy total	\$75.00
<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

