

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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

05 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**

In the greatness of  
your compassion wipe  
out my offense.

— Psalm 51: 3b



## *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

**MASS  
WITH THE SACRAMENT  
OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**



The Wednesday evening Mass on March 22<sup>nd</sup> will include the opportunity for those in attendance to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. The sacrament takes place after the homily and before the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The sacrament is not only for those who are in danger of imminent death and should not be thought of in that way. The sacrament may and should be given to anyone whose health is seriously impaired. The instruction on the sacrament offers these general guidelines for who rightly asks to receive the sacrament:

- \* those whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age;
- \* the sacrament may be repeated if the sick person recovers after being anointed and then again falls ill, or if during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious;
- \* elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- \* sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament.

Celebrating the sacrament during Mass gives us the opportunity to collectively bring our weakness and ill health to God for blessing and healing. By the sacrament, we present ourselves and our loved ones to God, and we are strengthened by praying together for each other. Even if you are not in need of this sacrament at this time, come and pray with brothers and sisters here, who beg God's healing Spirit in their lives.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

*Saturday, 04 March 2023* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Sunday, 05 March 2023* THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am John Garner

*Wednesday, 08 March 2023* WEEKDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
6:30 pm Ricardo DeBrossard

*Saturday, 11 March 2023* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
4:00 pm The People of Holy Spirit Parish

*Sunday, 12 March 2023* THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 am O'Lisa Cohea

**THE PENITENTIAL ACT**

Almost every celebration of the Mass includes the Penitential Act, after the Processional Hymn, the Sign of the Cross and Greeting. It is part of disposing ourselves to participate fully in the great act of thanksgiving that the Eucharist is. The Penitential Act can be prayed in three ways, but at Holy Spirit Church we almost always use the third form. I have definite reasons for preferring to use that form, which I'd be happy to explain to anyone who is interested.

As happens in human behavior, when we never exercise an option, slowly our awareness that there is an option fades from consciousness. I realized this when Bishop Roger was here on Epiphany Sunday and chose the first form of the Penitential Act and many of us were caught off guard and unable to easily recite the prayer from memory, including myself.

Lent is a particularly appropriate time to use the first form with its clear focus on our admission that we are sinners in need of God's mercy and forgiveness, and that we need the prayerful support of our brothers and sisters to live as virtuously and faithfully as we can. To help us learn the prayer so that we can easily say it from our hearts, we will use the first form of the Penitential Act each of the first five Sundays of Lent. If you need to see the text in print, it is on page one of the missal at the end of the pews. And then later in the year, we'll use the second form for a period of time in order to make sure we can fully participate whenever a priest uses it at Mass.

*fr. David*

**BLACK HISTORY MONTH THANK YOU**

We were able to include short articles celebrating Black history in our bulletin throughout February because of the research and writing of Jean Mays. When you see her, please be sure to thank her for her efforts.

*Thank you, Jean, for helping us to celebrate and to learn.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

03/06	Anthony Brown	Mary Pinckney
03/07	Terry Lester	
03/08	Billie Graham	
03/09	Renade Freeman	Sarah Watkins
03/10	Savanna Hales Tyrone Lester	Jewel Price Fred Weatherly
03/11	Brian Boggan	Cecil Washington Sr.

## MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST



Each week at the 10:30 Mass there will be a minister of the Eucharist assigned to distribute Communion to those seated in the side chairs on the Blessed Mother altar side of the church, and then to those throughout the church unable to come forward in the Communion procession. With this practice, we're returning to what was customary for us in the pre-pandemic days.

For this reason, we'll be calling on more of our eucharistic ministers to return to service by helping to distribute Communion. If you're willing to be on the minister's schedule again, please leave a message at the parish office.

Then, beginning on Holy Thursday, the day we celebrate the great gift of the Eucharist to the church and the world, we'll begin offering the Eucharist under both forms in the Communion procession. That is, the possibility of receiving the Blood of Christ from the communion cup will be restored. If you are still reluctant about receiving Communion in that form, please remember that you are not required to.

We're going to give this a try in accord with the request of some for a return to the practice, and in respectful deference to the fullness of the symbol of his life that our Lord Jesus gave to us.

## FRIDAYS OF LENT AND SAINT PATRICK DAY A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MALESIC

"Throughout the season of Lent we are invited to participate in the opportunity for prayer, fasting and almsgiving in order to deepen our awareness and better appreciate the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made for us on Good Friday. This year, St. Patrick's Day falls on a Friday in Lent, and several have inquired about the possibility of a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in Lent.

"After prayerful consideration, I am granting this dispensation from the obligation to abstain from meat for those who feel it absolutely necessary to be dispensed in order to celebrate the Feast of St. Patrick. I ask that those who exercise this dispensation and eat meat on the Feast of St. Patrick to select another non-Friday day during Lent to abstain from eating meat or to make some offering on behalf of the poor, whether by prayer, fasting or almsgiving."

## AN EVENING OF CONFESSION

On Wednesday evening this week, every church in the diocese is open from 5:00 - 8:00 pm for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our church will be open as usual at 5:00, and we will celebrate Mass as usual at 6:30. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar of the church up to Mass time. Whether you are coming for confession or not, you are welcome to stop by church for a little while for some private prayer and devotion before the Blessed Sacrament.

In accord with the circumstances of the day and liturgical guidelines, the exposition and reposition will take place silently and reverently, without hymns, incense or benediction.

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

This month the confirmation class is meeting on two consecutive Sundays: March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars.

## REMEMBERING OUR BELOVED DECEASED

### FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH, THE HUSBAND OF MARY

*Monday, 20 March 2023  
10:00 am*

The one-year anniversary of the death of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, it is customary to remember our dearly departed and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families on the feast of Saint Joseph. The feast day of Saint Joseph is chosen because he is the patron saint for a happy death. He is our model, and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. The Mass, under the auspices of the Catholic Cemeteries Association, will be live-streamed. For more information contact [Rhonda](mailto:Rhonda@clecem.org) at [rabrams@clecem.org](mailto:rabrams@clecem.org) or at 216-930-4866.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS MEET

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups. In-person meetings are at 3:00 pm at each of the six cemetery offices; a virtual meeting takes place at 5:00 pm. The next sessions are on March 19<sup>th</sup>; the staff goes out of their way to offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where participants are free to explore their grief.



February 28, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! As Catholics, we are committed to protecting the sanctity of human life no matter the circumstances or stage of development. We live this out by, among other things, accompanying the poor and needy, refugees and immigrants, prisoners on death row, young mothers, and children.

In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 101). Our commitment to protecting and promoting life includes providing resources and accompanying women during and after pregnancy through our numerous social service agencies, schools, and parishes. This commitment also includes rejecting abortion expansion, which only perpetuates a throwaway culture that does not value human life.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio will be collaborating with statewide organizations, and diocesan respect life offices will be seeking volunteers to help coordinate a campaign at every parish. More information and materials will become available as we mobilize to oppose the proposed amendment on the November 2023 ballot.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, stand with you, our faithful, in our commitment in the name of the Lord of Life, to each human person from conception to natural death. Let us unite in fasting and offering this prayer:

*God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mothers' wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

With you in Christ Jesus,

**Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr**  
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

**Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas**  
Diocese of Toledo

**Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes**  
Diocese of Columbus

**Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic**  
Diocese of Cleveland

**Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton**  
Diocese of Steubenville

**Most Rev. David J. Bonnar**  
Diocese of Youngstown

**Most Rev. Michael G. Woost**  
Diocese of Cleveland

**Most Rev. J. Michael Botean**  
Romanian Catholic Eparchy  
of St. George in Canton

**Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo**  
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy  
of St. Josaphat in Parma



**LENTEN REVIVAL***Tuesday - Wednesday**14 - 15 March 2023**6:30 pm***HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH****THIS IS MY STORY**

The Office of Black Catholic Ministries is planning a Lenten Revival for the evenings of March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, right here in our church. The services begin at 6:30 pm on both evenings. The second evening's celebration will take place in the context of our usual Wednesday evening Mass. A small reception will take place after the services. Please join us, and spread the word.

Sister Jane Nesmith participated recently in a podcast, entitled, *Who is Sr. Thea Bowman?* The podcast lasts a little over 21 minutes. The link here will take you to it:

<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/young-adult-ministry/question-of-faith-podcast>

The podcast is a regular feature of the Young Adult Ministry of the Diocese of Cleveland, called "Question of Faith Podcast." In this episode Sister Jane also mentions the upcoming revival. The podcast's interviewers had beautiful things to say about recent experiences they have had worshipping with us in Holy Spirit Church. Take a listen.

**THE SCRUTINIES**

Last Sunday, during a ceremony at the cathedral, five youngsters among us officially became candidates for baptism in the Catholic Church. They are now counted among the *Elect* of the church – those chosen by God to become members of the Catholic Church at this year's Easter Vigil.

These few weeks of Lenten preparation contain some special rituals that we will incorporate in the 10:30 Mass on the three consecutive Sundays beginning March 12<sup>th</sup> (and two Wednesdays). From the early centuries of the church, these rituals have been called Scrutinies. They are meant to uncover, then to heal all that is weak, insufficient or sinful in the hearts of the *Elect*, and to bring out and strengthen all that is upright, strong and good.

The Scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the *Elect* and the rest of us from the power of sin and evil, to protect us against temptation, and to give us strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites deepen our community's resolve to hold fast to Jesus and to carry out our decision to love God above all.

Please pray for our *Elect* in a special way this Lent:

*Maximus Kress**Dominic Darrell**Olivia Kress**Kadeon Bogan**Janae Collier***VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PLANNING**

We are working to restore Vacation Bible School to our summer activities this year. A planning meeting will be held after PSR classes on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in helping to plan, or just in seeing what might be involved, please come by the parish center at 1:00 pm that afternoon. Most importantly, we need to select the dates and put together a team. If you're interested, but can't make this meeting, please call the parish office.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK***Sunday* Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*Monday* Dn 9:4b-10; Lk 6:36-38*Tuesday* Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12*Wednesday* Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28*Thursday* Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31*Friday* Gn 37:3-4; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*Saturday* Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*Sunday* Ex 17:3-7; Jn 4:5-42**BOOK OF REVELATION STUDY SERIES**

This evening series begins on Thursday this week at 6:30 pm in the parish center. It continues for the following three Thursday nights in March, and then a final, fifth session is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

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Join fellow  
 parishioners  
 in praying  
 the Stations  
 of the Cross  
 on Friday nights  
 during Lent  
 at 6:30.

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



**As a follow up to the stories  
featured during in pew weekend,  
please reach out directly  
to the following resources if you  
or someone you know is in need of help:**

**Central Intake for Behavioral Health**  
800.860.7373

**Adoption/Foster Care**  
Sandra Fay - 440.843.5631

**Hospice Care**  
440.888.7722



TO LEARN MORE

Thank you to all who are participating in the Catholic Charities 2023 Annual Appeal. If you have not had a chance to make a gift, it's never too late. Our assessed goal this year is \$19,923.00.

COLLECTION	
26 February 2023 — online contributions	\$3,332.00
26 February 2023 — envelope contributions	\$2,154.25
<b>Sunday collection total</b>	<b>\$5,486.25</b>
Ministries of Mercy — online contributions	\$25.00
Ministries of Mercy — envelope contributions	\$40.00
<b>Ministries of Mercy total</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>
Thank you so much for your continuous support!	

### 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
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	Eunice & Jesse Smiley	Cora Williams	Merline Goodson
Kiana Pearson	Mildred Jackson	Star Lewandowski	Barbara Oliver	Sophonra Reed
Jerry Cohea	Tyric Green	Sr. Brigetta Waldron		

*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:

Saundra Clark	Mario Williams	Maurice Williams
Steven Rau	Sadé Powers-Morgan	Uchechi Onwuanaibe

