

Gaudete Sunday

*The Spirit of the Lord is
upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings
to the poor.*

-Isaiah 61:1



3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Garfield Heights, Ohio 44105

216.581.0981

Office Hours: Tues, Wed, Thurs 9:00am-1:00pm or by appointment

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm

Sunday Mass
10:30 am

Wednesday Weekday Mass
5:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday, 4:00-4:50pm
or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesday, 4:00-4:50pm
(Holy Rosary, 4:30 pm)

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF GAUDETE SUNDAY?

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Gaudete Sunday, observed as the third Sunday of Advent, takes its name from the Latin word Gaudete (“Rejoice”), the opening word of the Introit for the Mass on that day, drawn from St. Paul’s exhortation in his Letter to the Philippians: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.... The Lord is at hand” (Phil 4:4-5). This naming reflects the Church’s liturgical tradition of infusing joy into the otherwise penitential season of Advent, signaling that Christmas—the celebration of Christ’s birth—is drawing near; typically just about two weeks away. The origins of Gaudete Sunday are closely tied to the evolution of the Advent season itself, which emerged in the early Church as a period of preparation for the Nativity of Christ. Initially, Advent was a fast lasting forty days, beginning the day after the feast of St. Martin on November 12, and was known as “St. Martin’s Lent” as early as the fifth century.² By the ninth century, the season was shortened to four weeks, as referenced in a letter from Pope St. Nicholas I (858–867) to the Bulgarians. Gaudete Sunday emerged as the “middle” or third Sunday of this four-week season, paralleling Laetare Sunday (the fourth Sunday of Lent). It serves as a joyful interlude, suspending some penitential elements to symbolize the gladness of the Promised Redemption!



OUR VALUES

The Word

We are inspired by God’s Word and the Eucharist as the source of our faith and salvation.

Family

We are committed to know, understand, and love each other as members of Christ’s Body, the Church.

Inclusivity

We invite all to participate in the life and mission of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Outreach

We are called through the Holy Spirit to spread the Gospel message and reach out to the poor and oppressed.

Legacy

We nurture our faith across all generations to build a lasting foundation for our Church.

OUR VISION

A parish where all find nourishment and support in family, life, and faith in Christ.

OUR MISSION

To glorify, praise, and give thanks to God through Jesus Christ, by coming together as a diverse and welcoming community.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR / MASS INTENTIONS

- 12/13-14 3rd Sunday of Advent
4:00pm, Kiara Jackson
10:30am, People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 12/15 Monday of the 3rd Week of Advent
- 12/16 Tuesday of the 3rd Week of Advent
- 12/17 Wednesday of the 3rd Week of Advent
5:00pm, Fred & Anna Jefferson
- 12/18 Thursday of the 3rd Week of Advent
- 12/19 Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent
- 12/20 Saturday of the 3rd Week of Advent
- 12/20-21 4th Sunday of Advent
4:00pm, People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:30am, Barbara & Walter Moore (Living)



- 12/14 Grace Aka, Kaydan Lawson, Alisa Smith
- 12/15 Annette Lyons
- 12/16 Kevin Holbert
- 12/18 Ray Hines, Natasha Wilson-Dawson
- 12/19 Pat Douglas, Kierra Westmoreland
- 12/20 Robert Moore, Lamara Myers

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Monday Bible Study.....Mondays, 7:00pm, ZOOM

Hardin Martin
Men’s Bible Study.....Mondays, 7:00pm, PC

Holy Spirit Food Pantry...Tuesdays, 4-5pm, PC

Cleveland Food Bank
Mobile Food Distribution...3rd Thursdays, 3-5pm

Alcoholics Anonymous:
Eastside Old Timers.....Tuesday, 7:00pm, PC

Alcoholics Anonymous:
Wednesday Meeting.....Wednesday, 10:00am, PC

OGN.....2nd Thursday, 7:00pm, ZOOM

Thursday Bible Study.....Thursday, 12:00pm, PC

Women’s Guild.....1st Saturday, 10:30am, PC

Peter Claver.....3rd Saturday, 9:30am, PC

Men of Faith.....1st Sunday, 12:15pm, PC

Holy Name Society.....2nd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC

PSR.....1st/3rd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC

Coffee and Conversation...4th Sunday, following
10:30 Mass in Mulligan Hall

Arts Reaching Kids.....Sundays from 2-4pm, PC
Call 216-925-9183 to register for the next session



Wed, Dec 24 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 6:00pm Youth Christmas Pageant
 6:30pm Vigil Mass with Carols after Communion
Thurs, Dec 25, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 10:30am Mass during the Day
Sun, Dec 28, THE HOLY FAMILY (regular Masses)
Thurs, Jan 1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Holyday of Obligation
 10:30am Mass
Sun, Jan 4, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Feast Day of Holy Spirit Parish
 4:00pm Vigil Mass CANCELLED
 10:30am Sunday Mass
Sun, Jan 11, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



Christmas Gift Shop

Purchase Gifts for Your Kids!

Saturday, December 13
St. Aloysius Parish Hall
625 East 109th Street
1:00 PM til 4:00 PM
 (or until all gifts are sold)

- ☐ Gifts for Boys & Girls of All Ages
- ☐ Brand New and Gently Used Items
- ☐ No gifts priced above \$1.00!
- ☐ Free Gift Wrapping Available

ID required for all adults and children you are buying gifts for.
 Sponsored by St. Aloysius Church



The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary
Soup for the Soul pick up is THIS SUNDAY, Dec. 14, 2025. ncludes 16oz soup, crackers, dessert, and beverage.



A HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE, SUNDAY, DEC 21
NO MORE TICKETS
 1:00 Pizza (Parish Center)
 2:00 Arrive Cinemark Valley View (tickets provided, transportation on your own)
 2:30 Movie (Holy Spirit reserved theater)
CONTACT MONICA MOORE FOR INFO:
 mmoore2410@gmail.com

THIS THURSDAY
FREE FRESH PRODUCE
3:00-5:00 PM
CRANWOOD DR



Holy Spirit Hunger Center Holiday Schedule

Food Pantry
 Tuesdays 4-5pm
 Parish Center
 (thru Dec.)



Mobile Food Pantry 3rd
 Thursday 3-5pm
 November 20th December 18th
 Mobile Food Pantry volunteer help is welcome!
 Volunteers start time is 1pm!

Coming Thursday, December 18
 6:00 – 8:00 PM

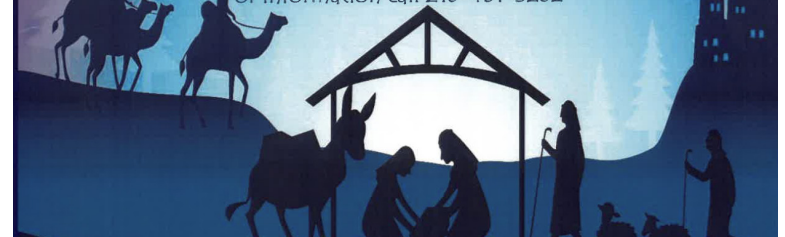
Live Nativity

St. Aloysius Church
 10932 St. Clair Avenue,
 Cleveland+

Live characters!

Live animals – including a donkey, sheep, goats, and a camel!
 Enjoy cookies and cocoa, and
 Neighborhood hospitality

Music by Foxx and Company – Guest Vocalist – Irma McQueen
 For information call 216-451-3262



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE	4:00pm	10:30am	Total
10/25-10/26	36	151	187
11/1-11/2	21	167	188
11/8-11/9	20	149	169
11/15-11/16	26	174	200
11/22-11/23	38	159	197
11/29-11/30	20	113	133
12/6-12/7	64	173	237



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Do you know someone who may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) is for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and/or possibly becoming a member of the Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. Classes will begin this Fall. Please call or text Erin Raines at 216-543-7679 for more information.

WEEKLY COLLECTION	12/07/25
<i>Weekly Collection Goal</i>	<i>\$7,712.00</i>
Sunday Total Collection	\$9,098.00
Sunday Online Contributions	\$3,051.00
Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$6,047.00
Ministry of Mercy Total	\$155.00
Ministry of Mercy (online)	\$25.00
Ministry of Mercy (envelopes)	\$20.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

www.osvhub.com/holyspiritcleveland/giving/funds



Take advantage of the simplistic convenience of safe, automatic, regularly scheduled contributions (or one-time gifts for special collections) through Our Sunday Visitor. You can see reports on your contribution history and generate tax statements at each year's end.

Holy Spirit Church's Ministry of Mercy is funded by the generosity of our Holy Spirit family to assist those in need of emergency assistance. It is primarily for our parish family member. It is also used to purchase food and supplies for our Holy Spirit Hunger Center, Tuesday Food Pantry and third thursday Mobile Food Pantry, which supports our surrounding neighborhood community. Thank you for your generous support of this valuable ministry that is helping so many!

PRAY FOR OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS

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 an extraordinary minister, please contact the parish office.

Let us always pray for our sick and shut-in parishinors. In particular, please remember in prayer:

Carrie Aaron	Maxine & Shelby Friend	Margaret Luton	Sandra Rose
Thelma Arnold	Merline Goodson	Marian Mauldin	Jean & Len Rosky
Raman Belinson	Tyric Green	Rosemarie McBride	Doris St. Clair
Maureen Belinson	Maria Hanan	Barbara Neal	Sharm Starks
Frank Blackmon	Mary James	Barbara Oliver	Bill & Monica Starks
Bettina & Horace Bowling	Daniel Jefferson	Jimmy Owens	Jonathan Traylor
Allyssa Brand-Bey	Clementine Jefferson	Wilbur & Beverly Parker	Leslie Traylor
Dwight A. Carpenter	Reaver Jones	Ann Payne	Cole Whaley
Jesse & Jessica Carr	John P. Jones, Jr.	Kiana Pearson	Carmen Whaley
Helen Collier	Beverly Jordan	Fletcher & Delores Posey	Preston Whatley
Denise Curry	Tammy Larkin	Della Powell	Linda E. Williams
Patricia Douglas	Rochelle Larkin-Carr	Roger & Connie Raines	Catherine Wilson
Ruby Fett	Tyrone & Terry Lester	Pauline Reed	Marvin Young
Estella Fortson	Wendy Lewis	Horace Reese	
Kendall Fortson	Shirley Liston	Edith Richardson	

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 PARISHINORS IN THE MILITARY:

Saundra Clark	Steven Rau	Mario Williams
Uchechi Onwunaibe	Sydney Turner	Maurice Williams

