

PREPARING FOR ADVENT WITH YOUR FAMILY

- 1) **GET OR MAKE AN ADVENT WREATH:** The Advent wreath is one of the most familiar and beloved symbols of Advent. Children love lighting the candles, one each week, as a way of counting down the time until Christmas. Darkening the room and praying by candlelight is also a good way to signal to children that we are entering a very special time
- 2) **BLESS YOUR ADVENT WREATH:** On or after the first Sunday of Advent, be sure to bless your Advent wreath. Use the blessing provided by the U.S. Catholic bishops at their Advent website.
- 3) **SET UP A NATIVITY SCENE:** Setting up the manger is a great activity for the Friday or Saturday after Thanksgiving. When you set it up, don't put out the baby Jesus; save that until Christmas Eve (or morning). Some families like to have the baby Jesus appear in the manger overnight on Christmas Eve. That way, everyone can stop by the manger to greet the baby Jesus before opening presents. You can also wait to put out the wise men. When you do put them out (perhaps on Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent), consider placing them someplace far away from the manger, moving them a little bit closer every day until they "arrive" on the Feast of the Epiphany.
- 4) **BLESS YOUR NATIVITY SCENE:** Once you've set up your nativity set, bless it during your family prayer time using the Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene provided by the U.S. bishops.
- 5) **HAVE AN ADVENT TREE:** Do you set up your Christmas tree the weekend after Thanksgiving, then take it down on New Year's Day? This year, try waiting to fully decorate your tree until Christmas Eve. Instead, let your bare tree be an "Advent Tree," a symbol of our waiting for the coming of Christ.
- 6) **KEEP AN ADVENT CALENDAR:** An Advent calendar, as the name implies, marks off the days of Advent. Some elaborate Advent calendars have a door to be opened for each day, with candy or a prize behind each door. You can purchase these at your local retailer or online.
- 7) **LOOK AHEAD TO THE FEASTS AND CELEBRATIONS OF ADVENT:** There are quite a few important (and fun) feasts and celebrations during the Advent season. Look ahead to see what's coming up so you can plan small celebrations throughout the season.

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

Holy Spirit Catholic Church

4341 East 131st Street

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

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

-Jeremiah 33:14

Dear Holy Spirit Family,
Happy New Church Year! This First Sunday of Advent marks a new year in our journey of faith within our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church! We are One, made of many people, cultures, and expressions of Catholic life around the world. We are Holy, because Jesus is Holy and He is our Head while we are His Body. We are Catholic, because the Good News of Jesus is a “universal” message meant for all. We are Apostolic because the Church’s origins and beliefs began with the apostles and His other followers at Pentecost. We, along with the successors to the Apostles, Pope Francis and our Bishops, are called to continue the work of Christ and draw all people to His eternal Kingdom! So, let’s begin this new Church year believing in the salvation God has already won for us, hoping in it’s fullness to come, and loving in the way He taught us through His Incarnate Son, Jesus Christ!

To David Dominick OFM CAP.



**HOLY SPIRIT
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

- 11/30-12/01 First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm, Fred and Anna Jefferson
10:30am, People of Holy Spirit Parish
- 12/02 Monday of the 1st Week of Advent
- 12/03 Memorial of Saint Francis Xavier, Priest
- 12/04 Wednesday of the 1st Week of Advent
5:00pm, Minnie Rencher
- 12/05 Thursday of the 1st Week of Advent
- 12/06 Friday of the 1st Week of Advent
- 12/07 Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- 12/07-08 Second Sunday of Advent
4:00pm, People of Holy Spirit Parish
10:30am, Rose Smith



- 12-01 Peggy Gray, Maria Santo Domingo, Regginald Taylor
- 12-02 Roslyn Garner, Jules Rosky-Owens
- 12-03 Thelma Arnold, Dan Kelleher
- 12-04 Brigid Heron, Gabrielle Lawrence
- 12-05 Frank Blackmon, Gail Ellington, Asha Smith
- 12-07 Edward Hawkins, Maxine Whaley

PARISH ACTIVITY CALENDAR

- Monday Bible Study**....Mondays, 7:00pm, ZOOM
- Little Rock Men’s Bible Study**.....Mondays, 7:00pm, PC
- Holy Spirit Food Pantry**..2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, 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**.....4th Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- Holy Name Society**.....2nd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- PSR**.....1st/3rd Sunday, 12:15pm, PC
- Coffee and Conversation**...1st and 3rd Sunday, following 10:30 Mass in Mulligan Hall
- Arts Reaching Kids**.....begins January 25, 2025



FAMILY PROMISE HOLIDAY SHOP 2024

The Volunteers for Family Promise will be collecting Holiday Gifts for the families at the Family Promise Center. You can drop off your new unwrapped donations in the Family Promise Holiday Wish box until Sunday, December 8, 2024. The most requested items include housewares, warm clothing, PJ's, warm boots, bath & beauty products, games, African American dolls and Barbies, sporting goods, toys for baby and toddler, superheroes, arts and crafts. Gift Cards (grocery, gasoline, Walmart) are also very much appreciated! The Volunteers for Family Promise thank you for your continuous support!



**HOLY SPIRIT MEN OF FAITH
BROWNS TAILGATE PARTY**

Holy Spirit Men of Faith invite all men of Holy Spirit Church to take part in a Browns Tailgate potluck on Dec. 8th after the 10:30 mass. This tailgate party will be held inside the Parish Center.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We are inviting children of our parish families to present a Holy Spirit Christmas Pageant as a prelude to our Christmas Vigil Mass, Sunday, Dec 24th at 6:00pm! Practice will be on Sunday, December 22 after Mass in Mulligan Hall. Sign up sheets are available at the entrances to the Church. Please call the parish office if you are interested in having your child participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to encourage our children to participate in our liturgies and grow in their confidence of the gifts and talents God has given them!

LIVE NATIVITY OF JESUS CHRIST



Thursday, December 19 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Join us for the annual Live Nativity at St. Aloysius-St. Agatha Parish in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood. Participating in the program are the Diocesan Youth Praise Dancers, St. Adalbert/OLBS altar servers and members of the Holy Spirit Youth Club. Also, live animals weather permitting.

**HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS
SCHEDULE**



1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th SUNDAYS OF ADVENT

December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024
4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
10:30am Sunday Mass

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
6:00pm Pageant
6:30pm Vigil Mass with Carols after Communion
Wednesday, December 24, 2024
10:30am Mass during the Day

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD [Holyday of Obligation]**

Wednesday, January 1, 2024
10:30am Mass

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Feast Day of Holy Spirit Parish
4:00pm Vigil Mass CANCELLED
10:30am Sunday Mass (Bishop Roger Gries)



2024-2025 Retirement Rally
To help meet the sisters' retirement needs

129 CHANCES TO WIN!!!

Each month we'll draw:

- 12 \$50 winners • 3 \$100 winners • 1 \$250 winner
- * In June a \$500 bonus prize will be awarded! *

Winning tickets will be replaced in the hopper for chances to win future drawings.

Suggested Donation: \$25 per entry or 5 entries for \$100

**Drawing Dates: 11-5-2024 • 12-3-2024 • 1-7-2025
2-4-2025 • 3-4-2025 • 4-1-2025 • 5-6-2025 • 6-3-2025**

www.ursulinesisters.org



The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year. Upcoming support/ gatherings: **December 15th – Sunday Grief Support meetings (3pm In-person; 5pm Virtual); The December topic is “The Gift of God’s Presence: You Never Walk Alone”.** For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

**WANT TO BECOME A PARISHIONER AT
HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH?**

You can register to be a member of Holy Spirit by contacting the office at 216-581-0981 and setting up an introductory meeting with Fr Dave Domanski.

FAITH FORMATION AT HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH

We have many opportunities for people of all ages to grow in faith, learn about the Catholic Church, and prepare to receive the sacraments of the Church. Children and teen ministries include Parish School of Religion (PSR), Sacramental preparation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), and middle school and high school youth groups. Adult ministries include Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), Catholicism courses, bible studies, and men's and women's groups of service to our parish and beyond. If you are interested in assisting in these ministries, registering your child for PSR or sacramental preparation, or becoming Catholic as an adult, please contact Ashley at the parish office, office@holyspiritcleveland.org or 216-581-0981, ext 1

WEEKLY COLLECTION	11/24/24
<i>Weekly Collection Goal</i>	\$7,365.00
Sunday Total Collection	\$6,054.00
Sunday Online Contributions	\$3,335.00
Sunday Envelope Contributions	\$2,719.00
Ministry of Mercy Total	\$40.00
Ministry of Mercy (online)	\$0.00
Ministry of Mercy (envelopes)	\$40.00

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.



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:

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

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:

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

