

# Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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### **Eucharistic Celebrations**

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12 noon  
M, T, TH, F 8:30 a.m. Church  
Holy Day 8:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
Holiday 9:00 a.m. (Consult Bulletin)

### **Reconciliation**

Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Hall)

### **New Parishioners**

New parishioners are most welcome  
at Holy Spirit Parish.

Please register by calling the office at 440-933-3777.

### **Parish School of Religion Classes (P.S.R.)**

Pre-school, Kindergarten through Grade 8  
(Contact Terri Pastura)

### **Youth Groups**

Jr. High (Grades 6, 7, 8)  
Sunday 6:00 p.m. (St. Joseph Parish)  
Sr. High (Grades 9, 10, 11, 12)  
Sunday 7:30 p.m. (Holy Spirit Parish)

### **Confirmation Preparation**

Grades 9-12 (Contact Sarah Hamski)

**Parish Staff**

Rev. Charles F. Strebler, **Pastor**  
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Deacon Robert K. Walling, **Deacon**

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**Office Hours**

Monday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Baptism:**

Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Pre-Baptism instructions are required.

**Marriage:**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Pre-Cana Program and Couples Ministry are required. Please contact the parish office.

**Anointing of the Sick:**

Communal celebration yearly. Please call the office to arrange for visitation of the sick on Sundays and First Fridays at home or to advise of those in the hospital.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.):**

We welcome any adult interested in learning about the Catholic faith to call the parish office.

**Eucharistic Adoration:**

Monday, 2:00–4:00 p.m. (*Chapel of the Holy Family*)

**Rosary:**

~~Recited each weekday at 8:00 a.m. before Mass.~~

Watch the bulletin for updates on when Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary prayers will resume.



**Act of Spiritual Communion**

**My Jesus**, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

**Our Parish Life**—Holy Spirit Parish celebrates and remembers the events of our parish family. Please keep the following people in your prayers as we are all called to be brothers and sisters in Christ.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Please pray for: Aaron Evilsizor, Nora Lally, Richard Stofear, Lucy Janoush, Susan Beckett, Jake Olsavsky, Ann Grossman, Rob Noland, Steve Zgurich, Glenna Reno, Terry Fleming, Tim Matsik, Jim Strickland, Thomas Schneider, Dorothy Boehnlein, Bill and Kay Pirnat, Rosa Maria Santos, Meredith McCartney Singer, David Kohl, Elayne Lewis, Linda and Doug Biesterveld, Grace Slarsgarten, Daniel John Zimmerman, Holland Neifer, Grace Penkala, Viola Free, Joanne Jubach, Vanessa Scott, Patricia Flynn, Alex Noland, Kathy Graham, Liz Elliott, Kevin Graham, Brian Grace, Paul Mitchell, Robert Sanson, Richard Hepp, Jim Novak, Pam Bouffard, Lois Woodward, Tina Morbito, Vera Snell, Fletcher Rollinson, Scott Pugh, George Shepherd, Jim Bizjak, Marilyn Brodke, Melissa Goode, Jack and Susan Storm, Susan Fain, Lisa and Mark Rose, Peggy Montgomery Hedgpeth, Barbara Moody, Kate Slack, Kelley Rybarczyk, William Arkey, Leah Templeton and all the sick.

## From the Pastor

*Nothing is taken for granted; everything received with gratitude; everything passed on with grace. -- G. K. Chesterton*

Dear Parishioners,

My thanks to all who put in so much effort to get us ready for Christmas this year: the people who decorated the Church, the musicians and cantors, the sacristans. My thanks to the Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who were flexible as things changed at the last minute. My thanks to the parish staff, who, as always, met the challenges with creativity and gusto, especially preparing for Mass in the hall as well as the church.

It was an unusual Christmas. Admittedly, we didn't know what to expect so we prepared for multiple scenarios. We were ready to have "overflow" Masses in the hall if we got a big number of Mass attendees. In the end we didn't need the hall space. That heavy snow that began around 3:00 p.m. didn't help attendance. I commented to some people that the number of cars in the parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on Christmas Eve looked just like it usually did at 2:30 p.m. On a typical year, we would have all 850 seats in the Church packed and another 100+ people standing—even in the narthex. In the end, we had 91 people in the church for the 4:00 p.m. Mass. This isn't any form of a guilt trip for anyone who didn't come to Christmas Mass—I know many of you watched the livestream—this is just a reflection on the strangeness of Christmas 2020.

Because of all this, the Christmas Collection was down 45%. My thanks to all the people who made the effort to get their contributions to us.

Still, Christmas came all the same. We celebrated the Birth of our Savior, Jesus. We celebrated the beginnings of our salvation. We celebrated Emmanuel, God with us. No matter what happens in the world, this celebration—whatever size—reminds us that God is in the world and He will make all things right.

Sincerely,

*Rev. Charles F. Strebler*

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Pastor

## Worship and Music at Holy Spirit Parish

At our parish we utilize many tools to help us recognize God in our midst, such as the sacred vessels, vestments, flowers, and music. Musical instruments inspire our song and aid us in prayer. We have a baby grand piano, an electronic organ, occasionally other instruments, but most importantly, our singing voices (when not in the midst of a pandemic), all of which bring a variety of music to life. Of all the instruments heard in our worship, the organ is the largest and most versatile. Even moderately-sized organs like ours have a multitude of sounds they can make. Our organ has about 30 instruments or sounds (organists call them "stops") that range from flutes to violin or cello, oboe to trumpet, and the "principal" or generic organ sound heard most often during hymns. A few of the sounds are loud on their own, some are softer, but combined in various and creative ways they make the sound that is uniquely an organ. Our organ is also small for our space in terms of number of stops it has; an appropriately-sized organ for our church would be closer to 40-50 stops.

An organ, whether electronic like ours or a pipe organ like the instruments at Holy Trinity in Avon or St. Joseph's in Avon Lake, often draws strong opinions from those who like it, and sometimes stronger opinions from those who don't. These opinions are often about how it is played—too loud, too fast, too slow—and the type of music being played—"boring" old hymns and funeral dirges. Some liturgical repertoire sounds great on a piano or guitar, such as "Sing a New Song" which we will pray next weekend. Other repertoire sounds better on an organ, such as "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name." Some hymns can sound great on either with a bit of adaptation, such as "Here I Am, Lord" that we heard at communion this weekend. To offer a worship experience that all our parishioners find prayerful it is necessary to provide a wide range of liturgical music, including both music and instruments you like, as well as music and instruments you may not like.

Nathan Hetrick, Director of Worship and Music

## WORSHIP & MEDITATION



### FIRST READING

When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:9-10)



### PSALM

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)



### SECOND READING

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?  
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)



### GOSPEL

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



## Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We’re about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here’s a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we’re really living out our baptismal call.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist’s testimony: “What are you looking for?” He’s asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King’s Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, “Come, and you will see.” Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

## Distraction During Prayer

Question: I get annoyed with myself when I am distracted while I pray. Is it a sin? How can I be more attentive?

Answer: The mind is a marvelous and complex thing, producing amazing thoughts, images, wisdom and inspiration. Yet at times it is like a two-year-old: it does not follow directions, does what it wants and loves to tell us “no!” This is probably the oldest and most common problem in the spiritual life—dealing with distraction. It comes in all forms: good intentions forgotten, wandering thoughts at Mass, daydreaming, etc. A little poem says it all: When the soul begins to pray, the brain always wants to play!



There are many ways to handle distractions. If we are distracted by thoughts about our families or friends, we should pray for them. If we lose our focus, we need just “re-collect” ourselves. If some worry or concern just won’t leave our mind, then we deal with it and come back to prayer or make it part of our prayer. And when words just won’t come, the only prayer we might offer is our presence, our suffering, and our desire to be close to the Lord. Most importantly, we need to be patient with ourselves. These things are not sinful, but reminders of our human frailty. Our weaknesses and good efforts are all acceptable to God, who reads the love in our hearts and the good intentions of our minds.



Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life. God blessed the campaign and we know 753 babies, mothers, fathers and families were spared from abortion, including 2 babies in our communities, 2 more abortion workers converted, and another abortion facility has closed. Praise God! Cumulatively over the 13 years of 40 Days for Life, there have been 17,986 babies spared from abortion, 208 converted abortion workers, and 107 abortion facility closures. Praise God! We look forward to praying with you from February 17 – March 28 in the 2021 spring campaign. God bless you and thank you.

John Noall, campaign director - 40 DFL/Cleveland/Bedford Hts/Painesville

### Catholic Cemeteries Association Monthly Sunday Grief Support January 17<sup>th</sup>

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly in-office grief support groups on January 17<sup>th</sup> with limited seating for social distancing. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to talk about your grief. Meetings do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. You do not even have to talk, but come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The January topic is “Facing the New Year with Hope and Love” but discussions follow whatever is on your heart. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month from 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the following locations:

Saint Joseph Cemetery, Avon (NEW office);  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Akron (office);  
Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park (office);  
Calvary Cemetery, Cleveland (office);  
All Saints Cemetery, Northfield (office);  
All Souls Cemetery, Chardon (office).

Meeting sites are sanitized and seating is arranged so everyone is at a safe distance. Participants are requested to RSVP so we can plan appropriate social distancing at each location. It is required that participants wear protective facial coverings. To RSVP or for questions, please contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.

### “A Closer Walk With Thee” CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter

Don't forget to subscribe to the Catholic Cemeteries Association's monthly grief support e-newsletter, “A Closer Walk with Thee.” This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, visit [the Bereavement page on our website](#) and click the brown signup box on the right side, contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866. You can also click this link and go directly to the signup <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin>.



### Knights of Columbus

#### Baked Chicken Dinner To Go:

On Wednesday, January 27, 2021, 4 to 7 p.m., the Knights of Columbus Father Ragan Council will be preparing Baked Chicken Dinners for takeout. The dinner will include a half chicken (baked), baked potato, a vegetable, salad, rolls and dessert. The meals can be picked up at Ragan Hall, 1783 Moore Road (next to B.J.'s). Cost is \$10 per meal, cash or check to Father Ragan Charitable Foundation. There will be a drive through pickup and the meals will be delivered to your car. It is preferred that you reserve meals in advance by January 24, 7 p.m., however, impromptu pickups are acceptable. For advanced orders or questions please contact Jim at 440-865-9668/sunbeam.gardens@gmail.com or John at 440-725-7369/john.pabin@gmail.com.

#### Knights of Columbus Seminar on The LCADA Way: Addiction in Lorain County

President and CEO of The LCADA Way (<https://www.thelcadaway.org/>) Mr. Dan Haight will give a presentation on Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Council #3269, Fr. Ragan Hall at 1783 Moore Rd. in Avon, OH 44011. Mr. Haight will discuss a variety of addictions, The LCADA Way's support services and their role in the counties of Lorain, Erie, Medina for clients and their families. Since 1981, LCADA (Lorain County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Inc.) has been a leading, non-profit corporation that is primarily dedicated to improving the lives of clients suffering from substance addiction and mental health issues, e.g. gambling with compassion, care and understanding. Furthermore, LCADA is a Center of Clinical Excellence for education, prevention and treatment of addiction and is certified by the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and The Joint Commission.

Mr. Haight has over twenty years of executive level management experience in behavioral health organizations as well as all other aspects of this LCADA's functions. Prior to this, Mr. Haight spent twelve years in multiple roles at The Nord Center and has also served in the Lorain County Prosecutor's Office and the City of Lorain. Brother Jim Teubl will also briefly describe the benefits of being a Knight as part of our membership drive to potential new members in the audience.

**Please RSVP by February 12<sup>th</sup> with your name(s), the number attending, your phone number and email address to either (440) 930-0251, [fatherragan@gmail.com](mailto:fatherragan@gmail.com) or mail to The LACADA Way Meeting at the above address. Facial coverings and social distancing are required during the seminar. The seminar is free and all are welcome. Snacks and beverages will be provided.**

**The Catholic Credit Union Inc.** (located at St. Joseph Parish in Avon Lake) is looking for volunteers for its Supervisory Committee. It requires approximately one to three hours per month—every second Tuesday of the month at 3:30 in the afternoon. A background in finance or accounting would be appreciated but not necessary! If you are interested, call Laury at 440-225-1892.

# YOUTH MINISTRY

## 2021 THOUGHTS:

*"But in my view, the crucial one is this certainty, based on faith: I am wanted; I have a task in history; I am accepted, I am loved."*

-Benedict XVI remarking on Youth & World Youth Day

## JR. HIGH (SALT LITE):

We welcome anyone in grades 6-8, from any city, parish, or no parish at all. No registration, no cost, just show up!:)

## LITE NIGHTS

Every other Sunday 6:00p to 7:30!

Anyone grades 6-8 is welcome to join us for Food, Friends, & Fun!

**Next Meeting: January 31st**

As of now the plan is to be IN PERSON but best to check the website closer to!

## SALT LITE AND SALT-WIDE GAME OF MAFIA

Our 6th round of GroupMe Mafia is underway! To raise the bar our Gamemaster, Mafia Wizard, and Newlywed Michael Grecol added some new roles such as the Chaotic Neutral. Though the game has started he can still sneak new participants in. See website for link to join!

## HIGH SCHOOL (SALT):

**INSIGHT NIGHT:** Sundays 7:30-9:30pm (IN PERSON in Fr. Mosovsky Hall and hybrid!).

What is Insight Night? Discussing what is important to YOU (and a touch of chaos if we're honest)

**1/17: Change:** Adoration w/ music @ St. Raphael 7pm!

## DROP-IN

Wednesdays 3:30-5pm in the Hall (though some times we go hiking-check Remind!) It's Insight Night without...well...the insight. Join us for skibblio, Jackbox games, impromptu concerts, and general ridiculousness.

**JOIN OUR REMIND LIST FOR...REMINDERS...TEXT 81010 TO @88GEF8**



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# Lifelong Learning

## Guess What One Month from Today Is?

It's Ash Wednesday—the first day of Lent! We are still under our gathering restrictions, but would like to offer some extra helps for your Lenten spiritual journey.

Last year, we started a newsletter with a Gospel of the Day focus. So many of you responded positively to it that we have continued producing it. Our plan is to continue in Lent. If you aren't receiving the letter, send your email address to us or call 440-933-3777 and let us know that you want to be included.

100 Advent take home bags were distributed. We can do the same kind of thing for Lent if you found it helpful. Was there anything, in particular that you liked?

We are also looking at “Zoom meeting” options. A book study, Scripture Study, and video discussions have already been suggested. If you have any specific preferences, please let us know. The more input we get from you, the more help we can be.

Terri Pastura [tpastura@hspal.org](mailto:tpastura@hspal.org) Extension 211

**Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace:**

### A Prayer for Civility

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where uncivil words prevail, show me how to model love.

Help me remember the God-given dignity of all and invite others to do the same.

Show me how to build bridges and not walls and see first what unites us rather than how we diverge.

Let me seek to understand before asking to be understood.

Give me a listening heart filled with empathy and compassion.

May I be clear in sharing my own position and respectful and civil in describing those of others.

Let me never tolerate hateful ideas.

May I invite all to charity and love.

Lord, help me to imitate your compassion and mercy.

Make me an instrument of your peace.

Amen.

Inspired by Nine Rules for Civility from the Catholic Tradition, Bishop Zubik  
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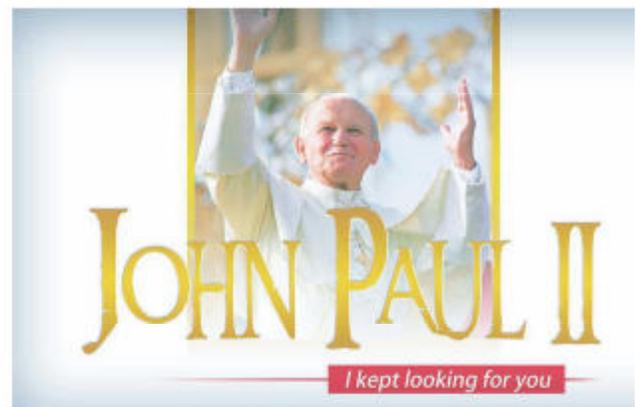
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PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

## JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Pope Francis has said that respect for life is not just about the unborn child in the womb, but also about the least of our brothers and sisters. Yes, it is even upon the undocumented resident alien who has no voice but ours. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are all called to protect the voiceless.

Let us pray...

Good and gracious God,  
You blew into our nostrils the breath of life.  
You are the One to Whom we owe our very existence.

Give us the courage to take that unpopular position  
of protecting those who have no voice,  
the unborn child in the womb  
to the person taking his or her last breath.

The life You have given us is a gift beyond measure.  
Embolden us to speak the truth  
about protecting the child, the elderly,  
and the one without a voice in the public square.

With thankful hearts,  
we ask all this of the One God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, Jan. 28 to Friday, Jan. 29, marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, more than 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States.

Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the [U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops'](#) Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life.

Typically, thousands of pilgrims attend the vigil in person each year. However, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil. In response, this year – for the first time -- in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading livestreamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8 p.m. on January 28 from the [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#) in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who is chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities. After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's website. The vigil concludes at 8 a.m. on January 29 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

"Now, more than ever, our nation is in need of prayer for the protection of the unborn and the dignity of all human life," said Archbishop Naumann. "I am happy to be joined by bishops in dioceses across the country who are hosting pro-life prayer events, including during the overnight hours of Eucharistic adoration. I invite all Catholics to spend time with Our Lord and join in this nationwide vigil for life."

Below is the schedule of the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life. All times are in Eastern Time.

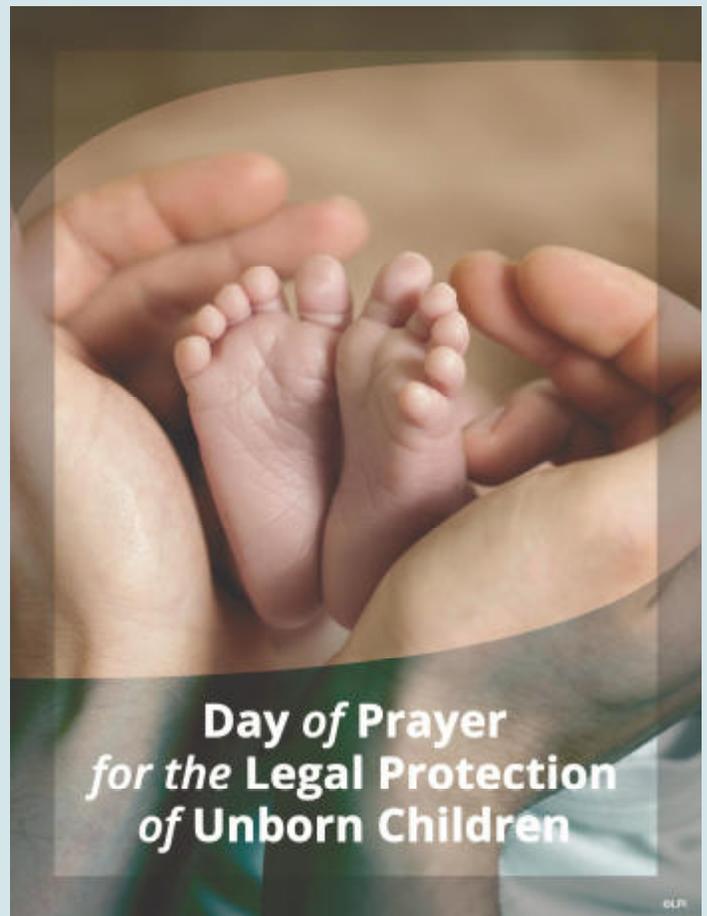
### Thursday, Jan. 28

- 8 p.m. -- National Rosary for Life
- 8:30 p.m. -- Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann
- 9:45 p.m. -- Holy Hour for Life
- 11 p.m. -- Livestream of holy hours throughout the night

### Friday, Jan. 29

- About 8 a.m. -- Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori

The live television broadcasts 8-11 p.m. on January 28 and 8-9 a.m. Jan. 29 will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network and will also be available via livestream on the Basilica's [website](#). Livestreaming information for the overnight bishop-led holy hours from various dioceses will be provided on the USCCB's [website](#).



**Latin America—El Salvador Collection  
January 23-24, 2021**

The Latin American Collection will take place on January 23-24, 2021. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

If you would like to donate to this collection, please use the special envelope included in your monthly packet and place with the regular collection at Mass.

Thank you for your continued support of all of the special collections taken at Holy Spirit Parish. You are making a difference!

**THE HOLY SPIRIT FOOD BANK**

Due to the Covid 19 virus, our Sunday Food Bank collection has changed. We are unable to collect food in the Narthex so we would like all nonperishable food items to be delivered to Community Resource Services (CRS) 33479 Lake Rd., Avon Lake.

Since donations are also made to St. Augustine, St. Boniface in Cleveland and the St. Elizabeth Center in Lorain, monetary donations may be dropped off in an envelope marked Food Bank at the office or in the Sunday collection. Checks may be made out to Holy Spirit Food Bank. Thank you for your support.



**Pre-Baptism Classes**

Parents wishing to have their child baptized in the Catholic Church must attend a Pre-Baptism class. Holy Spirit Parish shares the responsibility of these classes with other parishes in our area. Following is a list of each class with time and place each will be held. To register for a class, please call the hosting parish:

Holy Spirit—440-933-3777      St. Joseph—440-933-3152  
St. Mary—440-934-4212      St. Thomas—440-949-7744

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>January 19, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>February 18, 2021</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>March 16, 2021</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>April 18, 2021</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>May 18, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>June 17, 2021</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>July 13, 2021</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>August 15, 2021</b>	<b>St. Thomas</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>September 14, 2021</b>	<b>St. Mary</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>October 14, 2021</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>November 16, 2021</b>	<b>St. Joseph</b>

**NO CLASS IN DECEMBER**

Baptisms are celebrated at Holy Spirit Parish by appointment only. Call the Parish Office at 440-933-3777 for information.

**Contribution Report**

<b>January 10, 2021</b>	\$9,524.50	144 envelopes used
Direct Debit Donations	\$252.50	8 Donations
Repairs & Improvements	\$25,948.00	22 envelopes used
Solemnity of Mary (extra)	\$400.00	9 envelopes used
Christmas (extra)	\$2,490.00	19 envelopes used
Food Bank	\$205.00	Thank you!

We are now building up our fund total: the current R & I project total is now \$72,873. Thank you for the generosity of so many!

Thank you to all who contribute in both large and small ways to Holy Spirit Parish. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Prayer for Our Country**

Good and gracious Father,  
You created the human race as one human family,  
yet formed a special people for Your own.  
God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David,  
watch over our nation!  
May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom,  
counsel, and prudent discernment  
in creating just laws for our land.  
May all service men and women be protected  
as they defend our freedom and way of life.  
May all citizens work together for the common good  
and the protection of the least among us.  
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in  
Your coming kingdom that we place our trust.  
Give us the grace here and now to love as You love  
and to serve as You served.  
Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Amen.



## Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY** 5:00 p.m. **JANUARY 16 / Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 Frank Bombace (Jeanine Surace)

**SUNDAY** 9:00 a.m. **JANUARY 17 / Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish  
 10:30 a.m. Niehenke and Arnold Families (Niehenke Family)  
 12:00 p.m. Peggy Gall (Larry and Mary Lou Gall)

**MONDAY** 8:30 a.m. **JANUARY 18 / Weekday**  
 Amy Mathias and Bill Jones (Mathias Family)

**TUESDAY** 8:30 a.m. **JANUARY 19 / Weekday**  
 Jack Hogan—Special Intention (Mayher Family)

**WEDNESDAY** 8:30 a.m. **JANUARY 20 / St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr and St. Sebastian, Martyr**  
 No Mass

**THURSDAY** 8:30 a.m. **JANUARY 21 / St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**  
 James Harkin (Holy Spirit Ladies Guild)

**FRIDAY** 8:30 a.m. **JANUARY 22 / Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
 John Wesner (Dr. and Mrs. William Guintner)

**SATURDAY** 5:00 p.m. **JANUARY 23 / St. Marianne Cope, Virgin; St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr**  
 Marian M. Dye (Ann Flaherty)

**SUNDAY** 9:00 a.m. **JANUARY 24 / Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Ella Gaul (Mike and Patricia Sweeney)  
 10:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Spirit Parish  
 12:00 p.m. Thomas and Christine Machar (Bob and Kathy Mayer)

## Cluster Parish Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation Schedules

**St. Joseph Church—32929 Lake Rd., Avon Lake**  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.  
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 5:45 p.m.  
 Sunday Mass: 8:30 a.m.  
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 9:45 a.m.  
 Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.  
 Distribution of Communion in parking lot until 12:15 p.m.  
 Sunday Afternoon Mass: 5:00 p.m. No livestream. No distribution of Communion afterwards.  
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.—Communion will be offered following Mass for those who attend in person, and under the tent for those who watched from home.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3 to 4 p.m.

**St. Raphael Church—525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village**  
 Daily Mass: Monday through Friday—9:15 a.m.  
 Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.  
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday—3:00-4:00 p.m.

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