



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



DECEMBER 12, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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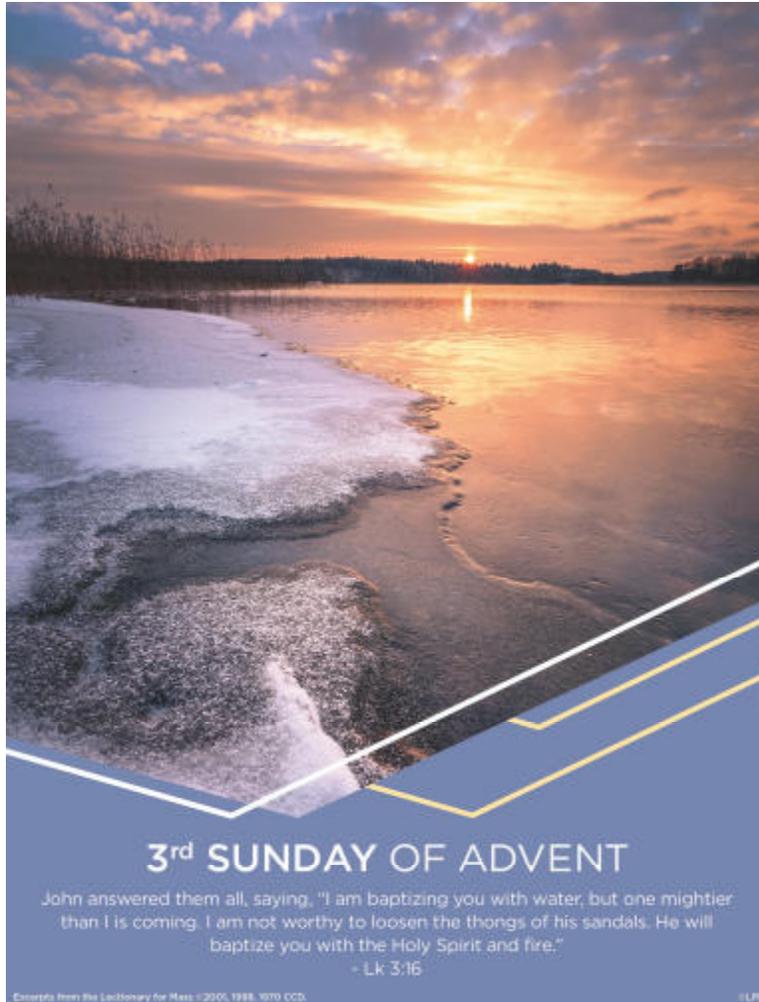
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3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."
- Lk 3:16

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass ©2005, 1988, 1970 CCC.

Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 PM

Sunday
8:30 and 11:00 AM

Daily
See inside for times

Holy Day
9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish is called to be a family, finding its center in Christ and His Body, the parish and in turn, reflecting that Love of Christ to the community and beyond.

BAPTISM

Contact the office to arrange parent preparation sessions.

MARRIAGES

Contact the office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00 PM or anytime by appointment.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

Contact the office for more information.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Notify the Parish of anyone being admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

PRAYER LINE

Please call Cindy at 330.877.0093 to request a prayer intention.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Contact the parish office.

Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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 **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

SATURDAY	DECEMBER 11
5:00 pm	John & Pat Swartzwelder (Michelle Gant)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 12
8:30 am	Parishioners of Holy Spirit
11:00 am	Joe Triola (Tom Triola)
MONDAY	DECEMBER 13
	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 14
9:00 am	Julian & Bertha Pilcavage (Anonymous)
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 15
	NO MASS
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 16
9:00 am	Doris Carpenter (Bob & Tina Wise)
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 17
9:00 am	Lillian Santos (Rey & Lilia Cruz)
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 18
5:00 pm	Janet Rhodes (Jeff & Lori Neisel)
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 19
8:30 am	Deceased Members of the Granchi & Caiazza Families (Thom & Marsha Caiazza)
11:00 am	Parishioners of Holy Spirit

RESPONSE TO THE INTERCESSIONS

Please join in singing the following response to the General Intercessions/Prayers of the Faithful

All sing:

Lord hear our prayer; Deus, exaudi nos; Señor escúchanos

 **Holiday Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24:

4:00 pm, 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25: 10:30 am

(There will be NO Mass in the evening on December 25)

Feast of the Holy Family - Sunday, December 26:

8:30 and 11:00 am

Liturgical Ministers:

Please sign-up to help with the holiday Masses.

There will be NO daily Masses from

Monday, December 27 through Friday, December 31

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Remember last week where we read about this crazy man John "crying out in the desert"? Well, this week we read about what the people of his time wondered about him. They all asked him "What should we do?"

The crowds were asking, the tax collectors were asking, the soldiers were asking. And he answers each of them according to the temptation of their particular state in life. To the crowds he says, share of your abundance. To the tax collectors he says, stop taking more money for yourselves. Only collect from the people what is proscribed. To the soldiers he says, stop extorting money.

And so, what must we do to prepare? I ask myself if I am sharing from even the little that I think I have. Do I charge more than a fair price for my work? If I lend money to anyone, do I expect too much more in return?

I challenge myself this week, and I challenge you, to take some time and think about how we are preparing for the coming birth of Christ, in history, in today's world, and in the future when he will come to bring all of creation back to the Father.

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AT OUR PARISH

EUCHRE CARD PARTY



Join us for an evening of Euchre on **Saturday, December 11 at 7:00 pm** in the Social Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Look for the sign-up sheet on the wood table at the main entrance.

EARLY SUBMISISON DATES FOR BULLETIN REQUESTS

Because of the upcoming holidays, any submission requests for the following bulletins will have an accelerated deadline:

- *December 26* bulletin items are due to the office by **Dec. 13**.
- *January 2* bulletin items are due to the office by **Dec. 17**.

DECEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

If you have a wedding anniversary in December, please call the office by **December 13** and let us know about your special day so we may publish it in the bulletin.

PRAY A ROSARY FOR VOCATIONS WITH THE KNIGHTS

On **Tuesday, December 14 at 6:30 pm**, the Holy Spirit Council of the Knights of Columbus invites the parish in praying the Rosary with them prior to their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm. If you are unable to attend, please pray in solidarity with us to foster a culture of vocations at Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Youngstown, and beyond.

GIVING TREE



The Giving Tree program.

As Christmas approaches, we think of our neighbors in need. This year we will provide gifts to Holy Spirit parishioners, Hartville Meadow residents, FISH, Hartville Migrant Center and St. Bernard's Hot Meal

Please take a tag from our Giving Tree. Follow the wrapping instructions provided for the items and be sure to attach the tag. If you purchase a Gift Card, return it in the envelope and place it in the Gift Bag next to the tree. Return the gift to church by **Noon on Sunday, December 19**. Thanks for your support! Questions? Call Andrea Dorsey at 330 - 310 - 9779.

HOT MEALS

It is our turn to serve again at the Hot Meals Program at St. Bernard's in Akron on **Sunday, December 19** from 3:00 - 5:30 pm. What a good way to practice your almsgiving during the Lenten season! Sign up to help on the wood tables or call the Parish Office.

OUTREACH SUNDAY FOR FISH

FISH, our Lake Township community food pantry, relies on the generosity of others to stock the food pantry with essential items. Once a month is designated as "Outreach Sunday." This month's "Outreach Sunday" items are *cereal, instant oatmeal and pancake mix*. Please bring your donations *next weekend* and place in the coat room.

 **HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed on the following days: **Friday, December 24** and **Monday, December 27**.



ADVENT ACTIVITIES

To enrich your faith this Advent, visit our faith formation website (<https://hsfaithformunoh.weebly.com/advent.html>) where you can find an advent calendar, videos, prayers and activities for the whole family.

2022 CALENDARS



2022 Calendars are available by the front door. Quantities are limited. Get yours today before they are gone!

Weekly Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11
Euchre, 7:00 pm, Social Hall

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12
Elementary PSR (K-8), 9:35 - 10:50 am
Youth Ministry (9-12), 9:35 - 10:50 am

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14
Rosary for Vocations with the Knights, 6:30 pm, Social Hall
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:15 pm, Social Hall

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15
Parish Needs Assessment Committee, 6:30 pm, Meeting Room

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16
Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 pm, Church

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19
Elementary PSR (K-8), 9:35 - 10:50 am
Youth Ministry (9-12), 9:35 - 10:50 am
Brownie Baking, After 11:00 am Mass, Social Hall & Kitchen
Hot Meals, 3:00 - 5:30 pm, St. Bernard's

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice! ©LPi

FROM THE DIOCESE

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

-PHILIPPIANS 4:6

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



PROJECT RACHEL

Jesus came for all of us and knows our pain. There is hope and healing from abortion. For CONFIDENTIAL help, text or call *Project Rachel of Northeast Rachel Ohio* at 330-360-0430 or go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com>.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED?

"All were questioning in their hearts." Are you considering a vocation as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? E-mail Father Scott Kopp at skopp@youngstowndiocese.org or call him at 330-744-8451.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

PSR GLOVE & STUFFED ANIMAL DRIVE

Help the PSR children decorate the Christmas tree in the lobby with new small stuffed animals and new gloves for adults. Items should be brought in and placed on the PSR Christmas tree in the new lobby area now through **Sunday, December 12**. Donations will benefit guests at St. Bernard's hot meal program.

Brownie Baking!

BROWNIE BAKING FOR ST. BERNARDS HOT MEALS

Attention: *Mission Trip Participants and Junior High & High School Students!* We will be baking brownies for St. Bernard's Hot Meals followed by some holiday fun/games on **Sunday, December 19**, immediately following the **11:00 am Mass**. Lunch will be included. Please contact Anne Weeks to sign up or if you have any questions.

MISSION TRIP REGISTRATION - TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Attention teens (8th grade & above) and adults: Have you thought about serving others next summer, spending a week focusing on helping in a community? If so, this opportunity may be for you. You can still register for the mission trip next summer. For more information, contact Anne Weeks (anneweeks@holyspiritunoh.org) now. *Time is running out!*

PRAYER SHAWLS

Prayer Shawls are available to those who have lost a loved one, are ill or are in need of comfort. Please see Father John or Ginny Herman.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

A CHORUS FOR A CAUSE

A Chorus For a Cause is in concert again for the first time in 18 months! They will be sharing Joy, Peace & Love on **December 14** at **7:30 pm** at Advent Lutheran Church (1516 Edison St. NW, Uniontown) and on **December 19** at **3:00 pm** at Faith United Methodist (300 9th St. NW, North Canton). Doors open 30 minutes before the concert starts. A free will offering can be made. Masks are required.

ACME RECEIPTS FOR FISH

It's that time again! Please save your Acme receipts dated *August 5 to December 25* for FISH. Circling the cash-back amount on the receipts is a big help! If the cash-back amount is \$0, please do not turn them in. Place your receipts in the FISHbowl on the usher's table or turn in to the parish office.

HELP IDENTIFY LOCAL NEEDS BY TAKING SURVEY



Bishop Bonnar, in his pastoral letter, asked each parish to assess the needs of their local community by identifying them and then developing an action plan to address those needs. Parishes in Stark County are using a survey from Catholic Charities to help identify those needs. We urge parishioners to take the survey by scanning the QR code here or by going to www.surveymonkey.com/r/stk-cnty.



REVISED TEMPORARY GUIDELINES

In light of the changing circumstances of the COVID virus and in an effort to maintain a safe environment, being mindful of the common good for all, Bishop Bonnar has issued a revised temporary guideline for those attending Mass. For all who are vaccinated, it is recommended that face coverings be worn for the good of all. While not mandated, it is encouraged for the time being. For the unvaccinated, a face covering should be worn while attending Mass. This is a temporary recommendation and will be re-evaluated in the coming weeks.

Readings  *Week*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
Friday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Saturday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Next Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
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Lord's Day Offering

11/21/2021 Retirement Fund for Religious	\$4527.00
11/28/2021 Sunday	\$3311.00
11/28/2021 Retirement Fund For Religious	\$2976.00
November 2021 Capital Campaign (99.1% paid) .	\$591.65
November 2021 EFT	\$4630.00

Because of accelerated bulletin deadlines, the December 5 collection will be in next weekend's bulletin.

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