

FROM THE SUGGESTION BOX:

Please use the Suggestion box for all comments, suggestions, and ideas for all church groups, activities, or concerns that you may have. Thank you for your ideas and input.

Could we have 'Pizza Fridays' at the church? It would be a chance to get together and socialize as a church family.

Thanks for the suggestion! The current schedule has the church closed on Fridays, but what is heard is the desire to gather for fellowship and food. We will be looking for ways in which we can do this going forward, and especially as we develop our strategic plan to guide us.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

The sexual or physical abuse of anyone is criminal and sinful. The abuse of a child is reprehensible and against everything that the Gospel of Jesus Christ stands for. If you suspect or know of abuse of a minor, report it to the authorities immediately at 911 or 216-696-KIDS. If the abuse allegation involves clergy, religious, church personnel or church volunteers, report it to the Diocese of Cleveland at 216-334-2999. May we be vigilant in our care for all God's children, especially the most vulnerable.

AUDITIONS FOR TETELESTAI

The word Tetelestai is a Greek word meaning "It is finished" and is the title of the musical production of the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus that has been carried out for the last 41 years. The Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries will be holding auditions for this year's program on December 1 and 2, and December 8 and 9, Saturday from 8-4pm, and Sunday from 10-4 pm. Rehearsals are at Gilmore Academy in Gates Mills. The commitment requires rehearsals on Saturdays beginning January 5 through February 23 from 8:30am to 5pm. Performances begin March 1 and run through April 19 on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays. **Tetelestai will be performed at our church the weekend of April 5-7, 2019.** If you wish to audition and can commit to the rehearsals and performance times, efforts will be made to provide transportation. Please see Br. Bob if you are interested or consult the poster on the bulletin board.

END OF YEAR REMINDERS

A reminder that all gifts and donations to our parish must be received by December 31 in order to be credited for the 2018 tax year. A statement of giving will be prepared and available for those who need it for their tax filings. Thank you for your generosity!

ALSO, if you pledged at the Faith in Action portion of the Gala celebration, please remit those gifts as soon as possible. Thank you so much!

+++ LITURGICAL MINISTRIES +++

Today, Sunday, December 2, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined
8:30 Mass
Commentator: Vanessa Campbell
Lector: Michael Bussey
Eucharistic Ministers: Anthonia Iwenofu
Anthony Iwenofu
Usher: Karen Larry Theresa Hughley
Greeter: Ursula Hite Daejah Gale
Server: Uzuchukku Oranugo Sharla Durand

10:30 Mass
Commentator: Jarred Wilhite
Lector: Sr. Rita Shinhearl Patricia Spsychaj
Eucharistic Ministers: Gyta Martin Bianca Campbell
* Bettye Smedley Carol Grant
Dr. Harold Butler Anna Smith
Usher: Crystal Willis Elinor Williamson
Lena Austin Billy Cardwell
Michelle Booker Linda Weatherspoon
Greeter: Eboni Mikel Karen Bradley
Erik Smith Patience Mangum
Server: Jordon Ivery Jeremiah Robinson

Next Sunday Dec 9, 2018

5:00 Mass Ministers to be determined
8:30am Mass
Commentator: Pamela Pendleton
Lector: Doreatha Stover
Eucharistic Ministers: Shimeaker Hampton Dianne Phillips
Usher: Lonnie Smith Thomas Stover
Greeter: Veronica Safo Michelle Johnson
Server: Dante Hampton
10:30 Mass
Commentator: Jeanette Austin
Lector: Carolyn Mack Lori Washington
Eucharistic Ministers: * Dolores Malby Davena Woodson
Ariane Kirkpatrick-Couch
Janice Kushner
Usher: Jeremiah Robinson Yvette Andre
Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy
Toni Griffin-France Billy Cardwell
Greeter: Betty Washington Divine Onuorah
Tara Young Kaitlynn Mangum
Server: Nicole Onuorah Ronald Onuorah

Ministers are respectfully reminded to be present at least 10 minutes before Mass begins!

SEE MINISTRY SCHEDULES AT www.saolf.org

Church offering envelopes are ready for pick up today! Thank you for your support of our Church.

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



MISSION STATEMENT

*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church
is a visionary Catholic Christian Community.*

As a diverse parish, we embrace

*Africentric worship,
Christ centered hospitality,
and missionary service.*

*Sustained by the wisdom of our elders
and energized by the spirit of our youth,
we come together in faith*

as a church family

*to give witness to the liberating message
of the Gospel*

Schubert Hall Rental

Call the parish office
For available dates and
Rates

Fatima Family Center

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LaJean Ray, Director
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Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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PARISH INFORMATION

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Friary: 216-431-8854
Website: www.saolf.org

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 5:00 (Vigil) 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: As Scheduled
Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 pm or anytime by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with Carolyn Mack. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact Brother Bob or Deacon Martin before setting a wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish office.

Parish Registration: Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office.

PARISH STAFF:

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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

For publication in the following Sunday's bulletin

**DECEMBER 2, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

+ SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK +
Being able to read the signs of the times is a critical skill as we enter the Season of Advent. The Scriptures point us to the end times when this world will pass away and the Lord will come in glory and power to redeem us. Will we be ready? ARE we ready? This is the work before us this Advent as we prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas and at the end of time. Come Lord Jesus!

YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Thank you for your generosity!
SUNDAY OFFERING: 11/25/18 \$5,135.40
SECOND OFFERING: Loaves and Fishes \$508.77
Second Offering Today: Charity of the Parish
Second Offering Next Week: Retired Religious

LECTORS WORKBOOKS HAVE ARRIVED

And are available for \$12.00 each. Each contains the readings, pronunciations, and reflections to aid in proclaiming the Word of God. Please see Br. Bob.

MISSALETES ARE AVAILABLE

The new missalettes are in the pews for use at Mass to better tend to the Word of God. Personal copies are available for purchase for \$5.00. Please see any of the staff if you are interested. *Please do not take the books out of the racks in Church!* Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLY DAY DECEMBER 8

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday December 8 and is a holy day of obligation. Catholics are asked to make every effort to celebrate the Eucharist on this day as we mark Mary's conception in the womb of Anne without any mark of original sin in anticipation of her role to be the Mother of God. We will celebrate Mass at 9am in the church. Come and pray with your church family on this special feast!

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible Study will not meet this week as Br. Bob is away. Participants can pick up readings from Mrs. Mack for the coming weeks. See you on Dec 10.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

- Dec 2 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
5:00 pm Richard Marva, dec.
8:30 am For the Parish
10:30 am Joseph Mercadante, dec.
- Dec 3 St. Francis Xavier, Priest**
Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
- Dec 4 Advent Weekday**
Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17
Lk 10:21-24
- Dec 5 Advent Weekday**
Is 25:6-10 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37
- Dec 6 Advent Weekday**
Is 26:1-6 Ps 118: 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a
Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Dec 7 Saint Ambrose, Bishop**
Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31
- Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary**
Gin 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
Lk 1:26-38
- Dec 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

SECOND COLLECTION CHANGES

It has been a long practice at SAOLF to have a second collection each Sunday at Mass. These collections are for specific purposes, and some are designated to be sent to the Diocese for distribution to the proper cause. The diocesan designated collections have envelopes provided in the envelope box each year, as well as our own Charity Fund and Building Maintenance Fund. Using these envelopes provides accountability for both you and the parish that your gift is properly credited. All of these envelopes may be placed in the main collection basket and will be sorted to the proper charity, organization, or regular tithe as marked. With the approval of the Finance Council, beginning in January there will be no second basket passed through the church for a second offering. Please use the **printed and designated special collection envelopes in your boxes or take one from the table in the Narthex or Gallery.** This will streamline the offering process and simplify the closing rites of Mass on Sunday. More information will be provided over the next several weeks before implementation. Thank you for your assistance!

THE GIVING TREE IS HERE!

Thanks to the Women's Group, the Giving Tree is in place to help those in need this holiday season. Again, our partnership will be with Providence House. Take the tag, bring the gift back to church by December 16. Do not wrap the gifts. Please! Thank you for your support of Families this Christmastime.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

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| Dec 2 SWAGG | 8:30 am SH |
| Men's Group | 12:30pm I |
| Dec 3 | |
| Dec 4 Hot Meal | 5:30pm SH |
| Youth & Young Adult Choir | 6:00pm CH |
| Adult Choir | 7:00pm CH |
| Dec 5 NA | 7:00pm SH |
| Dec 6 Leader's Meeting | 7:00pm I |
| Dec 7 Office Closed | |
| Dec 8 Holy Day Mass | 9:00amCH |

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

May be turned in by December 20 using the envelopes provided. Requested donation is \$15.00 for each plant which will grace our sanctuary through the Christmas Season. Thank you for your support and remembrance of those we love this Christmas!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE AT SAOLF

As time draws near for the holiday season, please mark the following dates and times on your calendars now.

- Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception Mass at 9am (Sat)
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Celebration (Mon.)
Carols begin at 7:00 pm
Mass begins at 7:30 pm
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 am
- Dec. 28 Holy Family (Youth/Young Adult Choir sing At 10:30 Mass
- Dec. 31 Watch Night Mass at 10:00pm followed by Breakfast celebration in Schubert Hall

In line with the Offices of the Diocese of Cleveland, the parish offices will be closed from December 24 through January 2. No meetings or activities are scheduled during that time. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends!

CHURCH DECORATING

We will decorate the church after the 10:30 Mass on December 23. Come and help to get ready for the Christmas Feast! Sign up for your role next Sunday.

+PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Georgia Atkinson Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Darryl Blanton Donna Blythewood Warb Boykin, Jr. Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Kathy Clayton Terrell Cole Robin Davis Edna Evans Margaret Ferguson Catherine Ford James Nakima James Forte Della Gholson Myron Gholson Adriene Hall JoAnn Hinson Althea Hite Ursula Hite Patricia Heard Esteille Hodges Kyllan Hughes Valada Hutchinson Maxine Jackson Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Evelyne Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Lynne Kelly Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LaVerta Marshall Joseph Mangham Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Robert McDuffie Sr. Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Marjorie Murphy Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Ernestine Poole Roosevelt Thurman Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp Mary St. Clair Joyce Sparks John Strozier Barbara Sudberry Janice Thompson Hubert Watson Desiree Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards LaVerne Henderson Fredrick Ross II Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Fay Grady Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Monica Starks Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Constance Durrah Mary Roberts Donald Leftwich James Jackson Marcia St. John Leola Wilson Sabrina Wilson Betty Moore Albert Yourse II Ophelia Swain Soloman Fidela Lozada Mooson-Eddie Alonzo Givens

GET IN THE A.C.T. WITH HUG-A-TREE

The Active Catholics Together (ACT) Group will sponsor the Hug-A-Tree to provide hats, gloves, scarves and socks at the Tuesday Loaves and Fishes Meal. These items will be collected from November until February for adults and children. **Donations may be brought forth at the offertory of Mass each week.** See Corlette or Donna.

ADVENT READING

Daily Scripture reflections from The Word Among Us are available to all for the Season of Advent. Please make use of these guides to grow closer to the Lord and to prepare once again for his coming among us!

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

The season of Advent is about expectation and joyful hope. As we prepare for the coming of the Lord once again, we are asked to share our faith and joy with those in our community. Please see the flyer from the Spiritual Life and Worship Commission as we seek to share the Joy of the Gospel with those who are in need this Christmas Season!