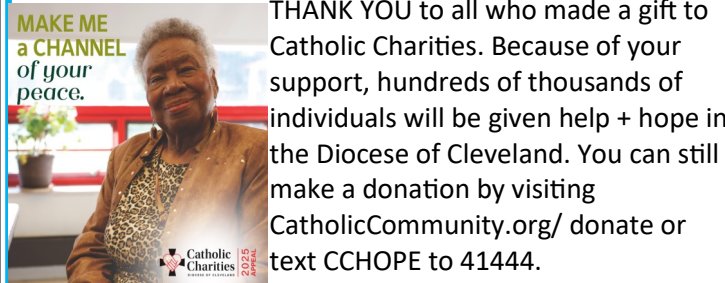


Smart Giving From Your IRA

As Christian stewards, we share the responsibility of making our Church a true community of faith and a vibrant source of service to the larger community. That includes providing financial support for today's needs - and building a firm financial foundation for tomorrow. Your IRA can be a tool to help you do this. If you are 70 ½ years old or older, you can make a Qualified Charitable Distribution today for up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to our parish. It will not count as taxable income, and it can satisfy your "required minimum distribution. Looking to the future, consider naming our parish as a beneficiary of your IRA. Speak with your financial advisor, visit <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira>, or contact **Moira Wopershall** at 216-696-6525 x8070 for more information



We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2025Appeal

OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2025:
\$8578.00

How are we doing as of January 2025?
Pledged: \$275.00 Fulfilled: \$260.00

JOIN US FOR CRS RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY!



CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40

days of Lent, let us journey together through CRS Rice Bowl to meet people in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from the Tables near the Church Entrances. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions

April is...

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Did you know... Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

Catholic Cemeteries Association Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year.

Upcoming support/ gatherings:

April 27th – Sunday Grief Support meetings
(3pm In-person at 6 locations; 5pm Virtual);

The April topics are is

"Easter Season" and "Mother's Day Grief".

For details, visit:

<https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

For more information, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866



This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship.

Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program.

NOTE: The Retrouvaille program is for husbands and wives and is not designed nor intended for couples in a co-habiting relationship.

Retrouvaille of Cleveland Upcoming Weekends

Sep 5, 2025

For Registration information and locations:

CALL: (800) 470-2230

EMAIL: cleveland@helpourmarriage.org

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
Visit the Capuchins at www.capuchin.com



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.

Parish Registration:

Welcome to our parish. If you would like to register to join, please contact the parish office, or go to

<https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>
(Case-Sensitive) or use our QR Code:



PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

Office: 216-391-1655
Emergency: 216-538-2349
Fax: 216-391-7919
Email: parish@saolf.org
Website: www.saolf.org

Office Hours: Mon-Sat: 9AM -12:30PM,
1:00PM - 3:30PM

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
Weekday: As Scheduled
Holyday: 7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)
Rosary: After the 8:30AM Mass
Eucharistic Holy Hour: Sundays at 5:00PM

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap., *Pastor*
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Mr. Danny McElroy, *Director of Music Ministry*
dannymac63@roadrunner.com
Mr. Reginald Daniels, *Custodian*
Mrs. Davilyn Foxworth, *Hall Manager*

Fatima Family Center: LaJean Ray, *Director*
6600 Lexington Ave.
216-391-0505

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays 7:45AM-8:15AM or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with a priest or deacon. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with a priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and at least six months prior to intended date. Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:

Please contact the parish cell phone at 216-538-2349

Bulletin Article Deadline: Tuesdays at 12noon

Electronic Giving Opportunities:

Go to www.saolf.org and click on "GIVE"
For CashApp users: send to \$saolf

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Based on the Gospel Reading for the Scrutiny: John 11:1-45
“Take away the stone.”

This command from the Lord to the people at Lazarus’ gravesite reveals the Lord’s power to remove the barrier between us and God caused by our sin. How? Certainly, Jesus could have removed it Himself, however, he invites those who were there to share in His lifegiving work.

Through the power of His Word, the Lord calls us from death into life, from sin to grace; however, faithlessness and sin on our part can be a barrier to our free response to His Love. Fear not! His love can overcome all barriers. Recall the words of St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians, in chapter 2:

“You were dead in your transgressions and sins in which you once lived following the age of this world.” But then St. Paul tells us, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ.”

The Lord calls us from death into life; however, the stones of sin and lack of faith need to be removed. When we pray for one another and do works of charity, we are responding to the Lord’s command to remove the stone from the heart of our neighbor so that they can hear his voice much clearer. One powerful way this happens in our Church is through the Sacrament of Confession. In this Sacrament, the priest through the power of Christ, serves to remove the stone and open our hearts to God’s love so that like Lazarus we can hear Him say, “Come Out” and live again.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

	8:30	10:30
06-April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Comm	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Terrence Marsh
Lector	Veronica Safo	Chichi Onuorah
EM	Marietta Stovall Brunie Vega	Sharon Bertrand Danita Thomas
Server	NEEDED Divine Onuorah Vanessa Walker	
Usher	Karen Larry Jeremy Mangum	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Sheila Griffin-McCoy
13-April	Fifth Sunday of Lent	
Comm	Shirley Tucker	Cassie Bronson
Lector	Pam Pendleton	Lorraine McMillian
EM	Rhonda Cross Mangham Betty Smith	Carla Grant Janice Kushner
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Sa’Vannah Love Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Cathy Scott Lazuras Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Marietta Stovall Billy Cardwell

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11
 8:30am– Respect for All Human Life
 10:30am– All Those Preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation
Mon, April 7, Lenten Weekday
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20
Tue, April 8, Lenten Weekday
 Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wed, April 9, Lenten Weekday
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42
Thu, April 10, Lenten Weekday
 Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Fri, April 11, Lenten Weekday
 Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Sat April 12, Lenten Weekday
 Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Sun, April 13, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 Lk 19:28-40 Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11
 Lk 22:14—23:56

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Holy Thursday:

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7PM

[Procession and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow in the Church Hall until 11:00PM]

Good Friday

- Stations of the Cross at 5pm
 followed by Simple Lenten Meal:

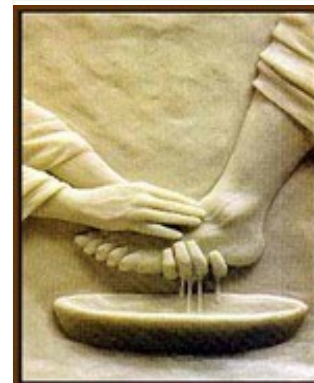
(Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup, Salad)

We are requesting donations for this meal. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the Church. Please submit donations by Wednesday April 16, 2025

- Passion Service at 7PM

Easter Vigil - 8:00PM

Liturgy begins with procession in the Courtyard –
 Weather permitting



HOLY THURSDAY Washing of Feet

Looking for 12 volunteers for the Washing of Feet at the Holy Thursday Liturgy

To volunteer, please email **Fr. James: at pastor@saolf.org** and use “**FOOT WASHING**” in the Subject line.

The first 12 will be accepted. Any others will serve as backup.

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK!

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00 per week. **Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 3-23-2025

Total in Pew Collection	\$2530.00
Vanco On-Line	\$690.41
CashApp	\$144.00
Total	\$3364.41

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration

Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.

To register your child for next year, go online at:

<https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>

To register: call **Dr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

Interested in Joining the Catholic Church

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?
- ◆ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn about the Catholic faith. To get started visit:

<https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults>

or contact our Director of Religious Education,

Dr. Cary Dabney at 216-391-1655 #14

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

April 18, 2025

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous. For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2025/> or www.custodia.org



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS...

Are being accepted in memory of loved ones as we prepare for the feast of Easter. Please use the envelopes provided and turn in through the collection or the parish office. Please indicate your name and the person(s) being remembered. Last day to request memorial flowers is **April 16th.**



FINANCIAL LITERARY SERIES

Our Parish is Offering a Financial Literacy Series for all every 4th Sunday after the 10:30 Mass

Hosted by

PNC BANK: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

Sessions will cover *Investing, Home Ownership, Budgeting* and much more. The next session will be held on **Sunday, April 27**

BUDGETING

In this workshop, participants will understand the value of creating a budget, and learn strategies to build a simple budget and pay off debt.

St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2025

Financial Assistance during the 2025-26 academic year will be available to those who qualify and wish to apply. Forms for both the **Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship** and the **Parish Education Assistance Scholarship** are available now. To download an application go to: <https://www.saolf.org/scholarships>



To have one emailed to you, please make your request at: education@saolf.org

or

Contact the parish office during office hours.

Note: The deadline for completed applications is **April 30th**

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

FAMILIES: Lane Family, Poteat Family, Warren Family
 Ogechi Achunine, Kalima Assami, Georgia Atkinson, Joyce Baker, Carol Bertrand, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Bessie Bolles, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Barbara Marshall Brown, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Danny Couch, Robin Davis, Constance Durrach, Eboni Edwards, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, Myron Gholson, Alonzo Givens, Rachael Glaster, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Daniel Grant Jr., Delvonte Grant, Beverly Greene-Reed, Anita Gullett, Judy Guzy, Adriene Hall, Darlene Harris, Patricia Heard, Kathy Heard, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Estelle Hodges, Carol Hollinger, Jame Hoyle, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, James Jackson, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Andrea Johnson, Monique Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Margie Jones, James Keifer, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Donald Leftwich, Francesca Lehu, Elizabeth Malby, Luther B. Mangham Jr., LaVerta Marshall, Naomi Matthews, David McClain, Chaquita McClinton, Chantel McConnell, Mattie McDonald, Sharon McDuffie, Bill Miller, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Betty Moore, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, Monika Moss-Gransberry, James Nakima, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Mary Roberts, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Nina Simmons, Lasonia Sims, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, Marcia St. John, Barbara Sudberry, Ophelia Swain, Loraine Taylor, Danita Thomas, Latina Thomas, Janice Thompson, Michael Tucker Jr., Byron Washington, Thomas Washington, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Aris White, Yvonne Williamson, Sabrina Wilson, Jahiem Wilson Ali’Bey, Regina Woodard, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler