

February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus exhorts His disciples to give honor to God's Commandments by practicing them with their true intention in mind which is to be transformed into a radical lover of God. Jesus stated that He has not come to abolish the Law of God, but to fulfill it. In saying this, Jesus reveals that obedience to Him fulfills the Law for the disciple. He makes this claim of authority clear whenever He says, "but I say to you." Furthermore, Jesus gives a deeper interpretation of the Law revealing that external practice of the Law is not enough to be rewarded eternal salvation. What is required is radical transformation of the person into a childlike obedient lover of God who does not do external works for self-glory, but rather to give glory to God. The disciple must grow in maturity of his or her love for God following the example of the crucified Son of God, Jesus Christ. The disciple who through the power of God's grace loves Jesus Christ and is radically obedient to Him, grows in maturity of love, fulfills the Law and pleases the Father.

*Taking
the Next Step
as One in
Christ*

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to *reflect upon and renew* your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of **St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

National Black Catholic Congress XIII
Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive

The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) convenes a national congress every five years. Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. To register, call Fr. James at the Parish office or go to www.nbccgathering2023.org

CONGRATULATIONS SCHOLARS!

Congratulations to our students who have achieved honors for the last grading period; Bless you and all you do!
St. Edward High School: Alec Dabney, Honor Roll
Trinity High School: Elyse Mikel, Merit Roll

St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima
FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for **20 committed volunteers** to assist with our fish fry this year the fish Friday will be March 10th and March 31st please speak with Darlene Horton, Neicey or Carla Grant. Or email Carla Grant at cgbible40@gmail.com.
There will also be sign-up sheets at both entrances of the church. Thank you for your assistance in advance.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37
8:30am James Russo
10:30am For all Souls in Purgatory
Mon, Feb 13 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1, 8, 16-17, 20-21 Mk 8:11-13
Tue, Feb 14 – Sts. Cyril, Monk & Methodius
Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1-4 9-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wed, Feb 15 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-15, 18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thu, Feb 16 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-23, 29 Mk 8:27-33
Fri, Feb 17 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-15 Mk 8:34-9:1
Sat, Feb 18 – Seasonal Weekday
Heb 11:1-7 Ps 145:2-5, 10-11 Mk 9:2-13
Sun, Feb 19- Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10-13 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Training
ATTENTION all Lectors and/or Commentators, there will be a training held on March 11th from 10AM to Noon. Please contact: **Carla Grant** at 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com to indicate you will be attending. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

Marriage Ministry Celebration
Theme: "In Love and Fidelity"



All Married Couples are invited to the **MARRIAGE MINISTRY CELEBRATION Sunday Feb 19th** beginning with the **10:30 Mass** followed by a gathering of food, fun, games and fellowship in the **Harambee Room from 12:30-3PM**. Please bring a Potluck Dish to Share **For more information contact:** Deacon Hardin and Rosary Martin: (216) 337-1235

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
12-Feb 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Comm	<i>Needed</i>	Josie Kramer
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Lorraine McMillan
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Gavin Smedley Eric Smedley, Jr.
Usher	Theresa Hughley Karen Larry	Robin Allen Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon
19-Feb 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Brian Upton
Lector	Doreatha Stover	Chichi Onuorah
Server	Sharla Durand	Donzell Andrew, Jr. Jordan Ivery
Usher	Lonnie Smith Lazuras Oranugo	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Lena Austin

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Your response to our offertory commitment has been tremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00. **Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 01-29-2023

In Church	\$4631.00
Cash App	\$117.00
Vanco On-Line	\$997.07
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Share Your Faith	\$10.00
Local Charities	\$30.00
Catholic Charities Appeal	\$50.00
Home Missions	\$209.00
Human Development Collection	\$2.36
Living Faith Book	\$5.00
Candles	\$3.00
Total	\$6,084.43

OPEN GYM is Coming!!!



St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish's OPEN GYM program will be coming soon. **Registration is open now to all 6th to 12th grade Youth and Teens in our parish and participants at Fatima Family Center.** The Program will be an opportunity for our young people to develop their relationship with God as well as their skills in basketball. More information is forthcoming. To REGISTER, please contact Fr. James at the parish or Mr. Dell Robinson at (216)470-0398

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS
SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-23

Please sign your child/teen for First Communion, Confirmation. Faith formation for our youth takes place on Sundays immediately following the **8:30am** Mass from **9:45am–11:00am**. To register your child, pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saint Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church
Women's Tea:
May 20th, 2023 2:4:30
More Information Coming

2023 Catholic Charities Appeal



Ecclesiastes 3:1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.



A time to grow.

The 2023 Catholic Charities Appeal will take place next weekend in our parish. This year's appeal theme is "A time to heal. A time to help." Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place next weekend, February 18-19. All who have not received the mailing from Bishop Malesic, or have not had a chance to respond to it, will be asked to consider making a generous pledge to support the ministries and services provided by Catholic Charities. If you have received the mailing, please respond generously to it and we ask you to also complete the in-pew envelope and indicate by checking the box that you have responded by mail. **We invite you to view stories of inspiration and more information at CatholicCommunity.org/2023Appeal.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Ogechi Achunine, Georgia Atkinson, Kalima Assami, Joyce Baker, Bessie Bolles, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Robin Davis, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, James Nakima, Myron Gholson, Yvonne Griffin, Toni Griffin-France, Adriene Hall,

JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, Maxine Jackson, Andrea Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Francesca Lehu, Dolores Malby, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Bill Miller, David McClain, Chantel McConnell, Chaquita McClinton, Sharon McDuffie, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, John Strozier, Barbara Sudberry, Danita Thomas, Janice Thompson, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Aris White, James Keifer, Kathy Heard, Eboni Edwards, Monique Johnson, Margie Jones, Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Rachael Glaster, Jame Hoyle, Judy Guzy, Latina Thomas, Constance Durrah, Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, Fidela Lozada, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, Alonzo Givens, Yvonne Williamson, Regina Woodard, Beverly Greene-Reed, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Warren Family, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Carol Hollinger, Mattie McDonald, Anita Gullett, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor

Lenten Ministry: FOOD BANK Volunteers

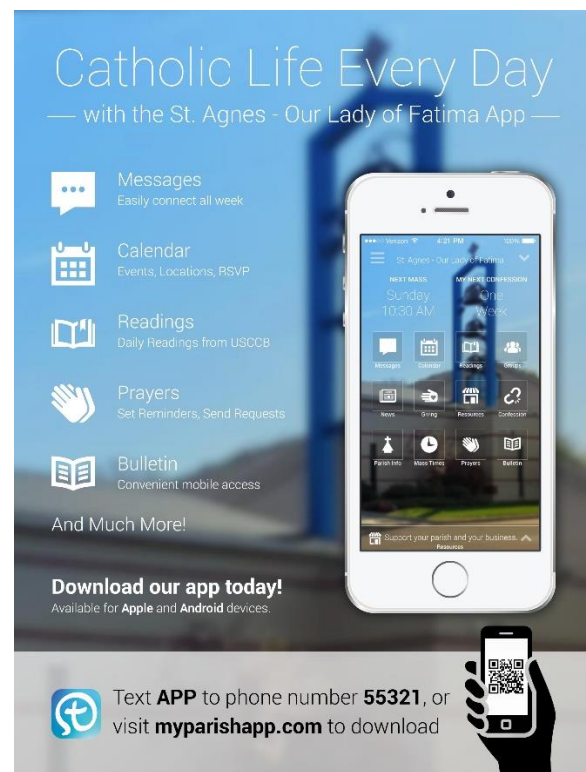
During the season of Lent there will be opportunities for members of SAOLF to volunteer at the **Cleveland Food Bank**. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kennedy at JAFFS1926@gmail.com or 216-990-1635 and then a meeting will be scheduled.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Northeast Ohio Catholic magazine, official publication of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, is participating with our publication partner FAITH Catholic in an essay contest including all FAITH publications that will award one Catholic high school student \$1,500. The 2023 Father Charles Irvin Memorial Writing Scholarship honors FAITH Catholic's founding editor-in-chief. The 2023 theme is: **"Tell us about the person in whom you most see the face of Christ."**

Entries must be submitted by a parish DRE, youth minister, Catholic high school teacher or pastor. No student-submitted essays will be considered. Send entries as a Word document attached to an email addressed to **Carol Kovach**. Deadline is March 17. Include "FAITH essay contest" in the subject line. The top three diocesan entries will be forwarded to FAITH Catholic where the winner will be chosen. Click [here](#) for contest details and links to promotional materials.

Download Our New Parish App!



Our new ST. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at ST. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also scan the following QR Code to your phone:



The Diocesan Evening of Confession will return this year on Wednesday, March 8th. St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish along with all the parishes in the diocese will welcome the faithful from 5-8 pm on that day.

SEASON of LENT SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday: February 22, Mass 7PM
Stations of the Cross: Every Friday 3PM and 5PM
Soup and Grilled Cheese sandwiches immediately after the 5PM stations.

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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 INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue

Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Office: 216-391-1655
FAX: 216-391-7919
Website: www.saolf.org
Office Hours: Mon-Thurs: 9AM-12:30, 1:00PM-3:30PM
Fridays: Closed

Mass Schedule:

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

PARISH STAFF:

- Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor
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216-391-0505

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:00 pm or anytime 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 six months prior to intended date. Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

Electronic Giving Opportunities:

Go to www.saolf.org and click on "Make a Gift." For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**