

February 19, 2023 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

This Sunday, in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us we are to *be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect* (Mt 5:48). Do you know anyone who is perfect in this world, who never makes mistakes or needs to ask forgiveness? Don't we all fall short of what Jesus is asking of us? Yes! Perfection is not something achievable by any human being. Perfection is only achievable by the one who is already perfect in every way, that is God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! At the same time St Paul asks us *do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?* (1 Cor 3:16) In baptism we have been united to God and have each become a dwelling place for God's Spirit. God is perfect and God dwells in us. If we act in ways according to His perfect love, wisdom, understanding, and mercy, especially towards our enemies and those who persecute us, then we are being perfect as Jesus commands us. This does not come easy and is why we need to open ourselves to receive His strength through prayer, the sacraments, reflecting on His Word, and growing in community! So, let's listen to Jesus and be perfect through the power of our baptism and the graces that He offers us this day and everyday!

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 19 – Sixth 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
8:30am - For the Intention of the Poor Clare Sisters
10:30am – For Grieving Widows and Widowers

Mon, Feb 20 – Seasonal Weekday
Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29

Tue, Feb 21 – Seasonal Weekday
Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37

Wed, Feb 22 – Ash Wednesday
Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17 2 Cor 5:20---6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thu, Feb 23 – Seasonal Weekday
Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 9:22-25

Fri, Feb 24 – Seasonal Weekday
Is 58:1-9 Ps 51:3-6, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Sat, Feb 25 – Seasonal Weekday
Is 58:9-14 Ps 86:1-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sun, Feb 26- First Sunday of Lent
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19

LENTEN PRACTICE REMINDERS

Lent is marked by the traditional observances of **Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence and Almsgiving.**
PRAYER: Consider daily mass and personal scripture reading during Lent. The Stations of the Cross, a devotion to the suffering of Christ on his journey to Calvary will be prayed each Friday at 3pm and 5pm in the Church. The Word Among Us is also available for your daily prayer and reflection during this season.
FASTING: Catholics, ages 16 to 59, are obligated to

fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Lenten practice of Fasting is as follows: one main meal, two smaller meals, and no food in-between. We should be hungry, not starved. Those needing to eat with medication may do so.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: This is an Obligation for all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

ALMSGIVING: Consider works of charity, service, or financial sacrifices during Lent.

LECTORS and COMMENTATORS 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.

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.

*Taking
the Next Step
as One in
Christ*

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit

their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! You may return your card by:

- mailing it to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included with the letter.
- or bringing it to Mass next Sunday.

Please Return all cards to the parish by Sunday, March 5
We are grateful for your support!



THE SCRIPTURAL ROSARY

The Rosary Group will be leading a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass beginning on Sunday, February 26th. Please Join in as we Pray for our Parish, our Community and the World. Rosaries and Prayer Guides will be provided.

Join the Saint Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish Men's Group for a

MEN'S DAY of RECOLLECTION

Theme: **"Sons of the Father - United in Christ - Growing in the Holy Spirit"**

Date and Location: March 18th at the Parish

Time: 9:00 AM to 3:00PM

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 02-12-2023

In Church	\$4978.00
Cash App	\$177.00
Vanco On-Line	\$1399.19
Building Fund	\$119.00
Share Your Faith	\$3.00
Local Charities	\$4.00
Hall Rental	\$2810.00
Adult Choir Ministry	\$20.00
Men's Group Ministry	\$290.00
Candles	\$19.00
Total	\$9819.19

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

LENTEN RENEWAL

Sponsored by the
Office of Black Catholic Ministries

"This is My Story"

Reflections by Sr. Jane Nesmith

March 14-15, 2023

w/Daily Mass on the 15th at 7PM

Holy Spirit Church

4341 E. 131st St. in Garfield Heights

6:30-8:00PM followed by refreshments

Flyers available at all entrances

SAVE THE DATE:

Saint Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church

Women's Tea:

May 20th, 2023 2:4:30

More Information Coming

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.

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 25-26 (***This has been changed from Feb 18-19 due to events being held in the parish***). 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-Eddie, 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. **FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

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.

OPEN GYM!!!



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

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.

NINE NIGHTS OF NIGHT PRAYER

On nine consecutive evenings from **March 17th -March 25th**, the faithful throughout the Diocese of Cleveland are being invited to participate in nine opportunities to pray the Night Prayer of the Church at different parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. **St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Church will also be hosting this prayerful event during those nights.** Our Church will be open from 8:00pm-9 pm each night with prayer beginning at 8:15. We need a few volunteers to help facilitate each night. Instructions will be provided. If you would like to volunteer, please call the Parish or email Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org.

Download Our New Parish App!



The 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:



St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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
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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:

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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**