

July 16, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Jesus Christ is the **Word** spoken of in the first reading today. He is the promised Word which the Father says, "shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." Today our Lord Jesus desires that the seed of his truth, love, and mercy take root in the hearts of all. Through His Church, Christ continues to purposefully call, guide, correct, teach, heal and encourage new disciples and even lapsed. However, Jesus wants the soil of our hearts to be rich and fertile. The disciple who is "rich soil" the Lord tells us "hears the word and understands it... bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." How can one become rich soil? The disciple who is rich soil is made so through the gift of the Holy Spirit, a willful acceptance of the Gift, and a relationship rooted in Jesus. We consider the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, knowledge, and counsel, fortitude, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts make one fertile ground for the seed of the Word. From that seed, the word that is heard and understood bears in our hearts fruit that has eternal consequences. Here we consider the fruits of the Holy Spirit as St. Paul mentions in his Letter to the Galatians: "the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Gal 5: 22-23) More so, we become fruitful disciples when we witness His love and Mercy to others. This is why a prayerful relationship with Him is essential. Disciples who remain filled with Christ's love and love Him in return through obedience, seek to spread the seeds of His love throughout the world.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, July 16– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10-14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23
8:30am – For our homebound and hospitalized parishioners
10:30am – Those attending the National Black Congress
Mon, July 17– Seasonal Weekday
Ex:1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1-8 Mt 10:34-11:1
Tue, July 18– Seasonal Weekday
Ex:2:1-15a 22 Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24
Wed, July 19- Seasonal Weekday
Ex:3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27
Thu, July 20- Seasonal Weekday
Ex:3:13-20 Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27 Mt 11:28-30
Fri, July 21– St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Feast
Ex:11:10-12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-18 Mt 12:1-8
Sat, July 22- St. Mary Magdalene, Feast
Sg 3:1-4a Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sun, July 23- Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 12:13, 16-19 Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rom 8:26-27
Mt 13:24-43

New Member Registration:

If you and your family would like to register to be a member of the St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Family, You can contact the Parish office: (216) 391-1655 or register online at: <https://bit.ly/SAOLF-NewRegistration>



ROSARY after the 8:30 MASS The Rosary Group leads a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass. Please Join in as we Pray for our Parish, our Community and the World. Rosaries and Prayer Guides will be provided.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
16-July	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Carla Grant
Lector	Shirley Tucker	Ariane Kirkpatrick-Couch
Server	Jeremy Mangum	Donzell Andrew Jr. Jeremiah Robinson
Usher	Karen Larry	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin
	Lazaras Oranugo	Shelia Griffin-McCoy Lena Austin
23-July	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Rhonda Cross Mangham	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Ellen Connally	Kyllan Hughes
Server	Sharla Durand	Syan Hughes Gavin Smedley
Usher	Thomas Stover Karen Larry	Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell Erik Smith Lena Austin

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Altar Serving is...

- ...A service directed to God above all.
- ...A ministry of assisting the clergy, bishops, priests and deacons in their roles of liturgical leadership.
- ...A ministry of service to the People of God gathered together to worship Him.

If you or your child/teen are interested in this holy ministry, go to <https://www.saolf.org/altar-servers/> or contact the parish office to have a signup form sent to you.
TRAINING DAY: Saturday, August 19th, 10am-12PM



Liturgical Ministers
CONTACT INFORMATION
UPDATE

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.), **please contact to update your contact information: Carla Grant: 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com.** Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!

CARING FOR HOMELESS YOUTH

Jeffrey Anderson II, one of our Youth Parishioners, has initiated a project to help care for **HOMELESS YOUTH**. Please support his effort to care for those in need. To help support those young people in need, you can find a box located in the narthex for the collection of clothing and funds for homeless youth.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24: 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> You can also pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

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

- ❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ❖ Is thirsting for God?

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, **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

Live Streaming of the Mass:

Live streaming of the Mass is back. We were finally able to get repairs on the network equipment completed. We are still in the process of upgrading our videography and sound equipment. This service is for those who for serious reasons cannot attend Mass in-person(ex. sickness, hospitalization, homebound and some employment situations).

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!** Correction: Last week's reported collection of **\$6260.98** was for the weekend of **7/2/23**
SUNDAY OFFERINGS 07-09-2023:
Will be reported in next week's bulletin

SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Every other Thursday from 5:30pm- 7pm up to September 7th @ the Fatima Family Center. Live performances by **Roots of American Music**. Bring your lawn chairs & enjoy this family friendly event. Food will be provided by the "Good Luck Truck." Reservations are required for food by calling the Fatima Center in advance @ 216-391-0505.

ST. AGNES + OUR LADY OF FATIMA
MARRIAGE MINISTRY

PRESENTS
FELLOWSHIP, POTLUCK AND A MOVIE
ST. AGNES + OUR LADY OF FATIMA
Today: SUNDAY, JULY 16TH - 12:30 - 3:30 PM

MARRIED COUPLES, PLEASE CONTACT DEACON HARDIN AND ROSARY MARTIN AT 216-337-1235, TO REGISTER, TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS MINISTRY AND TO BE INFORMED ABOUT FUTURE EVENTS

SAOLF PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

Is set for Sunday, July 30 after 10:30am Mass. This year, it will be held on the church grounds. Plans are underway and we are in need of volunteers and donations. The Parish will sponsor **hot dogs, hamburgers, drinks**
For more info contact
Darlene Horton 216-551-2646
Terrence Marsh 216-239-8995

Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthax.

You can also go to:

<https://saolf-parish.com/Parish-Picnic-Volunteer-Reg>

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, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, 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 James M Patton. **FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

Eucharistic Revival: Year of Parish Revival

In the parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival, all parishes are invited to dive more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist through prayer, study, devotions and acts of service.

July Event: Ballpark Mass Friday, July 28 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm Join us for an outdoor Mass at **Cleveland's Historic League Park** as we continue to celebrate the Eucharistic Revival! The Diocesan Gospel Choir will perform at 7:00 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass with Bishop Edward Malesic presiding, homilist will be Fr. Oscar Pratt from the Archdiocese of Boston. The evening will end with a Eucharistic procession to St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish at sunset. Spend the day and also join the festivities of **FATIMA CENTER'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE** to Cleveland's Hough Neighborhood and beyond. There will be food trucks, music and many other activities. Join the Revival! Encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and Eucharistic people.

For adequate accommodations for those desiring to attend, FREE Registration for the MASS is required at <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/events/events/2023/07/28/eucharistic-revival-ballpark-mass--cleveland>

If you cannot register online, please email Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org with your contact information and indicate how many people you want to register.

One Correction from last week's
EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2023 list:
A Special One-Time Scholarship:
"In Honor of Helen Morris and Ellen Taylor"
awarded to **Syan Hughes**

2023 FIRST STEP Program

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. The First Step program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have been divorced, learn more about Catholic beliefs on marriage and how to submit an 'annulment' case.

Representatives from **Marriage and Family Ministry** of the Diocese of Cleveland will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are **separated or divorced**. First Step sessions currently scheduled for 2023 are:

- St. Gabriel Parish, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, **Mentor, OH 44060**, on **Thursday 14 September 2023, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Community Room of the Parish Life Center.
- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**, on **Wednesday 20 September 2023, 12:15 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**, on **Wednesday 20 September 2023, 7:00 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- Prince of Peace Parish, 1263 Shannon Ave., **Norton, OH 44203**, on **Tuesday, September 26 2023 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

National NFP Week | July 23 – 29, 2023

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week is a national educational campaign that highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae* (July 25), which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, conjugal love, and responsible parenthood. This year's theme is "Marriage: One Flesh, Given and Received." We will kick off NFP Week on Saturday, July 22 from 4 – 8pm with a family picnic sponsored by the NEO-NFP group at the Middleburg Heights City Park, Pavilion 2, 16000 Bagley Road.

VOTER REGISTRATION

You can verify that your voter information is up to date, or register to vote, at VoteOhio.gov. You can also **request an absentee ballot** or find your **early in-person voting location**. **Dates to be aware of:**

- **Sunday, August 6:** Early In-Person Voting ends at 5:00 pm
- **Monday, August 7:** Last day to drop off or postmark your Absentee Ballot
- **Tuesday August 8:** [election day](#)



Save the date State of the Parish Meeting and Fellowship: **September 24th**

If you have questions, you can place them in the suggestion box

Charitable Gift Annuities

Are you looking to increase your income and have the potential to help Catholic Charities or another diocesan ministry in the future? Making a gift of cash or a low-yielding, appreciated asset to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity with the Catholic Community Foundation can provide you with a fixed income stream for life, with the possibility of current tax benefits. Learn more about Charitable Gift Annuities

<https://www.catholiccommunity.org/create-your-legacy/charitable-gift-annuity> or contact **Jean Ann Montagna** at jmontagna@catholiccommunity.org or 216-696-6525 x8070.

Please Pray For Our

National Black Catholic Congress XIII Pilgrims

The quinquennial Convocation of the National Black Catholic Congress will convene this week in National Harbor, MD, July 20-23, 2023. Bishop Edward C. Malesic and Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost plan to be in attendance along with fifty other clergy, religious, and laity from the Diocese of Cleveland included members from our own parish. We ask for your prayers as thousands of Black Catholics gather from across the U.S. to pray together and discern a pastoral plan for the next five years.

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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

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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**