

**February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent**

For Black History Month

The National Black Catholic Congress

The national black catholic congress (nbcc) represents African American Roman Catholics and affiliated organizations.

Our mission is based on our baptismal commitment to witness and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

This commitment inspires us to:

- Enrich the church by evangelizing African-Americans within and outside the church
- Enhance the physical and spiritual well-being of African-Americans as full members of the church and society
- Create an ongoing agenda for evangelizing African-Americans
- Collaborate with national roman catholic organizations.

To Learn More: WWW.NBCCCONGRESS.ORG

Tune in to Black Catholic Podcasts

Discover what your faith means for your marriage, family, professional life and the issues of our time. Learn how Black Catholics are active in the Church and society. Hear answers to questions about God, the Church, and living a spiritual life in today's world. go to:

www.nbcccongress.org/podcasts/

**The Institute for Black Catholic Studies
Master of Theology Degree Program**

The Master of Theology (Th.M.) is an advanced theological degree for specialized academic or ministerial preparation. It is a degree designed for graduates of accredited colleges or universities who desire to begin or resume their theological education to enhance their professional competence in specific areas of study within the context of Pan African communities. Through this degree program, students can pursue advanced training—with opportunities to engage closely with our outstanding faculty on a written thesis—to enhance their ministry or prepare for a doctoral program.

Graduates of Xavier University of Louisiana's Institute for Black Catholic Studies can be found in various academic and ministerial professions impacting the lives of people both nationally and internationally.

Consider advancing your career or ministerial opportunities by pursuing a Th.M. degree from the only Black and Catholic university in the western hemisphere. Get ready to become a transformative leader with a Xavier University of Louisiana Th.M. degree. **We're waiting to hear from you (504) 520-7691.**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Sunday from 7:45AM to 8:15AM. Other days and times are being considered. The sacrament is always available by appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 18, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15
8:30am – For the Intentions of the Poor Clare Sisters
10:30am- For Grieving Widows and Widowers

Mon, Feb 19, Lenten Weekday

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tue, Feb 20, Lenten Weekday

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wed, Feb 21, Lenten Weekday

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thu, Feb 22, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

Fri, Feb 23, Lenten Weekday

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

Sat, Feb 24, Lenten Weekday

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sun, Feb 25, Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31-34
Mk 9:2-10

THE DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

The **Diocesan Evening of Confession** returns this year on February 28th. All parishes in the diocese will welcome the faithful from 5-8 pm. All are invited to participate in the Sacrament of God's mercy at their own parish or any parish in the diocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:

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

<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

Liturgical Ministers

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.) and would like to resume your ministry please contact: **Carla Grant**: 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com so she can review your status and get you back active. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

NOTE: Training for EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION: February 24th at 10AM

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
18-Feb	First Sunday of Lent	
Comm	Keith Durand	Marriage Ministry
Lector	Mike Bussey	Marriage Ministry
Server	Sharla Durand	Marriage Ministry
Usher	Thomas Stover Theresa Hughley	Marriage Ministry Marriage Ministry Marriage Ministry
25-Feb	Second Sunday of Lent	
Comm	Betty Smith	Harold Butler
Lector	Shirley Tucker	Patricia Spychaj
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Vanessa Walker Divine Onuorah
Usher	Lonnie Smith Karen Larry	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy Lena Austin

St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima

UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for **20 committed volunteers** to assist with our fish fry Fridays this year. Fish Fry Fridays will be **February 23rd** and **March 22nd**. If you would like to help, please contact **Carla Grant** at

216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com

Or sign up at

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

FISH FRY DONATIONS NEEDED

To make our fish fry a success, we need donations of certain items: **YOUR TIME, POP, WATER, BREAD(WHITE AND WHEAT), DESSERTS(CAKE OR COOKIES), SALAD MIX.** Please contact the church at (216)391-1655 or **Carla Grant**.

Thank you for your support.

Lenten Ministry:

FOOD BANK Volunteers

Members of our parish are invited to help at the Food Bank on March 9, 2024 8:30-12:30pm. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kennedy at JAFFS1926@gmail.com or 216-990-1635 and then a meeting will be scheduled. **The Rosary Group** invites you to visit the **The City Mission** on February 24th from 9AM to Noon. To participate contact Chichi Okani at chioka77@gmail.com

Creating a Lasting Legacy

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 **Mary Lou Ozimek** at 216-696-6525 x4070 for more information.

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 2-4-2024:

Total in Pew Collection	\$4398.68
Vanco On-Line	\$997.30
CashApp	\$224.00
Total	\$5619.98

Totals for Sunday February 11th will be reported next week

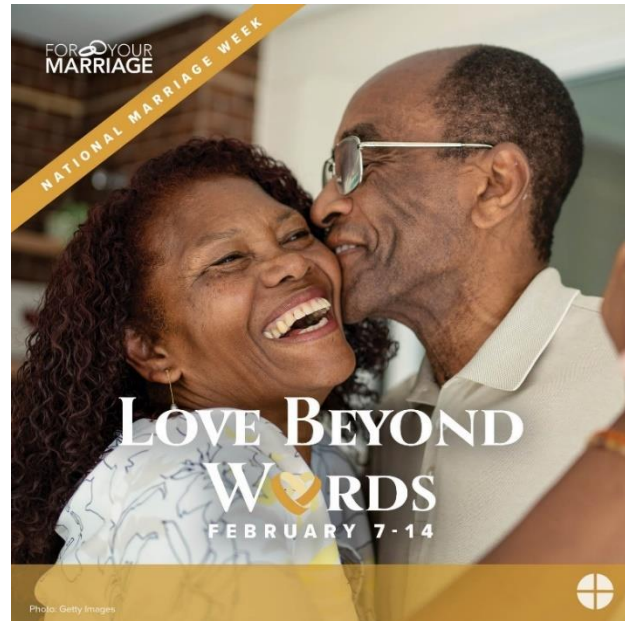
PRAY FOR THE SICK+

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Potat Family

Ogechi Achunine	Elizabeth Malby	Judy Guzy
Georgia Atkinson	LaVerta Marshall	Latina Thomas
Kalima Assami	Bill Miller	Constance Durrah
Joyce Baker	David McClain	Mary Roberts
Bessie Bolles	Chantel McConnell	Donald Leftwich
Gabriel Blair	Chaquita McClintair	James Jackson
Joyce Blanton-Smith	Sharon McDuffie	Marcia St. John
Anna Broadhead	Terri Mohr	Sabrina Wilson
Thella Brooks	Verendez Moore	Betty Moore
Christine Byrd	Lounette Payne	Ophelia Swain
William Byrd	Erma Pollard	Evelyn Morson-Eddie
Marcella Caffie	Nisha Presley	Alonzo Givens
Kathy Clayton	Sue Scott	Yvonne Williamson
Terrell Cole	Regina Shanklin	Regina Woodard

Robin Davis	Jerry Shelton	Beverly Greene-Reed
Edna Evans	Kevin Sipp	Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey
Richard Gayle	Deborah Smedley	Warren Family
James Nakima	Barbara Sudberry	William Jackson
Myron Gholson	Danita Thomas	Kardier Jackson
Yvonne Griffin	Janice Thompson	Carol Hollinger
Adriene Hall	Hubert Watson	Mattie McDonald
JoAnn Hinson	Desiree Webb	Anita Gullett
Althea Hite	Aris White	Natalie Webb
Ursula Hite	James Keifer	Carson Wetherwax
Patricia Heard	Kathy Heard	Gail Xavier
Estelle Hodges	Eboni Edwards	Jaqueline Zeigler
Kyllan Hughes	Monique Johnson	Darlene Harris
Valada Hutchinson	Margie Jones	Lasonia Sims
Andrea Johnson	Barbara Marshall Brown	Nina Simmons
Joseph Jones	Naomi Matthews	Bertha McClain Alexander
Brianna Jones	Fay Grady	Loraine Taylor
Reaber Jones	Tyrone Grady	Danny Couch
Craig Kelly	Rachael Glaster	Delvonte Grant
Janie Kincaid	Jame Hoyle	Monika Moss-Gransberry
Francesca Lehu	Daniel Grant Jr.	
Dolores Malby		

Celebrate World Marriage Week



Our Parish celebrates
WORLD MARRIAGE DAY today,
Sunday February 18th

Sponsored by
**ST. AGNES OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH
MARRIAGE MINISTRY**
Theme: "Love Beyond Words"



All Married Couples are invited to the
MARRIAGE MINISTRY CELEBRATION
Sunday Feb 18th beginning with a **Blessing** of
marriages at the 10:30 Mass followed by a

POTLUCK DINNER in the **Harambee Room: Please**
bring a Potluck Dish to Share. **For more information**
contact: Deacon Hardin and Rosary Martin: (216) 337-1235

Protecting God's Children

The Diocese of Cleveland's "Protecting God's Children" program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior. Also, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at 216-334-2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Eucharistic Miracles Display

February 17 - March 2, 2024 | St. Paschal Baylon Parish, Highland Heights You are invited to view the Eucharistic Miracles exhibit outside the Saint Ann Shrine of Saint Paschal Baylon's Parish Office from February 18 until March 2nd from 9-11am weekdays and weekends, 9am-Noon. Please park in the Wilson Mills Horseshoe parking lot and enter through either of the entrances for the Parish Office or the accessible Saint Ann Shrine entrance outside, down the ramp.

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 INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Office: 216-391-1655
FAX: 216-391-7919
Email: parish@saolf.org
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: 7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor
jwatson@saolf.org
Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon
deaconmartin@saolf.org
Mr. Aldo Fierro, Parish Business Manager
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Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary
btaylor@saolf.org
Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education
cdabney@saolf.org
Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry
dannymac63@roadrunner.com
Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

Fatima Family Center: 6600 Lexington Ave.
LaJean Ray, Director
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 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. Or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>

Bulletin Article 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**

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

"TRANSFORMED BY YOUR LOVE."



THANK YOU to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities last weekend. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of individuals will be given help + hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can still make a donation by visiting CatholicCommunity.org/ donate or text CCHOPE to 41444. **To view inspirational stories of how the annual Appeal impacts the lives of many people and for more information please go to:**

CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/2024APPEAL

OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2024:
\$13,801

BLACK HISTORY MONTH(Local events)

Invigorate Art Gallery

6500 Hough Avenue: (216) 413-7355

Presents **A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION**

February 1st – 29th

Daily Exhibits 12:00PM – 6:00PM
Black Cinema: Saturdays at 12:30PM