

**February 25, 2024
Second 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.NBCCONGRESS.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.nbccongress.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 25, Second Sunday of Lent

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

8:30am – For Those Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation
10:30am- For Our Sacrament of Confirmation Candidates

Mon, Feb 26, Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38

Tue, Feb 27, Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12

Wed, Feb 28, Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28

Thu, Feb 29, Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31

Fri, Mar 1, Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat, Mar 2, Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sun, Mar 3, Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-5 Jn 2:13-25

THE DIOCESAN EVENING OF CONFESSION

The **Diocesan Evening of Confession** returns this Wednesday, 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, Altar Servers, 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!**

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

25-Feb Comm Lector Server	Second Sunday of Lent Betty Smith Shirley Tucker Uzuchukku Oranugo	Harold Butler Patricia Spychaj Vanessa Walker Divine Onuorah Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy Lena Austin
Usher	Lonnie Smith Karen Larry	
3-Mar Comm Lector Server	Third Sunday of Lent Keith Durand Rhonda Cross Mangham Sharla Durand	Josie Kramer Carol Grant Gavin Smedley, Jr. Eric Smedley, Jr. Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Erik Smith
Usher	Theresa Hughley	

St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima

UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

THANK YOU TO ALL who made our 1st Fish Fry successful this past Friday. A final report will be given after the next Fish Fry Friday which will be **March 22nd**. If you would like to help with the next one, please contact **Carla Grant** at 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com

Or sign up at

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

Thank you for your support.

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.

Our Gift to You: A Free Will-Writing Resource

We've partnered with FreeWill to make it easier for our community to create their Catholic legacy. Using this online tool, you can write a legal will for free and protect your blessings, while including the necessary language to create an eternal legacy gift in your plans. This resource takes 20 minutes or less and can be paired with an attorney for more complex estates. We invite you to visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/FreeWill to write a free, legal will.

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat 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 McClinton	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-Eaddie
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		

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 2-11-2024:

Total in Pew Collection	\$3754.60
Vanco On-Line	\$1,056.74
CashApp	\$214.00
Total	\$5025.34

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 2-18-2024:

Total in Pew Collection	\$2026.58
Vanco On-Line	\$711.52
CashApp	\$152.00
Total	\$2890.10

**Catholic Cemeteries Association
Grief and Bereavement Support**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, March 17th at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition". For details, visit:

<https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>.

For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

“A Closer Walk With Thee” –

CCA Monthly Grief Support E-Newsletter:

Our monthly grief support e-newsletter, “A Closer Walk with Thee” provides much of the same helpful grief support information that is presented at the monthly meetings but can be enjoyed from the comfort of your home and from any device where you can access your email. This e-newsletter is emailed the first Tuesday of each month to any family/individual who has expressed an interest in our bereavement programs. To subscribe to this valued grief support resource, go to the sign up form at <https://bit.ly/ccabereavementbulletin> or contact Rhonda at rabrums@clecem.org or 216-930-4866.

Catholic Cemeteries Association

One-Year Anniversary Masses, March 18th - 20th.

The one-year death anniversary of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care, and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in a special commemorative Mass. The Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th), our model and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year we honor the faithful departed through Mass intentions at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location and time that is most convenient for them to attend.

- **Monday, March 18th 12:00pm** – [The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) (livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland OH 44114
- **Tuesday, March 19th 8:30am** – [St. Bridget of Kildare Parish](#), 5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma OH 44130
- **Wednesday, March 20th 6:30pm** - [Holy Spirit Catholic Church](#), 4341 East 131st St, Garfield Hts OH 44105
- **For more information** contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!

Our Parish is in need of **Several Volunteer Collection Counters** to help count Sunday and Holyday collections after the 10:30 Mass. Requirement is to count just once a month! **Training will be provided!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Operation Good News

Presents

A Summer Retreat

The Joy of the Gospel

June 29, 2024

Jesuit Retreat House, Parma OH

Rev. David Domanski, OFM Cap – Spiritual Director

Contact Shawn Kennedy 216-233-0880

Or Carol Bugg 216-835-0117

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.

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

“TRANSFORMED BY YOUR LOVE.”



THANK YOU to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities. 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

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

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Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon

deaconmartin@saolf.org

Mr. Aldo Fierro, Parish Business Manager

AFierro@saolf.org

Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary

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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**