

**March 3, 2024  
Third Sunday of Lent**

**Late Highlight For Black History Month  
Sister Jane Nesmith, SBS**



Sister Jane Nesmith is a native of Philadelphia, PA, and on September 8, 2024 she will be a 60-year member and most recent Vice President of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She holds a Master's Degree in Education with a concentration in Religious Studies and a Certification in Youth Ministry.

Sister's previous mission sites included various locations in Louisiana, Indiana, Washington, and Jamaica. Over the years she has served the people of God as a teacher, a preacher, a composer, an author, an administrator, a director, and a facilitator. She has coordinated youth programs, served as a Director of Campus Ministry, Parish Pastoral Associate, and Pastoral Life Coordinator. She has also served as a founding member of the National Black Sisters' Conference.

She is the author of "Feed the Multitudes," a personal testimony to God's saving presence in the midst of His people, co-producer of a rosary CD that provides more ethnic sensitive tools of evangelization; composer of four volumes of original music entitled: *PRAYERS OF THE HEART*; and a Rosary Pamphlet featuring ethnically sensitive portraits of the Mysteries of the Rosary with scriptural references and reflections of St. Katharine Drexel.

Sister Jane relocated to Cleveland on November 1, 2022 to respond to God's call to be the Director of Black Catholic Ministries for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland which she began on November 16, 2022.

When all is said and done Sister's greatest claim to fame is being a child of God. She can often be heard saying, "I am blessed by The Best and I am trying to share it with the rest."

**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.**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, Mar 3, Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 20:1-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-5 Jn 2:13-25  
8:30am – All the Souls in Purgatory  
10:30am- Men and Women in Jail and Prison

**Mon, Mar 4, Lenten Weekday**  
2 Kgs 5:1-15 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:24-30

**Tue, Mar 5, Lenten Weekday**  
Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Wed, Mar 6, Lenten Weekday**  
Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

**Thu, Mar 7, Lenten Weekday**  
Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Fri, Mar 8, Lenten Weekday**  
Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34

**Sat, Mar 9, Lenten Weekday**  
Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21 Lk 18:9-14

**Sun, Mar 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

**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

**Upcoming Parish Meeting**

**Men's Group** – Sunday, March 10th, after the 10:30AM Mass: Room to be determined.

**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

**3-Mar Comm** Keith Durand Rhonda Cross Mangham  
**Lector** Rhonda Cross Mangham  
**Server** Sharla Durand

**Usher** Theresa Hughley

Josie Kramer  
Carol Grant  
Gavin Smedley Jr.  
Eric Smedley Jr.  
Michelle Booker  
Jeremiah Robinson  
Elinor Williamson  
Erik Smith

**10-Mar Comm** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**Lector** **Ministers will be contacted this Week. Please be sure to check the bulletin for upcoming refresher sessions.**  
**Server**  
**Usher**

**St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima  
UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

THANK YOU TO ALL who made our 1<sup>st</sup> Fish Fry successful this past Friday. A final report will be given after the next Fish Fry Friday which will be **March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. 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.

**MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT  
WORKSHOP**

**Saturday, March 23 from 10:00am - 12:00pm**

As Lay Ecclesial Ministers we are called to live out Pope Francis' call "into this 'art of accompaniment' which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other." (Evangelii Gaudium, 169)

In this workshop, Christy will explore the practical elements of what accompaniment is and is not along with providing the spiritual and theological elements that are necessary to build a more relational church.

Christy Cabaniss serves as the Director of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Cleveland. She has over 15 years of experience volunteering and working for the Church. Christy holds a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hill University, Greensburg, and a master's degree from St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore.

**St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2024**

Education Scholarships or assistance during the 2024-25 academic year will be available to those who qualify and wish to apply. Forms for both the **Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship** and the **Parish Education Assistance Scholarship** are available on the parish website at <https://www.saolf.org/scholarships>  
**Note** that the deadline for completed applications is April 30<sup>th</sup>

**Fund A Dream – 2024/2025 School Year  
Scholarship Opportunity!**



Fund A Dream is a \$2,500 scholarship for tuition assistance, and is available to eligible K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland. The Fund

A Dream program matches each scholarship recipient with a donor. Fund A Dream scholars experience the unique opportunity of knowing that someone else chose to invest in them and their Catholic education experience. Students and their school will provide a variety of communications to their matched donor regarding the student's educational journey. Fund A Dream scholarship awards need-based and awarded to students with a minimum of \$2,500 need for tuition assistance. Please visit [www.CatholicCommunity.org/FAD](http://www.CatholicCommunity.org/FAD) to apply for a Fund A Dream Scholarship in the 2024/2025 school year. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2024.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

**FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

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|---------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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       |                        |                          |

**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!**

## 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 2-25-2024:

Total in Pew Collection	\$3,186.85
Vanco On-Line	\$977.28
CashApp	\$167.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,331.13</b>

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Catholic Cemeteries Association

#### One-Year Anniversary Masses, March 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

### 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.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

MARCH 10, 2024



Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### 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/](http://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](http://CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/2024APPEAL)

**OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2024:**

**\$13,801**

## St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://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](mailto:parish@saolf.org)  
**Website:** [www.saolf.org](http://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](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)  
Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon  
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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](http://www.saolf.org) and click on "Make a Gift."  
For CashApp users: send to \$saolf