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##### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

##### Daily Masses

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00 a.m.  
Wednesday 8:15 a.m.

**Holy Day Masses** 7:00 p.m.

##### Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

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**Holy Spirit Church  
Second Sunday of Advent  
December 10, 2023**



**Saturday, December 9 – Vigil of the Second Sunday of Advent**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass – Julie Leitwein (Jim & Fran Orr)**

**Sunday, December 10 – Second Sunday of Advent**  
Readings: 5: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps 85:9-14 / 2 Pt 3:8-14 / Mk 1:1-8  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish**  
**11:00 a.m. Mass – Carl Jura (Paul & Joanie Linder)**

**Monday, December 11 – St. Damasus**  
Readings: 181: Is 35:1-10 / Ps 85:9ab, 10-14 / Lk 5:17-26  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – Rosemarie DiPonio**  
(Catherine Iulianelli)

**Tuesday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
Readings: 690A: Zec 2:14-17/ (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc,19 / Lk 1:26-38  
**1:15 p.m. Mass – Thomas Sapp (Monica Smith)**

**Wednesday, December 13 – St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr**  
Readings: 183: Is 40:25-31 / Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 / Mt 11:28-30  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – Deceased Members of the Sergio Family (Sergio Family)**

**Thursday, December 14 – St. John of the Cross**  
Readings: 184: Is 41:13-20 / Ps 145:1, 9-14b / Mt 11:11-15  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – Anthony Iacobone (Blasina Belczak)**  
**10:30 a.m. Mass at the Woodlands – John Dodd, Sr.**  
(Parish Gift Mass)

**Friday, December 15 –**  
Readings: 185: Is 48:17-19 / Ps 1:1-4, 6 / Mt 11:16-19  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – Special Intention for Mrs. Toni Stitt and Family (John & Karen Swain)**

**Saturday, December 16 – Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent**  
Readings: 186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
**4:00 p.m. Mass – Sean & Kristin Gilmore**  
(Rick & Ryan Henne)

**Sunday, December 17 – Third Sunday of Advent**  
Readings: 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 / (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 / 1 Thes 5:16-24 / Jn 1:6-8, 19-28  
**9:00 a.m. Mass – For the People of Holy Spirit Parish**  
**11:00 a.m. Mass – Richard Lumpe (Michael Lumpe)**



**From the Pastor's Desk...**

“To be a Shepherd after His own Heart.” I thank God for the gift of vocation to priesthood. God has been kind and compassionate in leading me all these years. My sincere thanks to His excellency Most Rev. Bishop Earl Fernandes for showing his confidence and faith in me, in entrusting Holy Spirit Parish to my pastoral care. His care and concern towards me has been great. He was kind enough to come and install me as Pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. I am deeply indebted to Fr. Bill Arnold, the former pastor of Holy Spirit Parish. These four months of my stay here at the parish would not have been the same if it were not for Fr. Bill's generous charity. He introduced me to the things about the parish, the culture here in the USA, shopping, etc. There will always be a special place for him in my heart.

You, my beloved people of Holy Spirit Parish, how will I be ever able to describe in words what you have done for me. I have left my family, parents, siblings, friends, culture, country, etc. for the mission of God. Not even once did I feel that I was unwanted, lonely, or unloved. I felt at home with you all. The welcome with love, care, and concern you have shown me has been awesome. Thanks for the love.

I assumed my office as Pastor of Holy Spirit on 3rd of December, the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, the missionary to India. I will try to serve you with the zeal of St. Francis Xavier. I do not promise much. All I can say is, I am all here for you! Available for you. As brothers and sisters in Christ, holding hands with one another, let us journey together in faith.

Have a Good Week!  
Fr. Veevin Richard



**Tuesday, December 12, 2023 – Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas. Mass for this day will be at 1:15 p.m. On Wednesday, December 13, 2023, the Mass will be in the chapel at 9:00 a.m.**

## Second Sunday of Advent

*Almighty and merciful God,  
may no earthly undertaking hinder those  
who set out in haste to meet Your Son,  
but may our learning of heavenly wisdom  
gain us admittance to His company.  
Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

# ADVENT

### New Mass Times at Holy Spirit:

The new Mass/Confession schedule at Holy Spirit Church is as follows:

Saturday:	Confessions at 3:00 p.m. Mass at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Mass at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Monday:	Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday:	Mass at 8:15 a.m. (school liturgy)
Thursday:	Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Friday:	Mass at 9:00 a.m.

### Experience the Sacrament of God's Healing Grace.

**Special Advent Confession Times:** In addition to the regular, weekly time for Confession, there are two additional times before Christmas.

- **Thursday, December 14, 2023**, from 10:00-11:00 a.m. (Adults are welcome; Holy Spirit students will be present.)
- **Wednesday, December 20, 2023**, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. in the Church. (3-4 priests available)

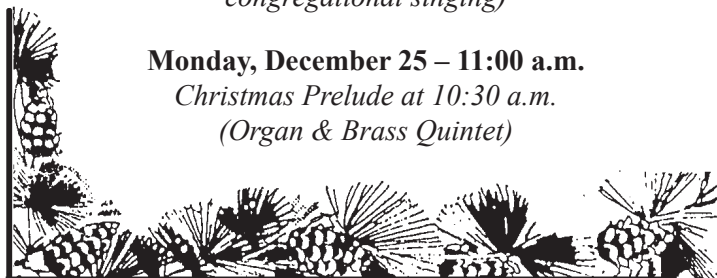


### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Sunday, December 24 – 4:00 p.m.**  
*Holy Spirit School Choir*

**Sunday, December 24 – 8:00 p.m.**  
*Christmas Prelude Begins at 7:30 p.m.*  
*(choir, bell choir, trumpeter,  
congregational singing)*

**Monday, December 25 – 11:00 a.m.**  
*Christmas Prelude at 10:30 a.m.*  
*(Organ & Brass Quintet)*



### Parish Offertory Summary: December 2/3

Offertory Envelopes (70)	\$ 3,661.00
Loose	\$ 453.00
St. Vincent de Paul (6)	\$ 200.00
Capital Improvement (1)	\$ 100.00
Catholic Charities (1)	\$ 100.00
Thanksgiving (2)	\$ 70.00
Christmas Flowers (7)	\$ 155.00
Immaculate Conception (1)	\$ 25.00
Religious Retirement Fund (1)	\$ 25.00
All Saints (1)	\$ 20.00
Christmas (1)	\$ 25.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,834.00</b>



**A Christmas Gift for Your Parish:** 'Tis the season of giving. As we spread our joy and good cheer, consider adding Holy Spirit Church to your gift list. Wishing you a Happy and Holy Christmas season as we await the birth of our Savior.



**Holy Spirit School:** Holy Spirit School begins the second week of Advent praying for peace. On Tuesday, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at Mass and

Thursday, students in grades three through eight will attend an Advent Penance Service during the morning. Our students in grades K-2 will perform their Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the church. We are filled with joy in our hearts preparing for and remembering what the birth of our Savior means for us. I am hopeful you have a *peaceful* holiday season with your family.

– Miss Kathy Costello, Principal

## a Gift to the Spirit

**2023 Annual Campaign for Holy Spirit School:** Holy Spirit School is turning to its parents, friends, and supporters in the 2023 Gift to the Spirit Annual Campaign. This year, our Parish School celebrates its 72nd Anniversary in the Whitehall Community. We are proud of the education we provide. We must, however, always update and modernize our facilities. Our project for the 2023-2024 academic year is to continue the process of upgrading security in our school building and surrounding property. We know that you share our great concern for the safety of our students! We would appreciate your prayerful consideration. Envelopes are in the back of the church. Please help us in meeting the challenges ahead! Thank you.

**Please remember in your prayers** all the sick, homebound, or recovering in our parish, especially Ned Braun, Carole Brill, Sia & Sasha Castle, Bernie Comer, Lu & Bob Cudak, Dorothy Deems, Judy Dick, Carol Eisenhart, Anne Hill, Joann Huffman, Steve & Nancy Sagle, and Ron Scherer.



**Ministry Schedule:**

**Saturday, December 16, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector: Nancy Glover**

**Servers: Camila Serrano, Carol Reyes-Galvan**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Zimmerman,**

**Kathy Zimmerman, Diane Udeck**

**Ministry Schedule:**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Tim Heinmiller**

**Servers: Amy Gonzalez, Emiliano Gonzalez**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Heinmiller,**

**Carolyn Heinmiller**

**Ministry Schedule:**

**Sunday, December 17, 2023 – 11:00 a.m.**

**Lector: Bill Heinmiller**

**Servers: Isabelle Hertzelt, Blake Wyatt,**

**Lohan Dosso-Koko**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Moné Hertzelt,**

**Dan Gumbish, Richard Makowski**

**Christmas Flower Memorials:** Christmas flowers are placed in the sanctuary each year in memory of deceased family and friends. A minimum contribution of \$15.00 is asked for up to three names. Envelopes are included in your packets or you may use the form below. **Place your contribution in the weekly collection by December 10th.** A list of names and donors will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

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*Loving God, in this Advent season  
as we await Your newborn presence among us,  
we ask Your special blessing  
of peace in all families.  
Most especially we pray for those families facing  
poverty, unemployment, prejudice,  
or violence in our world.  
We ask that You fill parents and children  
with a deep experience of Your unconditional  
love and care that lifts them up  
to a joyful expectation of Your Christmas coming.*  
*Dominican Sister of Peace  
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**Pope Francis' 54th Ordination Anniversary:** Our Holy Father Pope Francis will celebrate 54 years of priesthood on Wednesday, December 13th. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers as he leads the Church in our time, especially as he confronts the many problems and challenges

that confront the church worldwide.

*"Father of mercy, we come before You with gratitude for the fifty-four years of priesthood of Pope Francis, whom You have made Peter's successor. Support him with the Spirit's gifts, so that he can continue to preach the Gospel with priestly zeal and lead the Church with wisdom and strength and courage. May his example of long and faithful service be an inspiration to Your priests and to all Your faithful. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*



**Plenary Indulgence during Christmas Season:** The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the privilege of a plenary indulgence for all the faithful to celebrate the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, Italy. The indulgence is available from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed

Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024, Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The usual conditions for receiving plenary indulgence are:

- Confession of our sins;
- Receive Holy Communion;
- Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (*Our Father & Hail Mary*);
- Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin.

Added to this – visit a church run by the Franciscan families and stop in prayer in front of the Nativity Scene set up there. In the Diocese of Columbus, Christ the King Parish and St. Thomas Parish are run by Franciscans. Those sick or unable to participate physically can obtain plenary indulgence by offering their sufferings to the crucified Lord and praying.

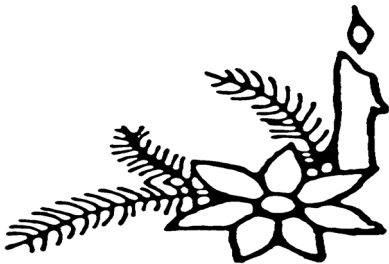
**URGENT SUPPORT NEEDED IN THE HOLY LAND:** As the war rages on, Pope Francis is reaching out to world leaders calling for a cease fire, entry of humanitarian aid into Gaza and the release of all hostages being held by Hamas. Due to their longstanding presence, Catholic Relief Services has been responding to meet urgent, comprehensive needs, while also monitoring possible extended needs across the region. To support their efforts, pray and consider learning more and donating to CRS at: Catholic Relief Services (crs.org). For more information, contact the diocesan Social Concerns Office at socmailbox@columbuscatholic.org or call 614-224-2540.



**RCIA to Begin Soon:** Are you or is someone you know curious about the Catholic faith? Interested in becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic as a child, but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and the Eucharist? The

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process through which adults join the Catholic Church. The first step in this process is a period of inquiry, which is an opportunity to learn more about our parish community, our Catholic faith, and our God. You are welcome to participate with your questions in a warm setting with no commitment required. The first date for this gathering will be announced soon. If you or someone you know is interested in more information, please call 614-861-1521 or e-mail [info@holyspiritcolumbus.org](mailto:info@holyspiritcolumbus.org).

**Support the Retirement Fund for Religious:** The Church owes a great deal to members of religious orders who, for years, staffed our schools and parishes, and earned very little income for the task. They were selfless and dedicated. Now, in retirement, these religious orders face enormous costs for their retirement and medical expenses. Individual dioceses are not in the position to carry these expenses alone. Both of our parishes benefited from the work of the Sisters who staffed our schools and served as pastoral ministers. Please help “pay back” these dedicated people who built the Church in the United States. Envelopes are in your packets.



**Come Let Us Adore Him!**

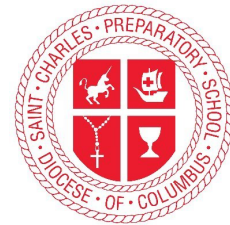
To mark the 800th anniversary of the First Creche by Saint Francis of Assisi, join and pray with St. Joseph Parish in Plain City on December 17th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Parish Activity Center for the “God Is with Us – Come Let Us Adore” Family event, featuring a Live Nativity, caroling, food and activities for the children. The PAC address is 670 W. Main Street, Plain City, OH 43064.



**Give Something That Means Something!** The American Red Cross Blood Drive: Whitehall United Methodist Church is hosting a Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 27th, from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. WUMC is located at 525 Bernhard Road in Whitehall. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS, or visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), sponsor code: WhitehallUMC.



**Our Church supports organ and tissue donation** and recognizes the healing benefits it can provide for others. We encourage you to learn more about how you can become an organ and tissue donor. By registering to be a donor, you have the potential to save the lives of eight people through organ donation and to enhance the lives of dozens more through tissue donation. For more information about organ and tissue donation or to join the Ohio Donor Registry, please visit [www.lifelineofohio.org](http://www.lifelineofohio.org), or call 614-291-5667.



St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold women’s auditions for The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical on Wednesday and Thursday, January 3 and 4, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street (You need only attend one of the two days.) Auditions are open to all area high school women in Central Ohio. Production Dates: February 29-March 3, 2024. If you would like additional information, please email Doug Montgomery, at [dmontgomery@scprep.org](mailto:dmontgomery@scprep.org).

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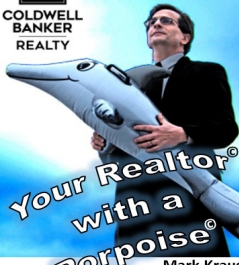
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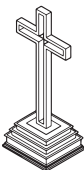
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