



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



**FEBRUARY 18, 2024 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

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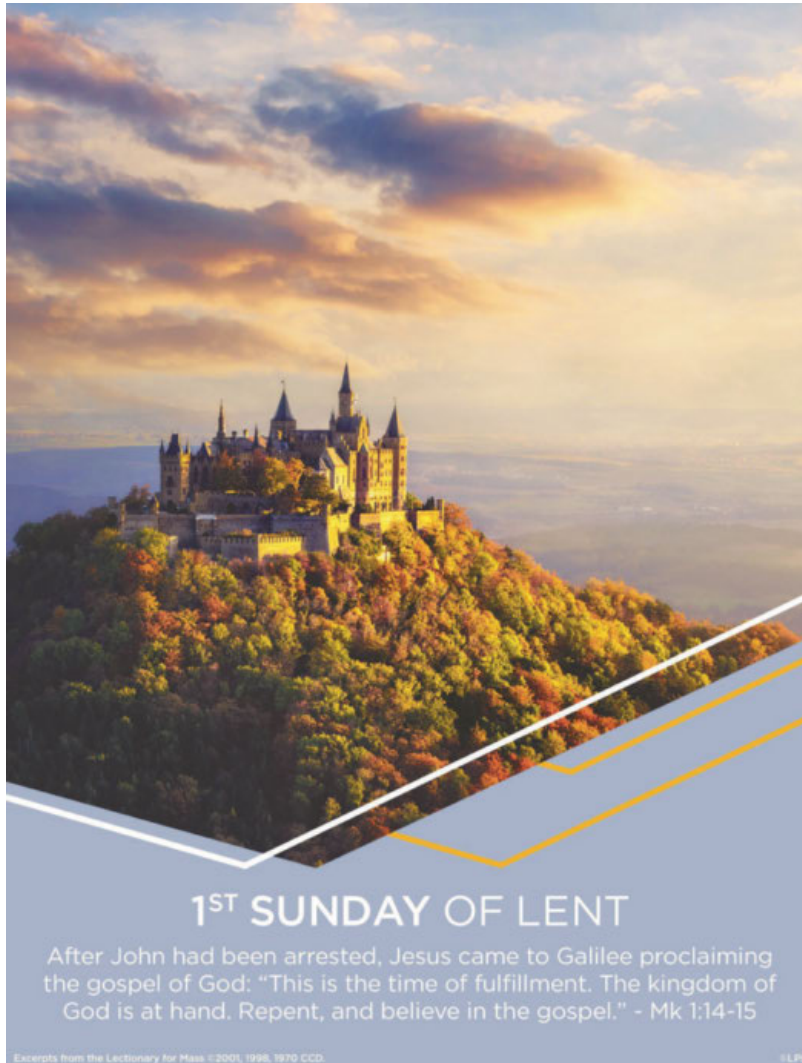
Contact the parish office to arrange.

### **MARRIAGES**

Contact the office at least six months in advance of the wedding date.

### **RECONCILIATION**

See schedule inside or anytime by appointment.



## 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact the parish office.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Contact the office for more information.

### **HOSPITAL VISITATION**

Notify the Parish of anyone being admitted to a hospital or nursing home.

### **PRAYER LINE**

Please call Cindy at 330.877.0093 to request a prayer intention.

## Mass Schedule

### **Saturday**

5:00 PM

### **Sunday**

9:30 AM

### **Daily**

Tuesday & Thursday  
9:00 AM

### **Holy Day**

9:30 AM and 7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish is called to be a family, finding its center in Christ and His Body, the parish and in turn, reflecting that Love of Christ to the community and beyond.

## Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
5:00 pm	Meredith Johnson (L) (Catherine Gullia)
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
9:30 am	Pat McCourry (The Merv Thomas Family)
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
	NO MASS
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 20</b>
9:00 am	Meredith Johnson (L) (Catherine Gullia)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
	NO MASS
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
9:00 am	Virginia Croft (Dave & Chicky Croft)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 23</b>
	NO MASS
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
5:00 pm	Our Parishioners
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
9:30 am	Ron & Karen Vargo (Their Children & Grandchildren)



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 17</b>
	•Euchre, 7:00 pm, Social Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 18</b>
	• <b>NO PSR &amp; Youth Ministry</b>
	•Confessions, following 9:30 am Mass
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 19</b>
	•Weekly Gospel Reflection 10:00 am Meeting Room
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 21</b>
	•Quilting Class, 6:00 pm, Social Hall
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 22</b>
	•Liturgy Committee, 7:00 pm, Conference Room
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>
	•Men of Faith, 7:30 am, Meeting Room
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY 25</b>
	•Confessions, following 9:30 am Mass
	•PSR & Youth Ministry, 10:30-11:45 am
	•Mission Meeting during PSR, Social Hall

## FIRST WEEK OF LENT

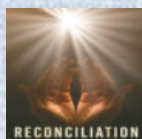
### PRAYER FOR LENT

Dear Jesus,  
This is the first Sunday of Lent, and I want to commit myself more deeply to you this season. Inspire me with the Lenten penances you most desire, the ones that help me to grow ever nearer to you.

Amen. ©LPi

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- \*February 18th—after 9:30am Mass
- \*February 25th—after 9:30am Mass
- \*March 2nd—after 5:00pm Mass



### A SEASON FOR REFLECTION



During this holy time, we are called to pause and pay closer attention to our relationship with God and our neighbors. Reflect on how the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey and how the Eucharist helps us to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world. Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more and read this week's Story of Hope.

### ACME RECEIPTS FOR FISH

Please save your Acme receipts dated thru *February 15, 2024* for FISH. Circling the cash-back amount on the receipts is a big help! If the cash-back amount is \$0, please do not turn them in. Place your receipts in the FISHbowl on the usher's table or turn in to the parish office by February 19th.



### PARISH WIDE SURVEY – DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

We are excited to announce that we, along with the other parishes in the diocese, are participating in a parish-wide survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute, a non-profit Catholic apostolate that does leadership training and development. We would like as many parishioners as possible to complete a **10-15 minute survey**. The survey will be **available until March 27** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on what our parish is doing to help you grow. It is available online at <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/bbkt5> and in paper format on the table by the wood doors.. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. The survey results will be invaluable to our leadership as we seek ways to best support everyone in their discipleship journey.



### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be Liturgy of the Word for children at the Sunday morning mass next week, Feb 25. *What is Children's Liturgy of the Word?* It refers to the practice of children of primary school age leaving the Sunday assembly during the Liturgy of the Word and gathering elsewhere with an adult catechist to celebrate a separate Liturgy of the Word that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. All primary aged children in the congregation are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children wishing to participate should come into the center aisle of the church when the priest calls the children forward.

### THIS WEEK'S LENTEN DEVOTION: LIVING STATION OF THE CROSS

Plan to attend this moving rendition of the Stations of the Cross led by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSR students and high school youth on Friday, Feb 23 at **7:30pm**. If you have not prayed the Stations this way, you will not want to miss the Passion of the Christ done in this manner.

### LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

In the desert, Jesus endured forty days of hardship and temptation. But he did not endure it alone: "the angels ministered to him," the Gospel tells us. Remember that you do not face Lent alone. God is beside you in your journey to the desert. ©LPi

### VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

En el desierto, Jesús soportó cuarenta días de penurias y tentaciones. Pero no lo soportó solo: "los ángeles le servían," nos dice el Evangelio. Recuerda que no afrontas la Cuaresma solo. Dios está a tu lado en tu camino hacia el desierto. ©LPi





## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Today's Gospel said that Jesus *"remained* in the desert for forty days" (Mark 1:13, emphasis added). Remaining with Jesus in the desert is not easy. (Welcome to Lent.)

Further driving home how difficult it is to follow him, in Luke's Gospel, Jesus warns, *"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily"* (Luke 9:23). Yet on another note, in John's Gospel, Jesus commands us, *"Remain in my love"* (John 15:9). Remaining in Jesus' love isn't easy, either—especially when it involves the desert.

Feeling like it's too difficult to do this by ourselves is okay. It's often exactly where God wants us—because it pushes us to rely on him. *That* can be a place of profound growth. Our parish, and those we serve, relies on you to help us meet our many needs and the needs of our community. As you lift the cross Jesus asks of you this Lent, please remember our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We are counting on you. This Lent, count on us, and count on God! We'll walk in the desert with you.

**"THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" ~  
AN EVENING OF RECONCILIATION**



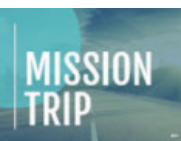
*"How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost,"* Pope Francis tells us. Please join us for *"The Light is ON for You ~ An Evening of Reconciliation"* on Wednesday, February 28th. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the Diocese. If you know of family members or friends who have been away from the Catholic Church, please invite them to come home this Lent—the light will be ON for them. **On this evening St. Paul, North Canton will have reconciliation from 6:00-8:00pm. We will offer an evening during Holy Week.**

## LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPER

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Join us Friday, Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm for a *simple supper* of homemade soup and bread in an act of unity with those who struggle with hardships like poverty and hunger. Please bring a crockpot of your favorite meatless soup or bread to share. A signup sheet is posted by the main doors.

## MISSION MEETING

Are you considering going on a mission trip this year? Now is the time to register. Our first formation meeting is Sunday, February 25 from 10:30 am to 11:45 am. Come find out about this year's trips to KY and IN and learn why we do what we do. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Weeks or Mark Violand.



## CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE

Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown has set this year's Men's Conference for Saturday, March 2nd at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Louisville, Ohio. This year's theme is on the Eucharist and is titled *Rise O'Men of the Eucharist*. Our featured speakers include...

- ◆ Monsignor John Zuraw, Vicar General Diocese of Youngstown
  - ◆ Dr. Chris Seeman, Professor of Theology Walsh University
  - ◆ Music by Ben Walther
  - ◆ Plus Mass which will be celebrated by Bishop David Bonnar.
- Cost for the conference is \$10.00. Go to [www.CMFDYO.org](http://www.CMFDYO.org) for more information and to register.

**FIRST COMMUNION RITUAL- PRESENTATION  
OF THE CROSS**

Next Sunday, Feb 25, those preparing for First Communion will be presented with a cross during the Sunday mass followed by Children's Liturgy of the Word. Please continue to pray for the children preparing to receive the Body & Blood of Christ for the first time.

## RECONCILIATION FOR PSR &amp; YOUTH MINISTRY

The PSR/YM classes are scheduled to celebrate Reconciliation during the regularly scheduled PSR/YM class times on the following dates. Parents, please help prepare your child/youth to celebrate this Sacrament of healing with a joyful heart.

<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>High School teens</b>
<b>March 3</b>	<b>Grades 5 &amp; 6</b>
<b>March 10</b>	<b>Grades 7 &amp; 8</b>

## HOT MEALS

It is our turn to serve again at the Hot Meals Program at St. Bernard's in Akron on **February 28** from **3:30 - 6:30 pm**. Sign up to help on the table by the wood doors or call the Parish Office.

## THANK YOU

Dear Friends at Holy Spirit Parish,  
We wanted to take a moment to say "THANK YOU" to your entire parish for your witness of Christ to the poor.

"THANK YOU" for volunteering the gift of your time and energy in so many ways, especially cooking & serving a hot meal at St. Bernard...

"THANK YOU" for your donations of socks, gloves, warm clothing and personal hygiene items at Christmas from your Parish Giving Tree...

"THANK YOU" for donating warm blankets to the poor during these cold winter months...

"THANK YOU" for your unending prayers and support for our sisters and brothers in need...

Your Parish never ceases to amaze us...You are a wonderful example of God's Love in action. Holy Spirit's parishioners are always willing to help others, by volunteering at St. Bernard's Hunger Program. Through the leadership of Andie and Mike Dorsey, you all jump right into action. With your parish and several others almost 27,000 people were fed nutritionally as well as spiritually in 2023 through St. Bernard's three Hunger Programs. The cost to operate these programs is over \$100,000 annually and they are managed totally by volunteers and donations...These hunger programs could not exist without your prayers and support. Together we can make a huge difference in another person's life. This is what we're called to do as Christians...

**Thank You!**

With Much Gratitude,  
St. Bernard Hunger  
Program

## 2024 LENTEN CALENDAR

*Church is open 9:00 am-4:00 pm (Tues. – Fri.) for private prayer.*

**Lenten Devotions**—Fridays, (unless otherwise noted)

**February 23-Living Stations** 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at 7:30 pm with *Simple Supper* at 6:00 pm

**March 1-The Way of the Cross** with 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at 7:00 pm

**March 8-Stations of the Cross** with the K of C at noon

**March 12 (Tuesday)-Night of Adoration & Worship** at 6:30 pm

**March 15-Children's Stations of the Cross** led by 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders at 7:00 pm

**March 22-Stations of the Cross** with the K of C at noon

**Holy Week :**

**March 25-Sacrament of Reconciliation**, 5:30pm – 6:30 pm (Monday); *Fr. will be available for confessions.*

**March 28-Holy Thursday** (Mass of the Lord's Supper) 7:00pm

**March 29-Good Friday** (The Passion of the Lord): 7:00 pm

**March 30-Easter Food Blessing:** 12:00 pm

**Easter Masses:**

**March 30 Holy Saturday Vigil:** 8:00pm

**March 31 Easter Sunday:** 9:30 am and 11:30 am

## Readings Week

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15  
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46  
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32  
 Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19  
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48  
 Next Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 (116:9)/  
 Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

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