



# HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH



**APRIL 28, 2024 | FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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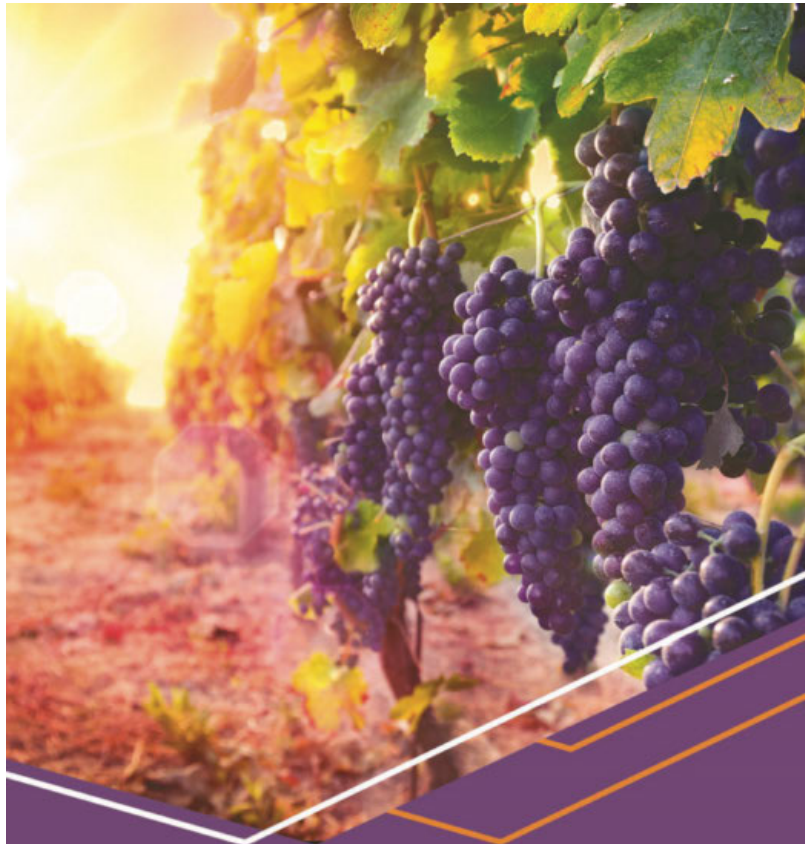
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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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.

### **BAPTISM**

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.

### **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.

### **NEW PARISHIONERS**

Contact the parish office.

### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION**

Contact the office for more information.

## Office Hours

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

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<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>APRIL 27</b> Helen Harp (Bob Harp)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>APRIL 28</b> Our Parishioners
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b> NO MASS
<b>TUESDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>APRIL 30</b> George Bachmann (Mike & Dianne Capitena)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MAY 1</b> NO MASS
<b>THURSDAY</b> 9:00 am	<b>MAY 2</b> Esther Pedaline (The Tawney Family)
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>MAY 3</b> NO MASS
9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 pm	<b>MAY 4</b> Meredith Johnson (L) (Catherine Gullia)
<b>SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am	<b>MAY 5</b> Marsha Caiazza (Jim & Barb Braccio)

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 27</b> •Hors D'oeuvre Reception after Mass, Social Hall
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 28</b> •Confessions, following 9:30 am Mass •PSR & Youth Ministry, 10:30-11:45 am •Confirmation Orientation Meeting, 10:30 am, Meeting Room
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>APRIL 29</b> •Weekly Gospel Reflection 10:00 am Meeting Room
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>MAY 4</b> •Men of Faith, 7:30 am, Room #4 •Friendship Day Retreat, 2:00 pm •Confessions, following 5:00 pm Mass
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MAY 5</b> •PSR & Youth Ministry, 10:30-11:45 am •Mission Trip Meeting, 10:30 am, Social Hall



**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

April 28th—after 9:30am Mass  
 May 4th—after 5:00pm Mass  
 May 11th—after 5:00pm Mass

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Every Christian is a vine awaiting the loving attention of our gardener to prune and perfect us, to remove the parts of ourselves that are dead so that the fruitful parts burst forth with life. Trust the wisdom of the gardener. He alone can make us bloom. ©LPi

**VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

Cada cristiano es una vid que espera la atención amorosa de nuestro jardinero para podarnos y perfeccionarnos, para quitar las partes de nosotros que están muertas para que las partes fructíferas broten de vida. Confía en la sabiduría del jardinero. Sólo él puede hacernos florecer. ©LPi

**SIGN UP NOW FOR THE 2024 HOLY SPIRIT PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**



All registered parishioners are encouraged to have their portrait taken for the upcoming 2024 Parish Pictorial Directory. Why do this? For the parish, it provides invaluable history, fellowship, and a resource to meet other parishioners. For you, you will receive a free 8 x 10 portrait and a free copy of the directory, which we all use over and over! If you wish, additional portraits will be available for purchase. When is the last time you had a professional family portrait? Take advantage of this opportunity and help the parish at the same time! Portraits will be taken on May 16, 17, & 18. Go to [www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A5AD28AAFD0-48951648-holy](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050844A5AD28AAFD0-48951648-holy) to choose your appointment time or scan the QR code. Please call the Parish office if you are unable to schedule an appointment online.



**MISSION TRIP MEETING**

The next mission trip meeting is Sunday, May 5th at 10:30 am in the Meeting Room. We will continue preparations for our trips this summer and pass out important paperwork. All those going on the trips are expected to attend.

**ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Jesus, better than anyone else, understands what kind of trust it takes to achieve intimate, strong friendship. Today's Gospel is a love-letter from Jesus. God longs to have true friendship with his children. He is honest with us about what a relationship with Him requires and gives. Remaining with Him requires pruning, and it bears much fruit. Who doesn't want to bear "much fruit" (John 15:8)? Our parish seeks to abide in Jesus in this same way and you can help through your support of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. As you discern, abide in Jesus. Respond to how He, the vine, moves you, His beloved branch. Help us bear fruit as a parish so we can yield a greater harvest for Him together. To date, the members of our parish have pledged 91% of our parish goal. Thank you!



Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. -John 15:5

**JOURNEY TO EUCHARIST: FRIENDSHIP DAY RETREAT**

Continuing on their journey towards their First Communion, our first communicants with their parents will spend Saturday, May 4th from 2:00-6:00pm delving into the meaning of Eucharist as bread unlike any other and as relationship. During Friendship Day they will make unleavened bread, learn about the symbols and sacramentals of our church. Eucharist is alive at Holy Spirit through our first communicants and their families as they seek to join us at the Lord's table. Please keep them in your prayers.

**FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR FR. KEEHNER**

Join us **THIS** Saturday April 27th after 5:00 pm Mass for an Hors D'oeuvre reception. Please bring an Hors D'oeuvre to share. Drinks will be provided.



**DEDICATION GARDENS**



Parishioners who enjoy plants and flowers and would be interested in caring for and dedicating a flower bed at the church in the name of a loved one are asked to contact the Parish office. Thank you!

**WEEKLY EMAILS**

Almost weekly Anne sends out an email to parishioners. If you are not receiving it but would like to, please email the parish office ([parishoffice@holyspiritunoh.org](mailto:parishoffice@holyspiritunoh.org)) so we can make sure you are on the list.





**ANNUAL FLOWER SALE TO SUPPORT THE MISSION TRIP**

Our annual bedding flowers and geraniums sale is coming up. Order forms are available THIS weekend. **Please return the order form with payment by Tuesday, May 7.** Flowers will be available for pick-up on **Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 - 11:00 am and after weekend Masses.** Hanging baskets will also be for sale *while supplies last.* The baskets make great Mother's Day gifts! The mission team thanks you!

**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED**

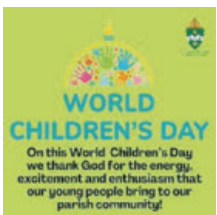
"We need to become more intentional about our care for our common home – the earth." Pope Francis has made a passionate appeal, entitled *Laudate Deum*, as a follow up to *Laudate Si*, to urge Catholics to address global climate change.

Pope Francis has urged us look at our environment seriously and to set goals with designated timeline and to realize there are consequences for not meeting those goals. With that in mind and in conjunction with Earth Day, the Evangelization Committee has taken a step to meet these goals.

Our Holy Spirit Parish project will create a bench that can stay outside all year long near the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. It will be a place where we can pray, meditate, and appreciate the beauty of the world around us. We will be working with a company called NexTrex and their Recycling Challenge. The NexTrex Company has been working since 2006 to educate the public on the importance of recycling. For our part, we will need to collect 1,000 pounds of recycled plastic within a 12-month period. (Grocery bags, softener salt bags, sandwich bags, newspaper bags, etc.). The NexTrex Company will repurpose the bags into a beautiful bench for our yard.

Our entire parish family is asked to participate in this project that we can all enjoy and be proud of. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Capitena, Michele Valentine, or Cindy Misanko. More information will be provided about the collection of the bags in future bulletins.

**PSR FAMILY CELEBRATION**



Next week, **Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:45**, the PSR year will come to an end with a special party for the children of our parish and their families to celebrate Holy Spirit Parish's 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to participate in the first *World Children's Day*, recently declared by Pope Francis. All children of the parish, (accompanied by their parents), are invited to join this joyful celebration, enjoy

some ice cream and be entertained by our guest magician!

*"Children, let us love not in word or speech, but in deed and truth." — 1 John 3:18*

*"Hijos míos: No amemos solamente de palabra, amemos de verdad y con las obras." — 1 Juan 3:18*

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**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH COMMUNION SERVICE**

The next Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service is **May 3rd** at 9:00 am. One of our lay leaders of prayer or our deacons will lead the service. Following the service, we will pray the rosary.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

There are easy ways to follow us. Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties, along with the other two agencies in the Youngstown Diocese have websites where you can find the latest news for the agencies. In addition, information is also available on social media platforms. The QR code will take you to the Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown Facebook page. Follow us and know more about how we serve. We represent you to the community of need; we are your Catholic Charities Agency.



**CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION**

There will be a Confirmation orientation session **THIS Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 am** in the meeting room for students and parents intending to be confirmed this fall. Any student in eighth grade and up, who has not been confirmed is invited to attend. Details about the Confirmation preparation program will be addressed at this meeting. If you would like to explore the possibility of being confirmed but are unable to attend the meeting contact Cathy Kasza at the parish office to make other arrangements.



**SEMINARIAN COLLECTION—THANK YOU**

Thank You for your generous support of the Seminarian Collection last weekend to assist with costs of their tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry in parishes.

Your support and prayers for our seminarians is greatly appreciated. Please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations. For more information about seminarians in our diocese, visit <https://doy.org/vocations/seminarians>



Dear Parishioners,

It is with sadness but also with a great sense of gratitude that I prepare to say goodbye to Holy Spirit Parish and to all of you. I have been your pastor for just under two years and have enjoyed getting to know you, to pray with you, and to serve you, albeit ever so briefly. I thank you for welcoming me and Fr. Mino into your midst upon the retirement of Fr. Zapp in 2022 and for working with us even as we became used to one another and our varying styles. That you did so with such kindness and warmth is a testament to your faith in Jesus and your love for Church. And for that, I am not only grateful but truly edified. I know that you will welcome Fr. Zwilling into your midst in the same manner and that you will continue working with him, with

Fr. Mino and with Anne Weeks to build the Kingdom of God in your particular corner of the world. May God bless each and every one of you. Please continue to keep me in your prayers and know that you will remain in mine as well.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. John Keehner

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**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2024**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

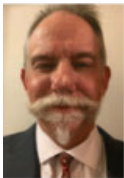
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**LORD'S DAY OFFERING**

04/21/2024 Sunday ..... \$3,850.00  
 04/21/2024 Building and Land Projects..... \$55.00  
 04/21/2024 Catholic Echo ..... \$20.00  
 04/21/2024 Coffee and Donuts..... \$48.00



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