

**Graduate Study at Saint Mary Seminary & Graduate School of Theology**

**Spring 2025 Semester**

Saint Mary Seminary and Graduate School of Theology welcomes men and women who wish to study graduate theology to consider the Master of Arts (Theology) degree program or Continuing Education courses to advance personal theological knowledge. Please consult the [seminary website](https://stmarysem.edu/current-semester/) at <https://stmarysem.edu/current-semester/> for information about course offerings in Spring 2025. If you are a current student, please review the Academic Bulletin for Spring 2025 and register for your spring courses. New students who are interested in more information about studying in the Graduate Program, please **contact the Registrar** at [registrar@stmarysem.edu](mailto:registrar@stmarysem.edu) to schedule an appointment.

**The Retirement Fund for Religious | December 8, 2024**

The Retirement Fund for Religious is an annual collection that raises funds that are distributed to religious communities throughout the eight counties of the diocese and across the country. A gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious help provide medications and care to these communities and the immediate needs of their elder members.

+ The in-pew collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be December 7 – 8, 2024. Donations are also accepted online at [RetiredReligious.org](https://RetiredReligious.org). Last year, through your generosity, \$318,000 was donated. Most importantly, please pray for God’s blessing on all religious. Rest assured; they are praying for you. “Please give to those who have given a lifetime.”



**2024 Catholic Charities Appeal**

“TRANSFORMED BY YOUR LOVE.”  
For more information, please go to:  
[CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/2024APPEAL](https://CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/2024APPEAL)

**OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2024:**  
**\$13,801**

**How are we doing as of September 2024?**  
**Pledged: \$9,829.80, Fulfilled: \$6,339.80**

**Opening of the Jubilee Year 2025: “Pilgrims of Hope”**

The Diocese of Cleveland will open the Jubilee Year 2025 with a sacred pilgrimage and Mass on Sunday, December 29, the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. All are invited to gather at St. Peter Church (17<sup>th</sup> and Superior) at 4:30pm. Liturgy will begin there with prayer, proclamation of a Gospel passage, and reading of some sections of the Bull of Indiction of the Jubilee Year. All gathered will join a solemn procession to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, led by the cross of Christ. Once at the Cathedral, Mass will continue (at



**Christmas Decorating We Need Our Families**

We are inviting Families to come share their gifts to help decorate our Church

on

Sunday, December 22nd and Monday December 23 from 2PM-7PM

Light Refreshments will be provided

**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 Registration:**

Welcome to our parish. If you would like to register to join, please contact the parish office, or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration> (Case-Sensitive) or use our QR Code:



**PARISH INFORMATION**

**Address:** 6800 Lexington Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103  
**Office:** 216-391-1655  
**Emergency:** 216-538-2349  
**FAX:** 216-391-7919  
**Email:** [parish@saolf.org](mailto:parish@saolf.org)  
**Website:** [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

**Office Hours:** Mon-Sat: 9AM-12:30, 1:00PM-3:30PM

**Mass Schedule:**

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
**Weekday:** As Scheduled  
**Holyday:** 7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)  
**Eucharistic Holy Hour:** Sundays at 5:00PM

**PARISH STAFF:**

- Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor**  
[jwatson@saolf.org](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)
- Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon**  
[deaconmartin@saolf.org](mailto:deaconmartin@saolf.org)
- Mr. Robert Herrick, Parish Business Manager**  
[rherrick@saolf.org](mailto:rherrick@saolf.org)
- Mr. Aldo Fierro, Parish Business Consultant**  
[AFierro@saolf.org](mailto:AFierro@saolf.org)
- Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary**  
[btaylor@saolf.org](mailto:btaylor@saolf.org)
- Meghan Barca, Parish Secretary(Fri-Sun)**  
[mbarca@saolf.org](mailto:mbarca@saolf.org)
- Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education**  
[cdabney@saolf.org](mailto:cdabney@saolf.org)
- Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry**  
[dannymac63@roadrunner.com](mailto: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 BE FORE 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.

**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

**December 8, 2024  
Second Sunday of Advent**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

Prepare the way of the Lord! Sisters and brothers in Christ, this Sunday and next Sunday we focus on the last great biblical prophet of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist announced the coming of the Lord even before he was born into this world as he leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when the pregnant Mother of God, Mary, arrived at their door. From then on, John the Baptist's entire life was focused on preparing the world for the coming of its Savior! We hear today how he is identified as the one crying out in the desert. He removed himself from the distractions of the world in order to stay focused on his mission to bring others to Jesus. We can pray for St John the Baptist's help today to take a little more "desert" time this Advent season. Adore Jesus in His word and in His sacraments. St. John the Baptist, help us to listen to your call to repent of any and all sin in our life through Jesus' sacrament of reconciliation, so that we are truly cleansed and prepared for the coming of the Lord! Sisters and brothers, Jesus wants nothing less than the best for us and this is why He has given us these ways to turn and draw closer to Him every day of our lives! Let us not miss out on the abundant graces He wants to pour into our lives today!

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

	<b>8:30</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>8-Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Veronica Safo	Lorraine McMillan
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Durand	Chi Chi Onuorah
<b>EM</b>	<b>Needed</b>	Carol Grant Janice Kushner
<b>Server</b>	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson Sa'Vannah Love
<b>Usher</b>	Marietta Stovall Cathy Scott	Billy Cardwell Linda Weatherspoon Antoinette Smith <b>Needed</b>
<b>15-Dec</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Sabina Conroy	Terrence Marsh
<b>Lector</b>	Doreatha Stover	Tara Young
<b>EM</b>	Rhonda Cross Mangham	Annette Cardwell Darlene Horton
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Eric Smedley, Jr. Divine Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Karen Larry Lazuras Oranugo	Billy Cardwell Linda Weatherspoon Antoinette Smith Marietta Stovall

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION HOLY HOUR**

**Join us Sunday Evenings at 5PM** for an hour of Eucharistic adoration, quiet meditation and benediction as we pray for the special intentions of our Church and other needs. Today we will pray for:  
**All the Homeless**

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, Dec 8, Second Sunday of Advent**  
Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6  
8:30am- Intentions of the Poor Clare Sisters  
10:30am- Men and Women in Religious Orders

**Mon, Dec 9, The Immaculate Conception(Sol)**  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**Tue, Dec 10, Advent Weekday**  
Is 40:25-31 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14

**Wed, Dec 11, Advent Weekday**  
Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thu, Dec 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe(F)**  
Zec 2:14-17 (Ps)Jdt 13:18b-19 Lk 1:26-28

**Fri, Dec 13, St. Lucy(M)**  
Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19

**Sat, Dec 14, St. John of the Cross(M)**  
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sun, Dec 15, Third Sunday of Advent**  
Zep 3:13-18a:1-9 (Ps) Is 12:2-6:126:1-6 Phil 4:4-7, 8-11 Lk 3:10-18

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE  
2024**



As we prepare to celebrate both the birth of our Savior and the hope of His Second Coming, we consider our neighbors, especially those in need. You will notice that our **Christmas Giving Tree** is up inside

the Church close to the baptismal font to remind us of our baptismal call to love our neighbor. Please consider taking a label and purchasing an item. During the offertory, you can place your gift at the altar. **We ask that all gifts be returned by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you for your generosity

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING**

Sign your family up to light the Advent Wreath. **The Signup Sheet is available on the table at the Church entrance.**

Thank you for your participation.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception :** (Holy Day of Obligation): Mon. December 9th, 7:00PM  
**Christmas Eve(Vigil):** Tues. December. 24th  
**Christmas Carols:** 6:30PM  
**Mass:** 7:00PM  
**Christmas Day Mass:** Wed. December 25th: 9:00AM  
**New Years Mass:** Wed. January 1st: 10:00AM

**ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!**

If you would like to **Lector** at one of the Christmas Masses, Please contact:  
**Carla Grant**  
216-200-1525

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2024-25:** Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation. To register your child for next year, go online at: <https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration>  
To register: call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

**Interested in Joining the Church**

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic Faith?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

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

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00. **Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!**

**SUNDAY OFFERINGS 12-1-2024**

Total in Pew Collection	\$10,839.85
Vanco On-Line	\$947.29
CashApp	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$11,837.14</b>

**OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED**

The Office of Black Catholics is in need of planning committee members to help plan for the upcoming events. Sign up sheets are available in the Narthex.  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration:** Jan 20, 2025  
**The Lenten Revival:** March 5<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> 2025  
**Juneteenth:** June 19, 2025

**Catholic Cemeteries Association  
Grief Support**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year.

**Upcoming support/ gatherings:**

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday Grief Support meetings (3pm In-person; 5pm Virtual); The December topic is

**“The Gift of God’s Presence: You Never Walk Alone”.**

**For details, visit:**

<https://www.cleccem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

**For more information, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866**



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS  
CONTACT INFORMATION  
UPDATE**

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.), **please contact us to update your contact information:**

**Carla Grant:** 216-200-1525 or [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com)

**ROSARY after the 8:30 MASS**

The Rosary Group leads a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass. Please Join in as we Pray for our Parish, our Community and the World. Rosaries and Prayer Guides will be provided

**PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

**FAMILIES:** Lane Family, Poteat Family, Warren Family

Ogechi Achunine, Kalima Assami, Georgia Atkinson, Joyce Baker, Carol Bertrand, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Bessie Bolles, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Barbara Marshall Brown, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Danny Couch, Robin Davis, Constance Durrah, Eboni Edwards, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, Myron Gholson, Alonzo Givens, Rachael Glaster, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Daniel Grant Jr., Delvonte Grant, Beverly Greene-Reed, Anita Gullett, Judy Guzy, Adriene Hall, Darlene Harris, Patricia Heard, Kathy Heard, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Estelle Hodges, Carol Hollinger, Jame Hoyle, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, James Jackson, William Jackson, Kardier Jackson, Andrea Johnson, Monique Johnson, Joseph Jones, Brianna Jones, Reaber Jones, Margie Jones, James Keifer, Craig Kelly, Janie Kincaid, Donald Leftwich, Francesca Lehu, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Naomi Matthews, David McClain, Chaquita McClinton, Chantel McConnell, Mattie McDonald, Sharon McDuffie, Bill Miller, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Betty Moore, Evelyn Morson-Eddie, Monika Moss-Gransberry, James Nakima, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Mary Roberts, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Nina Simmons, Lasonia Sims, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, Marcia St. John, Barbara Sudberry, Ophelia Swain, Loraine Taylor, Danita Thomas, Latina Thomas, Janice Thompson, Michael Tucker Jr., Byron Washington, Thomas Washington, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Natalie Webb, Carson Wetherwax, Aris White, Yvonne Williamson, Sabrina Wilson, Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey, Regina Woodard, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler

**Year-End Giving**

In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2024, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. Questions? You are also welcome to contact Moira Wopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x 8070 or visit [www.catholiccommunity.org/ira](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/ira)