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PARISH MISSION

We are a faith community of baptized Roman Catholics who feel called to build our lives in the image of Christ through Word, Sacrament and Christian service. Together we draw the people of Niles, Ohio and the surrounding areas to a closer relationship with God and each other. We serve in humility and love imitating his Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025 (OLMC)

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

8:30am – Pietro Gargano by Jaelyn Gargano

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025 (SS)

Saint Raymond of Penafort, Priest

8:30am – William Whetstone Jr. by Jacquie Whetstone

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025 (OLMC)

Christmas Weekday

8:30am – Patricia & Henry Flaviani by Lawrence Parks

9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 (SS)

Christmas Weekday

8:30am – People of The Parish

9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

Christmas Weekday

8:30am – at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Baptism of the Lord

4:00pm – Mrs. Michele O'Brian & Dana Felt
by Jan Cretella

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

9:00am – People of The Parish (SS)

11:30am – Adelbert M. Gray by Children (OLMC)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .



EPIPHANY BLESSING & PROCLAMATION

There are many traditions in the Church surrounding the Solemnity of Epiphany. Among them are the house blessing and the proclamation of the coming liturgical year. The blessing invokes the names of the three Magi, *Caspar, Melchior* and *Balthasar* as well as the coming year, all connected with crosses. The proper inscription, usually done in chalk above the front door for this new year is **20 + C + M + B + 25**. Each year, the Church also proclaims the coming feasts of great importance. The traditional proclamation for the year 2025 is "Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum of the Lord**: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the 17th day of April and the evening of the 20th day of April. **Easter Sunday** being on the 20th day of April. Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 5th day of March. **The Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the 1st day of June. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 8th day of June. And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the 30th day of November. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen".



LA BEFANA – A SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

An Italian tradition surrounding Epiphany is that of *La Befana*. Legend has it that a knock came to the door of this aged woman, and the people at the door were the three wise men. The Magi were seeking directions, and in the course of the conversation, invited her to join them as they sought the Christ Child. Preferring to remain in the home, in order to sweep and clean, she missed out on this opportunity. With a change of heart, she went after the wise men, never to catch up with them. Legend continues that because she missed out on discovering the Christ Child, she spends each Christmas season searching for other good children to which she brings gifts, much like wise men came to bring their gifts to the new born king. May we learn from the mistake of La Befana, and always be willing to seek the new born King.



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially: *Katrina Marie, Merela Carrido, Steve McDonnell, Dennis Liebert, Debbie Bindas, Joyce Cunningham, Joseph Russo, Beverly Jones, Karen Battin-Vitale, Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freely, Kara Stanford, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Sandy LaMonica, Carri R., Pat Hines, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck and Bonnie Jorza, Connie Brandt, Rachel Tarr, Steve and Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Gavin Lingle, Peg McGinnis, Mary Jane Tripodi, Mary Jane Hileman, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Hudson Joseph, Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Paul Saban, Sr., Debbie Schimley, Lois Hockenberry, Bobbi Wilson, Gloria Nitsky, Lola L., Loretta Agresta, Tom Scarnecchia, Kamden Zickefoose, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturdays, January 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Diane Jamieson, Sandy Bilovesky
Servers: Kelly Lukasko, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli
EM's: Alec Lukasko, Dianne Pappada, Debbie Barber, Shawn Bertilacci
Ushers: Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Dennis Youll, Joseph Zuzolo

Sundays, January 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Jeff Burke
Reader: Julia Yuhasz
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Julie Abraham
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: John Cullivan
Frank Dillon
Altar Server: Sophia Gearhart
Greeter: Mary Ann McMahon, Carol Sylvester

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Jamie Merlo, Marijane Parry
Servers: Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro, Ben DeLong
EM's: Connie Migliozi, Mike Klaben, Connie Klaben, Nancy DeGood
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Mucche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres

JANUARY 4-5, 2025 – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Mass Count for December 21-22, 2024

4:00pm – 158 (OLMC)

9:00am – 165 (SS)

11:30am – 157 (OLMC)

Total 480 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

Mass Count for December 24-25, 2024

4:00pm – 424 (OLMC)

4:00pm – 199 (SS)

12:00am – 164 (OLMC)

9:00am – 110 (SS)

10:00am – 135 (OLMC)

Total 1,032 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

Mass Count for December 28-29, 2024

4:00pm – 206 (OLMC)

9:00am – 156 (SS)

11:30am – 156 (OLMC)

Total 518 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

Mass Count for December 31-January 1, 2025

4:00pm – 108 (OLMC)

9:00am – 90 (SS)

Total 198 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(December 21-22, 2024)

Sunday collection:	\$	11,416.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	253.00
Church Maintenance:	\$	90.00
Parish Projects:	\$	40.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	50.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	50.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	670.00
Christmas:	\$	1,679.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	15.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	14.00
Initial Offering:	\$	215.00
Diocesan Communications:	\$	20.00
Church Overseas:	\$	30.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	30.00

(December 24-25, 2024)

Sunday collection:	\$	3,049.50
Monthly Dues:	\$	479.00
Parish Projects:	\$	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	2.50
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	56.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	20.00
Christmas:	\$	19,583.50
Immaculate Conception:	\$	32.50
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	91.00
Initial Offering:	\$	395.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	20.00

(December 28-29, 2024)

Sunday collection:	\$	7,674.55
Monthly Dues:	\$	175.00
Church Maintenance:	\$	20.00
Parish Projects:	\$	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	55.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	110.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	15.00
Christmas:	\$	2,130.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	30.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	235.00
Initial Offering:	\$	50.00
Church Overseas:	\$	35.00
All Souls:	\$	5.00
All Saints:	\$	5.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	5.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	20.00

Thank you for your generosity!

WINTER WEATHER

With the on-set of the winter weather, just a reminder, when the Niles City Schools are closed or on a 2 hour delay due to the weather conditions, the weekday morning Mass is cancelled, and the intention will be rescheduled.



Anthony J. Schuller
James M. Klippel



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion January Calendar:

Sunday, January 5, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, January 12, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, January 12, Confirmation Session

(students and parents), 10:10-11:25am

Sunday, January 19, No PSR, Martin Luther King Weekend

Sunday, January 26, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

All classes are held in the Social Hall.

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

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