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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, FEBRUARY 10, 2025 (OLMC)

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:30am – The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – James Ross by family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 (OLMC)

Weekday

8:30am – Choir of Angels

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – Mary Mangino by David DiTallo

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Mary and Michael Zoblisien by Carol and Jack

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – June Dudinec by Angela Marzullo (SS)

11:30am – Sarah, Joseph and Sam D'Errico
by Jim, Alysse and Gavin (OLMC)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .

In his Message for the **33rd World Day of the Sick**, Pope Francis grapples with the profound questions that confront those who are suffering and those who care for them. "How can we be strong when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford? How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us?"

Although true hope "does not disappoint," and in fact "strengthens us in times of trial," this confidence can often prove perplexing in real situations of suffering. "In these situations," the Pope says, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realize that we need God's help, His grace, His Providence, and the strength that is the gift of His Spirit." The Holy Father goes on to invite the faithful to reflect on three particular ways God remains close to those who are suffering: "**encounter, gift, and sharing.**"

Encounter: The Pope recalls that when Jesus sent the 72 disciples on mission, He told them to tell the sick, "The Kingdom of God has come near to you," that is, "to help the sick see their infirmity... as an opportunity to encounter the Lord." This encounter, he explains, can be transformative, helping us to discover "a solid rock to which we can cling amid the tempests of life, an experience that... makes us all the stronger because it teaches us that we are not alone."

Gift: This leads us to experience God's closeness in our suffering as a gift, the Pope continues. "More than anything else, suffering makes us aware that hope comes from the Lord. It is thus, first and foremost, a gift to be received and cultivated, by remaining 'faithful to the faithfulness of God'." The Pope goes on to explain that "only in Christ's resurrection does our own life and destiny find its place within the infinite horizon of eternity." The "great hope" that nothing can separate us from Christ "is the source of all those small glimmers of light that help us to see our way through the trials and obstacles of life," Pope Francis explains, quoting his predecessor, Benedict XVI.

Sharing: Finally, God is close to us through sharing, which is often seen in places of suffering. "How often, at the bedside of the sick, do we learn to hope!" he writes. "How often, by our closeness to those who suffer, do we learn to have faith! How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love!" The Pope emphasizes the need "to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters" between patients, doctors, caregivers, family and friends. "All these are rays of light to be treasured; even among the dark night of adversity, they give us strength, while at the same time teaching us the deeper meaning of life, in love and closeness."

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting side helpers (stuffing mix, etc.) during the month of February. Please give to one of the ushers at church at the beginning of Mass or put in the clear bins in the entrance of the church.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS for the month of February will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles, Ohio.



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 Freel, 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 Lengle, Peg McGinnis, 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 Scarnechia, Kamden Zickefoose, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Andy Bottiglieri, Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

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.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.



All Mass Intentions have been scheduled that were returned with the form and stipend. There are weekday dates available and a few weekend dates for Masses for 2025. If you are interested in booking Masses, please stop by the parish office between 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday through Thursday. If you are unable to do so, you may contact the parish office at 330-652-5825. The Mass will be scheduled once the office receives the information & stipend. Thank you.

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

We have concluded the final posting of the numerous envelopes that were received. As such, 2024 tax statements are now available. To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days. Statements will not be done while you wait. Thank you for your patience!

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Count for February 1-2, 2025

4:00pm – 194 (OLMC)

9:00am – 192 (SS)

11:30am – 168 (OLMC)

Total 554 people out of 1,161 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 15, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

- Readers:** Caroline Matzye, Cathy Lukasko
- Servers:** Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli
- EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Debbie Barber, Patricia Scarmuzzi, Bernie Profato
- Ushers:** Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

Sunday, February 16, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

- Sacristan:** Jacquie Whetstone
- Reader:** Frank Dillon
- Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Mary Kay Nicholas
- Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Julie Abraham, Nora Hlad
- Altar Server:** John Cullivan
- Greeter:** Carol Sylvester, Hugh Kieley

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

- Readers:** Matt Marrara, Marijane Parry
- Servers:** Nicholas Powell, Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro
- EM's:** Kathy Salapata, Lorie Prokup, Yvonne Toto, Chrissy Lanham
- Ushers:** Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion February Calendar:
Sunday, February 9, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
Sunday, February 16, No PSR, Presidents' Day Weekend
Sunday, February 23, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
All classes are held in the Social Hall.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(February 1-2, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,385.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	312.00
Parish Projects:	\$	393.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	8.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	85.00
Christmas:	\$	20.00
Initial Offering:	\$	53.00
Church Overseas:	\$	280.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	20.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	206.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish on Saturday, March 15th at 5:30pm at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Tickets are \$60 per person for the raffle and dinner. Tickets will be on sale after all the weekend Masses. For more information, please call Julie Abraham at 330-727-4302. More information will be forthcoming!



ATTN: BAKERS (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE)

There will be a Saint Joseph Cookie Table for Italian Night at Leo's Ristorante. Donations of homemade cookies will be greatly appreciated. Please tray all cookies. Please call the parish office to sign up and let us know the type of delicious cookie(s) you will be making. More information will be forthcoming!

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2025 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” - ISALAH 6:8*

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, *“Whom shall I send?”* Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, *“Here I am, Lord.”*

VOCATION THOUGHT:

“They left everything and followed him.” (Luke 5:11)

When Jesus called His first disciples, they responded by leaving everything behind to follow Him. Jesus calls each of us to follow Him in our own way—some as priests or religious brothers and sisters, dedicating their lives fully to His mission. Are you hearing His call to *“Come, follow me”*? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndioocese.org

MERCY HEALTH SAINT ELIZABETH HOSPITAL

in Youngstown will be having a Dental Care Event on Friday, March 7th at 8:45am, 9:45am, 10:45am, 12:45am and 1:45pm at Saint Vincent de Paul, 2415 Niles Road, SE, Warren. Insurance cards accepted but not a requirement for services. Type of services: Meet with Dentist for emergencies, fillings and extractions. Meet with the Hygienist for cleaning and examination. Please call Saint Vincent de Paul at 234-223-2933 to schedule your appointment by Thursday, February 27th. Limited space available so schedule soon. Hosted by Saint Vincent de Paul Society of Trumbull County.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DINING HALL SERVING DAYS:

February 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th
February 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd,
February 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th

at 2355 Niles Road SE, Warren from 11:30am-1:00pm. Up-to-date Dining info at 330-369-1030.

Need Assistance? Please call the Saint Vincent de Paul Admin office at 234-223-2933 if you have any questions about SVdP programs and services or need help finding other resources in the community.

SVdP Special Events:

Cares Clothing Program open every Tuesday from 10:00am-2:30pm at the Cares Building, 2415 Niles Road SE, Warren.

Wellness on Wheels on Wednesday, February 19th from 12:30-2:00pm at SVdP Thrift and Furniture Store, 540 Main Avenue SW, Warren.

Trumbull County Mobile Market on Wednesday, February 19th from 12:30-2:00pm at SVdP Thrift and Furniture Store, 540 Main Avenue SW, Warren.

Sleeping Bag Coat Program Are you currently experiencing homelessness in Trumbull County? Call 234-223-2933 ext. 102.



The Eagle of the Cross award is given annually to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school within the Diocese of Youngstown who show particular zeal in the improvement of their own parish ministry programs, high school ministry teams, or youth work regarding the faith within the Diocese.

Nominees must be Catholic, and must exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Catholic-Christian leadership. This award is the highest honor presented to the youth by the Diocese of Youngstown. Up to 3 awards per county for parish involvement, and up to 2 awards per diocesan Catholic high school are awarded each year.

Nominations for Eagle of the Cross 2025 are now being accepted until **Friday, February 28 at 3:00 pm**. *This is when nominations must be received at the diocesan offices by. Please plan accordingly if you plan to mail your nomination(s), as nominations received after the due date will not be accepted.* Forms and packets are available in the parish office. Please be sure to review the entire packet before nominating, as some instructions have been revised since 2024. Winners will be announced around the end of March and the ceremony with Bishop David J. Bonnar will take place on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral. Please visit the website periodically for more information as it is posted to stay up-to-date throughout the nomination and acceptance process.



Here's a cure for the winter blues. Come join us for an evening of fellowship (Italian Style). Good food, music, dancing, an all out good time! Join us for Italian Night. Leo's Restaurant, February 22, 2025, at 6:00 pm. Get your tickets soon! Bring your friends!



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