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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 17, 2025 (OLMC)

Weekday

8:30am – Joseph Caicco by Bill and Sandy

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – Joan Dragos by Angela Marzullo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025 (OLMC)

Weekday

8:30am – Judy Schuller by W. Rick Shilling, Billie Sicafuse and Patti Canter

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – Joseph Caicco by Chuck and Mary Nader

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Weekday

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (**OLMC**)

4:00pm – Frank and Joanne DeJute, Jr.

by daughter, Barbara

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (**SS**)

9:00am – Mary Casamento by daughter and family (**SS**)

11:30am – Duane Lanham by Lanham family (**OLMC**)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .

BISHOP-ELECT JOHN E. KEEHNER



Pope Francis has named Reverend John Keehner, a priest of the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio the 8th Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sioux City, Iowa. This appointment was made February 12, 2025, by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, apostolic nuncio to the United States.

Bishop-elect Keehner was born on November 19, 1965, in Youngstown, Ohio. A member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish (now part of Saint Blaise Parish) in Austintown, he was ordained on June 12, 1993, by the Most Reverend James W. Malone. Following ordination, he was appointed parochial vicar at Saint Charles Parish, Boardman, Ohio. In 1997 he began graduate studies in Canon Law at the Angelicum, Rome and returned to the diocese in 1999 as a Judge for the Diocesan Tribunal. He has served as Newman Center Chaplain for Youngstown State University, Rector of Saint Columba Cathedral and as pastor of Saint Christine Parish, Youngstown, Saint Luke Parish, Boardman, Saint Paul Parish, North Canton, Holy Spirit Parish, Uniontown and most recently as pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Ashtabula, Assumption Parish Geneva, Corpus Christi Parish Conneaut and St. Andrew Bobola, Sheffield.

Bishop-elect Keehner stated that he is truly humbled by and grateful for the Holy Father's decision to name him Bishop of Sioux City. He has chosen for his episcopal motto the words of his patron saint, John the Baptist, which he speaks in reference to Jesus; He must increase, I must decrease. Bishop-elect Keehner explained that he chose these words fully conscious that if he is to serve effectively, he must choose every single day to let go of himself, to let go his ego and to allow Christ to manifest himself and to reveal His will to him.

Bishop David Bonnar is overjoyed to welcome Bishop-elect Keehner as a brother bishop. He expressed, "it is obvious that Pope Francis desires men with a shepherd's heart to be his episcopal shepherds. Bishop-elect Keehner checks all the boxes in this regard. The Diocese of Sioux City will come to know very quickly his many gifts along with his pastoral, kind and humble zeal."

Bishop-elect Keehner will be ordained and installed as the 8th Bishop of Sioux City on May 1, 2025 at the Cathedral of the Epiphany, Sioux City, Iowa at 2 p.m. CT., 3 p.m. EST. Please keep Bishop-elect Keehner in your prayers as he prepares to assume this new role in the Church.

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 Kandrak, 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 Scarnecchia, 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.

MASS Intentions

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 15-16, 2025 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass Count for February 8-9, 2025

4:00pm – 170 (OLMC)

9:00am – 144 (SS)

11:30am – 178 (OLMC)

Total 492 people out of 1,161 registered parishioners

(We are in the process of updating our active records)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 22, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Caroline Matzye, Cathy Lukasko

Servers: Kelly Lukasko

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 23, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Jeff Burke

Reader: Charlene Rabel

Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Julie Abraham

Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Mary Kay Nicholas
Frank Dillon

Altar Server: John Daubner

Greeter: Rosella McCloskey, Sophia McCloskey

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Matt Marrara, Marijane Parry

Servers: Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli

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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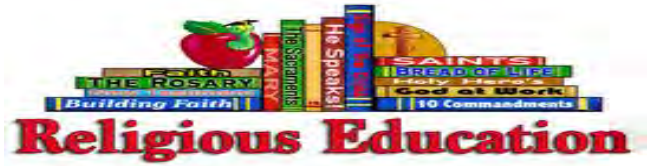
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THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Monday, February 17th for Presidents Day. The answering service will forward sacramental emergencies only. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 18th at 8:30am.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion February and March Calendar:

Sunday, February 16, No PSR, Presidents' Day Weekend

Sunday, February 23, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Saturday, March 1, PSR Family Session –

Mardi Gras and Lent, 10:00am-12:00pm

Sunday, March 2, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, March 9, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, March 16, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, March 23, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Saturday, March 29, Confirmation (Grade 8) –

Saint Columba Cathedral at 11:00am

Sunday, March 30, PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

All classes are held in the Social Hall.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(February 8-9, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	8,732.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	217.00
Parish Projects:	\$	55.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	220.00
Church Overseas:	\$	50.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	20.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	566.00

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!

FISH DINNERS:

Please save the following dates for the Fish dinners on Fridays: **March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th April 4th and 11th** from 4:00-7:00pm in the Social Hall. If you are available to volunteer, please call the parish office.

FEBRUARY 15-16, 2025 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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. Last chance to get your tickets! Bring your friends!



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 and cover all cookies. Please bring to the Social Hall on Friday, February 21st from 10:00am-12:00pm. If you are unable to bring to the Social Hall, you may bring to Leo's on Friday from 12:00-3:00pm. Please use the back entrance of the banquet center.



Anyone donating a raffle basket for the Italian Dinner Dance, please bring basket(s) to Leo's in Howland on Friday, February 21st between 11:00am-1:00pm. Please bring to the back entrance of the banquet center.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thomas Murphy Interfaith Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Any high school Senior of our parish interested in applying, please contact the parish office at 330-652-5825 to get an application. Applications need to be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, March 25th. Winners will be announced at the dinner. Any questions, please contact Rosella at 330-980-9367.

CHURCH CLEANING will be on Friday, February 28th at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DINING HALL SERVING DAYS:

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.



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.



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