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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 23, 2026**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – Godmother by Marianna

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – Irene Rusnak by Marge Iezzi and family

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

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – The People of the Parish

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

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – For the intentions to the Choir of Angels

**6:00pm – Stations of the Cross (OLMC)**

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent*

**3:15-3:45PM – Confessions**

4:00pm – Carmel Rinaldi by Jeff and Stephanie Preston

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

**8:15-8:45am – Confessions (SS)**

9:00am – Ed and Betty Entler by family (SS)

11:30am – Leah Kaniclides by husband, George (OLMC)



**REQUESTS  
FOR  
PRAYER**

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially:  
*Dennis Liebert, Debbie Bindas, Joyce Cunningham, Joseph Russo, Karen Battin-Vitale, Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, 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., Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Michael Edward Thompson, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Sue Mollis, Chuck and Bonnie Jorza, Rachel Tarr, Steve and Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Gavin Lengle, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Hudson Joseph, Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Debbie Schimley, Lois Hockenberry, Gloria Nitsky, Lola L., Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, Donald Augustine, Terry Wilson, Connie Lewis, Tina Bonanno, Michael Kovell, Linda Marchese, Linda Cerimele and family, Catherine Wolf, Roberta Williams, Dan Brannon, Ella Rose Vecchione, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

**SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS  
 ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS-WEEK OF  
 FEBRUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Mary Casamento by daughter and family

**Mass Count for February 14-15, 2026**

4:00pm – 191 (OLMC)

9:00am – 178 (SS)

11:30am – 177 (OLMC)

Total 546 people out of 969 registered parishioners

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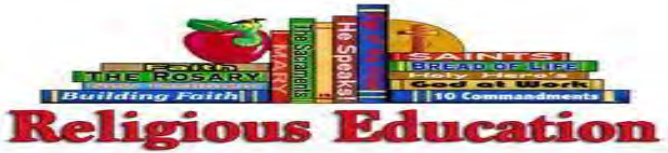
**COMMUNITY SUPPERS** for the month of February will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

**2025 TAX STATEMENTS**

We have concluded the final posting of the numerous envelopes that were received. As such, 2025 tax statements are now available. To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days. Unfortunately, statements cannot be done while you wait. Thank you for your patience!



Mary Lou Etherington  
 Bernard Thomas Bianco  
 Marlene Marie Stanko



**Parish School of Religion February and March Calendar:**  
 Sunday, February 22, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
**Saturday, February 28, Confirmation Retreat for Grade 8,  
 10:00am-6:30pm at Saint Nicholas in Struthers**  
 Sunday, March 1, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
 Sunday, March 8, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
 Sunday, March 15, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
**Thursday, March 19, Confirmation –  
 Saint Columba Cathedral at 7:00pm**  
 Sunday, March 22, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
 Sunday, March 29, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am  
**Brunch with the Easter Bunny at 12:30pm**



Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish Celebration on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 North Main Street, Niles, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30pm. Grand prize: \$3,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000. Appetizers, Dinner Buffet, Dessert, Open Bar, Irish Coffee, Reverse Raffle and lots of games of chance! Try your luck on our fantastic Irish Auction Baskets, Silent Auction, 50/50 and other exciting games! Live entertainment by DJ Jeff Burke. Tickets are \$65.00 dinner and reverse raffle; \$40 raffle only. Tickets may be purchased after all the weekend Masses at Saint Stephen and Our Lady of Mount Carmel (February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>; February 28 and March 1<sup>st</sup>, or by contacting a committee member at 330-727-4302.

**LUCK OF THE IRISH VOLUNTEERS** will be staffing the Saint Stephen rectory from 10:00am to 1:00pm Monday through Friday beginning Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. You may drop off donations or gift baskets during this time and purchase Luck of the Irish tickets. Donations still may be dropped off after 9:00am Mass on Sunday. If you are unable to deliver a donation during these times, call Roseann Simunich at 330-540-8125 to arrange for a more convenient time to drop off a donation. We are still gratefully accepting donations of baskets, gift cards, silent auction items, and money. Volunteer hours at the rectory will increase as we near the March 14<sup>th</sup> event date.

**FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

# MASS Intentions

There are a lot of weekday dates available for Masses for 2026 at Saint Stephen Church. If you are interested in booking Masses, please stop by the parish office between 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, or you may place the intentions with the stipend in the collection basket, and we will contact you to schedule them, or you may contact the parish office at 330-652-5825. The Mass will be scheduled once the office receives the information & stipend. Thank you.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**4:00PM Mass (OLMC)**

- Readers:** Cathy Lukasko, Caroline Matzye
- Servers:** Kelly Lukasko, Greg Sefchik
- EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Pam Sowers, Bernie Profato, Debbie Barber
- Ushers:** Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

**Sunday, March 1, 2026**

**9:00AM Mass (SS)**

- Sacristan:** Steve Garcar
- Reader:** Charlie Burgess
- Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Lisa Burgess
- Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Jacquie Whetstone, Sherrie Sylvester
- Altar Server:** John Cullivan
- Greeter:** Anna Marie Granny, Jeff Burke

**11:30AM Mass (OLMC)**

- Readers:** Angela Johnson, Marijane Parry
- Servers:** Nicholas Powell, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli
- EM's:** Jamie Aulet, Ben DeGennaro, Kathy Salapata, Lorie Prokup
- Ushers:** Michael Lastic, Ray Mucche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting side helpers (stuffing mix, rice, 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.

**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP** will meet on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world. Lunch will be at 12:00pm. Someplace Safe will be here to speak after lunch in Saint Pope John XXIII Social Hall. Someplace Safe seeks to eradicate domestic violence and improve the quality of life by providing advocacy, education, and supportive services in order to aid families and to achieve public awareness and a unified community response. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch. All are welcome. Bring a guest. Please contact Annie at 330-719-5716 or Sandy at 330-652-8329 on or before Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(February 14-15, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$	14,902.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	607.00
Parish Projects:	\$	105.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$	15.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (SS):	\$	15.00
Initial Offering:	\$	70.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	30.00
Church Overseas:	\$	156.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	384.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	45.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	20.00
Cemetery:	\$	70.00
We Share for January:	\$	2,005.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



Saint Stephen conference of Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting socks and underwear for men, women and children during the month of March to benefit the cares program. We are in dire need for those who are less fortunate than we are. Donations can be left in the blue container in the vestibule of the church at Saint Stephen or the containers in the back of the church at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Thank you!

*Called by Name*



Use the QR code to nominate those you believe might have a calling to be a Priest, Permanent Deacon, Religious Sister or Brother.

## FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



**TRUMBULL COUNTY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Saint Pope John XXIII (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church). Priests of the Trumbull County Deanery will hear individual confessions.



Mr. Chris Pacileo



### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thomas Murphy Interfaith Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Doors open at 12:30pm and Brunch is at 1:00pm. 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 Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> to be completed and signed by Father Leo for the March 18<sup>th</sup> deadline. No applications will be accepted after that date.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** *"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you."* GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what Saint Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

**VOCATION THOUGHT:** *"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."* (Matthew 4:4)

Lent invites us to rely on God's Word. In holy matrimony, couples live by this Word, nourishing their love with faith. Spend some time this week in scripture and pray together. If you're single, pray for your vocation and the one God may be preparing for you. Talk to Father Leo, Deacon Michael or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at [vocations@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngstowndiocese.org).



### LENT 2026 SCHEDULE TRIDUUM

#### Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00pm @ Saint Stephen

\*\*The Church will remain open until 10:00pm for Adoration

#### Good Friday: Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Passion of Our Lord at 3:00pm @ Saint Stephen

#### Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm @ Saint Stephen

#### Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

Mass at 9:00am @ Saint Stephen

Mass at 10:30am @ Mount Carmel



**THANK YOU** to Michael and Angel Ciolli and the Italian Night Committee on a very beautiful and successful evening! Thank you to the basket raffle donors, cookie donors and all the winners of the evening! New this year was a Lucchetti d'Amore Raffle and congratulations to the winner who graciously donated the winnings to the Church!

### SAVE THE DATES

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm for dine-in, carry-out or curb-side. Cost is \$15.00 for adults; \$10.00 (children 12 and under). Choice of: Baked, Breaded or Battered Fish; (1) side choice of: Macaroni and Cheese, French fries, green beans or pierogies. Coleslaw, bread and butter, dessert included. Coffee and punch available. You can order ahead on our website or Facebook

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