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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, MARCH 2, 2026

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026 (SS)

Lenten Weekday

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

8:30am – Frank and Milka Kregar

by daughter, Anka and Mike

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4, 2026 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

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

8:30am – Anna Maria Ferraiolo by family

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026 (SS)

Lenten Weekday

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

8:30am – Kristy Wilkerson by Sandy and Debbie Barber

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

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

8:30am – Antonio and Anna Maria Ferraiolo

by Rosario and Carlo Ferraiolo

6:00pm – Stations of the Cross (SS)

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026 (OLMC)

Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent

3:15-3:45PM – Confessions

4:00pm – Dan, Theresa and Joe Liguori

by Alec and Cathy Lukasko

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

8:15-8:45am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – Linda Tripodi by Cathy and Nick Spano (SS)

11:30am – Sidor and Gatta family

by Tom and Carole Sidor (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, 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.*

Mass Count for February 21-22, 2026

4:00pm – 214 (OLMC)

9:00am – 179 (SS)

11:30am – 178 (OLMC)

Total 571 people out of 969 registered parishioners

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COMMUNITY SUPPERS for the month of March will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at Niles First United Methodist Church, 608 North Crandon Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

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!



Kathleen M. Black



Parish School of Religion March Calendar:

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 14th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 North Main Street, Niles, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30pm. Grand prize: \$3,000; 2nd Prize \$2,000; 3rd 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 9:00am Mass at Saint Stephen 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 23rd. 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 14th event date.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting canned tuna, meat and chicken during the month of March. 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.



TRUMBULL COUNTY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE will

be held on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm at Saint Pope John XXIII (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church). Priests of the Trumbull County Deanery will hear individual confessions.

FEBRUARY 28- MARCH 1, 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, 2026

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

- Readers:** Diane Jamieson, Bernie Profato
Servers: Kelly Lukasko, Greg Sefchik
EM's: Pam Sowers, Shawn Bertilacci, Anna Mae Cuchna, Patricia Scarmuzzi
Ushers: Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

Sunday, March 8, 2026

9:00AM Mass (SS)

- Sacristan:** Jeff Burke
Reader: Mary Ann McMahon
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: John Cullivan
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Nora Hlad, Frank Dillon
Altar Server: Maria Yuhasz
Greeter: John Daubner, Carol Sylvester

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

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



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(February 21-22, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$	11,286.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	618.00
Parish Projects:	\$	196.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$	40.00
Initial Offering:	\$	15.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	30.00
Church Overseas:	\$	35.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	3,455.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	5.00
Christmas:	\$	5.00
Military Services:	\$	5.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	5.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	5.00
Religious Retirement:	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	5.00
Good Friday:	\$	5.00
Easter:	\$	15.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	50.00
Mother's Day:	\$	10.00
Cemetery:	\$	40.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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.

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 both churches.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Conference) will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, March 11th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

THANK YOU to all those who donated and bought soup at the Super Bowl Sunday Soup Sale at Saint Stephen Church. It was a big success!

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: *“This is my beloved Son... listen to him.”* **(Matthew 17:5)**

God’s voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ’s message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to Father Leo, Deacon Michael or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

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SAINT STEPHEN CEMETERY

We are kindly asking you to remove any Christmas, Valentines, and/or any old decorations from Saint Stephen Cemetery by March 31, 2026. Thank you!



Luca Vincent Biamonte
Son of Vincent and Laura (Donadio) Biamonte



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thomas Murphy Interfaith Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 12th 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 11th to be completed and signed by Father Leo for the March 18th deadline. No applications will be accepted after that date.

MASS Intentions

There are some 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.



LENT 2026 SCHEDULE TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: Thursday, April 2nd

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 3rd

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

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 4th

Easter Vigil at 8:00pm @ Saint Stephen

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord: Sunday, April 5th

Mass at 9:00am @ Saint Stephen

Mass at 10:30am @ Mount Carmel



FISH DINNERS

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, March 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th 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 www.saintpopejohnxxiiiniles.com New this year are quarts of Pasta Fagioli (take out only) for \$8.00. Cheesepuffs available nightly for \$3.00.



EASTER BREAD ORDERS

The Blessed Mother Society of Saint Pope John XXIII Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Campus, is currently taking orders for the homemade **Italian Easter Bread**. The breads will be baked and made available for pickup on **Tuesday, March 31st** or **Wednesday, April 1st** from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. All orders must be received by **Sunday, March 29th by 5:00pm**. The telephone number for orders is 330-652-2811 or 330-652-5825. The cost of each loaf of bread is as follows: \$11.00 for plain and plain with icing; \$12.00 with raisins and with raisins and icing. Orders can be picked up in the Social Hall. Celebrate Easter with this wonderfully tasty treat.

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