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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 10, 2025 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – Mary Ann Tauro by Elsa Cerbara

TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025 (SS)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – Choir of Angels

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 (SS)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – The People of the Parish

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

Lenten Weekday

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

3:00pm – Stations of the Cross (SS)

7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (OLMC)

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (**OLMC**)

4:00pm – Michael Malvasi by your loving family

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (**SS**)

9:00am – Alicia Lendvay by Alida Lendvay (**SS**)

11:30am – Teresa Sidoti by Marisa and Frank (**OLMC**)

FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR:

A Graceful Season:

Lent is a graceful time which allows us to experience a deeper connection with God.

It is a time to renew our alliance with God and let God work through our lives.

It awakens us to an understanding of direction in which and to which we are navigating our spiritual lives. Our spiritual Journey is always headed in the right direction when we allow God to guide, lead and guard, but if we happen to isolate our thoughts and actions from that of God, we then, invite only confusion and disorder.

As we gather spiritual material to rebuild our spiritual lives in this crucial time, let God be our builder and the designer who knows how and what to bring the best out of us. As we allow Him to work in and through us, he makes us, temples of the Holy Spirit, a dwelling fitting for his presence.

Through the process of Lenten spiritual practices we invite God to reconstruct from the ruins and to coalesce from the fragments, thus bringing out of us a strong human person designed after the Image of God.

LENT A TIME TO LET GO ...

Let go of bitterness

Embrace Forgiveness

Let go of Jealousy

Embrace gratitude.

Let go of Anger and Hate.

Embrace Charity.

Let go of Pride.

Embrace Humility.

Let go of Lust.

Embrace Purity.

Let go of Sin.

Embrace God.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL:

Rugged independence is a defining characteristic of our country. The U.S. is the “land of opportunity” where, through hard work and initiative, anyone can improve his or her lot in life. This “can do” attitude fuels our dreams and the actions we take to achieve our dreams. But the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert reminds us that our strength and deliverance come from God. His love and grace, not our own will or fortitude, are what keep us strong in the face of temptation and society’s pull away from Him.

Jesus was not alone during His desert time. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and “led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.” Like Christ, we are never alone. We may feel like we are during the difficult times of our lives, but our Lord is always with us, sustaining and strengthening us. His love is our armor.

We can share Christ’s protective love with those who need it when we support the Annual Diocesan Appeal. When you are praying during this Lenten season, please consider the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a way of giving alms.



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

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) 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.

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.



There are weekday dates available and a few weekend dates for Masses for 2025 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. 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!

MARCH 8-9, 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Count for March 1-2, 2025

4:00pm – 193 (OLMC)

9:00am – 171 (SS)

11:30am – 161 (OLMC)

Total 525 people out of 1,159 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



Judith Mae Lapolla
Marie S. Honsinger
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David Lee Kaercher



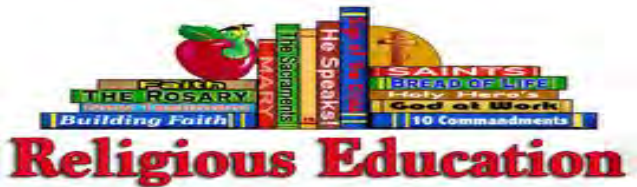
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion March Calendar:

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.

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

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on
Wednesday, March 12th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 15, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Cathy Lukasko, Bernie Profato

Servers: Kelly Lukasko

EM's: Debbie Barber, Anna Mae Cuchna, Alec Lukasko,
Trish Scarmuzzi

Ushers: Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll,
Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Jacquie Whetstone

Reader: Mary Ann McMahon

Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: John Cullivan

Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Nora Hlad
Frank Dillon

Altar Server: John Daubner

Greeter: Hugh Kieley, Carol Sylvester

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Laura Vennitti, Jamie Merlo

Servers: Santino Ciminero, Nicholas Powell,
Antonio DeGennaro

EM's: Jamie Aulet, Nancy DeGood, Anna Marie Beagle,
Kathy Salapata

Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Mucche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr.,
Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata,
Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine

CHURCH CLEANING will be on Friday, March 21st at
9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a
few hours, please stop by the church to help!



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(March 1-2, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$ 12,327.01
Monthly Dues:	\$ 460.00
Parish Projects:	\$ 489.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$ 90.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$ 96.00
Church Overseas:	\$ 10.00
Catholic Echo:	\$ 10.00
Initial Offering:	\$ 10.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 25.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 256.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 10.00
Good Friday:	\$ 35.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 326.00
Easter:	\$ 95.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$ 165.00
Mothers' Day:	\$ 75.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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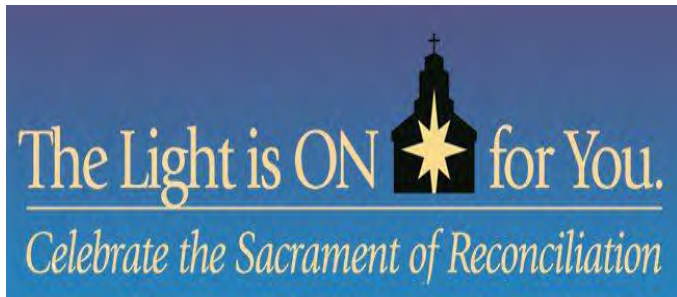
Scholarships

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.

Grazie!

We are happy to report that Italian Night made a profit of \$11,825.16! Also, congratulations to *Mary Helen Giangardella* who was the winner of the 50/50 drawing!



"The Light is ON for You" An Evening of Reconciliation

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, our parish and parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown will offer an *"Evening of Reconciliation."* During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as a sign for all to embrace and live God's mercy and love more completely. As Pope Francis says, *"the joy of God is the joy of forgiveness."* Plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your Lenten journey on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at Saint Stephen Campus at 6:00pm.



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.

Young at Heart

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP will meet on **Tuesday, March 25th**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world in the Social Hall. Shawn Mark an Appraiser will be the guest speaker. You may bring 2 items. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch at 12:00pm. All are welcome. Bring a guest. Please contact Annie at 330-719-5716 or Sandy at 330-652-8329 on or before Friday, March 21st.

SAVE THE DATES

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, March 14th, 21st, 28th, April 4th and 11th from 4:00-7:00pm for dine-in, carry-out or curb-side. Cost is \$13.00 for adults; \$9.00 (children 12 and under). Choice of: Baked, Breaded or Fried 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.saintpopejohnxxiinjiles.com For curbside service call 330-652-2811 before 3:00pm on Fridays.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DINING HALL SERVING DAYS:

March 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th,
March 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd,
March 29th, 31st at 2355 Niles Road SE, Warren from 11:30am-1:00pm. Up-to-date Dining info at 330-369-1030.

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

Wellness on Wheels and Trumbull County Mobile Market on Wednesday, March 19th from 11:30am-1:00pm at Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift and Furniture Store, 540 Main Avenue SW, Warren.

Sleeping Bag Coat Program: Are you currently experiencing homelessness in Trumbull County? For help, please call 234-223-2933 ext 102.

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.

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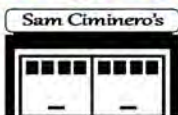
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