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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 16, 2026**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:30am – Hugh Kieley by family

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:30am – Mary Ann Tauro by Elsa Cerbara

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

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 (SS)**

*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

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

8:30am – Patricia and Henry Flaviani by Larry

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

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

8:30am – For the Intentions of donors  
to the Choir of Angels

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

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**3:15-3:45PM – Confessions**

4:00pm – Masciangelo, Bianco and Quigley families  
by Lillian

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**8:15-8:45am – Confessions (SS)**

9:00am – Ray and Dorothy Garland by family (SS)

11:30am – Carmel Angela Morabito Dalessandro Rinaldi  
by Morabito family (OLMC)



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 Lenge, 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, 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, Stacy Sowers, 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 MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>**

Mary Ann Ring by husband, Joe

**Mass Count for March 7-8, 2026**

4:00pm – 196 (OLMC)

9:00am – 159 (SS)

11:30am – 217 (OLMC)

Total 572 people out of 972 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.

**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.

**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!



**Parish School of Religion March Calendar:**

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**



It's difficult to wrap our brains around suffering. When bad things happen, we want to know why. Why does a good and faithful servant of the Lord have to suffer a protracted and painful death? Why is an innocent child born with a heart defect or must battle cancer? Why does one neighbor lose his home to a natural disaster while another escapes the storm's wrath? We want to give pain meaning, to understand its purpose.

That's what the disciples are wondering when they ask Jesus why the man in today's Gospel is blind. Is his lack of sight a physical manifestation of his sinfulness? Or his parents'? Is God punishing him for some transgression? No, Jesus says. Our Father is loving. Just as our parents would not wish us ill, neither does our Heavenly Father. Pain and suffering exist, but not because God actively wills it. Sorrows in this life are an opportunity to experience God's grace, to draw closer to Him, to identify with the suffering Christ endured on the cross for us. The man's blindness—and cure—helped advance Jesus' ministry in making God known on earth: "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."

Funds raised by the Annual Diocesan Appeal help ease suffering by making God's love and mercy tangible through the Church's ministries and programs that the Appeal supports. Please prayerfully consider easing others' burdens with a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$76,200.00. To date, \$6,025.00 has been pledged from our parish with 79 donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.

**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.

## MARCH 14-15, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**NILES COUNCIL #1681 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
will meet on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Holy Family Hall (basement of the church at Mount Carmel).



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 21, 2026

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

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

#### Sunday, March 22, 2026

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

- Sacristan:** Tom Fricker  
**Reader:** Lisa Abraham  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Julie Abraham  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Nora Hlad, Frank Dillon

- Altar Server:** Jeff Burke  
**Greeter:** Carol Sylvester, Mary Ann McMahon

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

- Readers:** Beth Aurilio, Marijane Parry  
**Servers:** Luca Aurilio, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli  
**EM's:** Connie Klaben, Mike Klaben, Lorie Prokup, Kathy Salapata  
**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*

(March 7-8, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$ 10,331.00
Monthly Dues:	\$ 174.00
Parish Projects:	\$ 280.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$ 873.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (SS):	\$ 165.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$ 20.00
Church Overseas:	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$ 10.00
Holy Thursday:	\$ 65.00
Good Friday:	\$ 45.00
Easter:	\$ 260.00
Easter Flowers:	\$ 1,174.00
Mother's Day:	\$ 90.00
Good Shepherd Sunday:	\$ 105.00
Cemetery:	\$ 20.00
We Share for February:	\$ 2,010.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### 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



### FISH DINNERS

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, March 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm for dine-in, carry-out or curbside. 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.saintpopejohnxxiiniles.com](http://www.saintpopejohnxxiiniles.com) New this year are quarts of Pasta Fagioli (take out only) for \$8.00. Cheesepuffs available nightly for \$3.00.

### CONGRATULATIONS

to Mary Murray who was the winner of the Italian Basket and to Diane Manofsky who was the winner of the 50/50 drawing at the Fish Dinner!



### 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!

### EASTER BREAD ORDERS

MARCH 14-15, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**BRUNCH WITH THE  
Easter Bunny**

**MARCH 29, 2026**  
**SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII**  
**MOUNT CARMEL CAMPUS FAMILY CENTER**  
**FOLLOWING 11:30AM MASS**

CALL 330-652-5825 to RSVP  
or scan the QR code




Volunteers are needed to help with the Easter Bunny Brunch on Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 11:00am-2:30pm to set up, serve and clean up. Please call the parish office at 330-652-5825 if you are able even for a few hours.



Mr. and Mrs. James Morton, IV and family



Marie A. Rossi Vross  
Marie McIntire Donnet



**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** *“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart.”*  
*1 Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

**VOCATION THOUGHT:** *“I am the light of the world.”*  
*(John 9:5)*

Christ’s light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God’s love to those around you?



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 31<sup>st</sup>** or **Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>** from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. All orders must be received by **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 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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