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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, MARCH 24, 2025 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025 (SS)

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30am – The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025 (OLMC)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – Anna Maria Ferraiolo by Cerbara family
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025 (SS)

Lenten Weekday

8:30am – The People of the Parish
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 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 29, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (**OLMC**)
4:00pm – Joseph Stanfar by wife, Judy

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (**SS**)
9:00am – Armand Pape by family (**SS**)
11:30am – Celia Matteo by Elsa Cerbara (**OLMC**)

FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Reading the Sign Posts:

A Journey is marked by the path it takes and every path offers sign posts giving directions, offering information and helping for safe travel ahead.

Many a times, the season of Lent is compared to a journey during which time we look at the signs guiding us in to a meaningful passage. As the Sundays during Lent are anticipated signs of the Resurrection of Jesus that we are heading to, so too are we marked with a remarkable sign this week with the Feast of Annunciation. At the first glance it looks a bit mixed up having the Feast of Annunciation during the season of Lent, but when we learn that it is an important sign we cannot miss counting from March 25 to December 25 a nine months' time makes it all perfect to anticipate the joy of Jesus coming into this world. More than confusion it is a confirmation that we are heading in the right direction and every small step of our spiritual journey is made meaningful reading these signs and celebrating them with joy.

As a newly evolved parish we have been having so much to adapt to during the last few months, it involved an understanding beyond self-interest, a deep sense of sacrifice to gracefully allow change to take place and promote unity for the future journey. I deeply appreciate the goodness that has been shown in this process both as individuals and as a community, and so much sacrifice that has been offered in the process of this experience. On our forward path, moving ahead we should not miss sign posts along the way that help navigate in the right direction.

We need to accept that we cannot move forward by getting stuck in the past, our past should offer us resources to propel our advancement into the future. An advancement marked by the promise of a new period of spiritual, pastoral and communal fulfillment. An advancement guided by the promise of a new community as pilgrims of hope, not worried to open the doors to welcome change, transformation and renewal.

We are a missionary church, by which sense we are being sent, sometimes sent into an unknown future but Jesus assures He is with us. Our big sign post is our trust in Jesus, the pioneer and the perfecter of our Faith. Reverend Bala P. Marneni

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.

MASS Intentions

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.



We all need what Jesus gives – grace, truth, loving but firm accountability, and, above all, forgiveness. But to receive all these gifts, we have to take the first step and repent, honestly. We need to acknowledge where, to paraphrase the Penitential Act, in our thoughts and words, in what we have done and what we have failed to do we have sinned. Too often, it's easier to focus on the sins of others. Concentrating on our co-worker lies, our neighbor's laziness, or our spouse's impatience keeps our own failings in the background.

But Jesus tells us, repeatedly, to repent. None of us, no matter how good we are or how hard we try to conquer our sins, is beyond the need for Christ's redemption. Without it, He warns, we "will all perish as" the Galileans or the people crushed by tower at Siloam.

Lent is the season of repentance, of prayer and fasting, of almsgiving. Please pray for the success of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and if you are able, please consider making a contribution to the appeal as a form of almsgiving this Lent.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$84,100.00. To date, \$21,933.00 has been pledged from our parish with 29 donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.



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 Dodosovich, 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, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Vилlecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

MARCH 22-23, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Count for March 15-16, 2025

4:00pm – 203 (OLMC)

9:00am – 172 (SS)

11:30am – 213 (OLMC)

Total 588 people out of 1,158 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



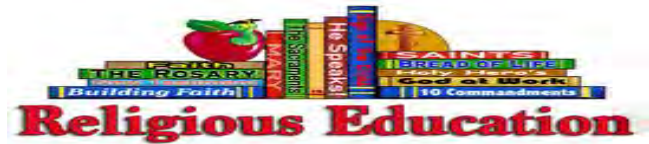
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion March and April Calendar:

- 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
- Sunday, April 6, PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
- Sunday, April 6, First Eucharist Session (students only),
10:10-11:25am**
- Sunday, April 13, Last PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am,
Grades K-8
- Saturday, April 27, First Eucharist Practice, 12:30pm
in Church**



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thomas Murphy Interfaith Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Tickets are now available in the parish office Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00. 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 Tuesday, March 25th. Any questions, please contact Rosella at 330-980-9367.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Cathy Lukasko, Bernie Profato
Servers: Mike Ciolli, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli
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 30, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Tom Fricker
Reader: Lisa Abraham
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Nora Hlad
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Lisa Burgess
Julie Abraham

Altar Server: Maria Yuhasz

Greeter: John Daubner, Anna Marie Granny

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Beth Aurilio, Angela Johnson
Servers: Luca Aurilio, Santino Ciminero, Antonio DeGennaro
EM's: Jamie Aulet, Ben DeGennaro, Michael Klaben,
Connie Klaben
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr.,
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presents Purses for a Purpose Designer Bag Bingo on Thursday, April 10th at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 Main Street, Niles. Tickets are \$45 and includes 10 games. Limited tickets are available. Doors open at 4:30pm and bingo starts at 6:00pm. Raffles, door prizes, 50/50, dinner and cash bar. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services provided by the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Northeast Ohio District Council. Call 234-223-2933 for more information and tickets.



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.

MARCH 22-23, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(March 15-16, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,263.50
Monthly Dues:	\$	159.00
Parish Projects:	\$	76.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	60.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	93.00
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Christmas:	\$	50.00
Thanksgiving:	\$	25.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	185.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	5.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	1,132.00
Easter:	\$	25.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	100.00
Mothers' Day:	\$	10.00

Thank you for your generosity!



REMINDER deadline for Easter Flowers for the Easter bulletin is Thursday, April 10th by 3:00pm in the parish office.

SAVE THE DATES

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, March 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.saintpojohnxxiiniles.com For curbside service call 330-652-2811 before 3:00pm on Fridays.



Thank you to the following people who graciously paid for the cakes for the fish dinners: Bobby Marino, Barbara Frank, Sandy Scott, Sandy Bilovesky, Kathy Kolitsos, Judy Stanfar and Gloria Colitte.



Thank you to Michael and Anka Krakora for their donation of 135 Heavy Duty White hangers which will be used at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall. Also thank you to Anka for washing and ironing all the Altar Server Robes. She does this every year for Christmas and Easter. May God continue to bless you for all you do for the parish.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DINING HALL SERVING DAYS:

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.



Thank you to the Luck of the Irish Committee for the very successful festivities that were held this past Saturday. Thank you for all who attended, volunteered, donated baskets, and all the sponsors! Congratulations to all the winners!



25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 18th at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before Thursday, April 17, 2025.

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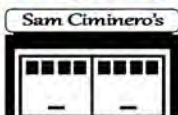
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