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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 30, 2026

Monday of Holy Week

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026 (SS)

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:30am – No Mass

10:30am – Chrism Mass at Saint Columba Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 (OLMC)

Wednesday of Holy Week

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

8:30am – Michael Melillo by family

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026 (SS)

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm – Patricia and Henry Flaviani by Larry

8:00-10:00pm – Adoration

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026 (SS)

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm – Good Friday Service

SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026 (SS)

Vigil, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00pm – **The People of the Parish**

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am – **The People of the Parish (SS)**

10:30am – **The People of the Parish (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, 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, Stacy Sowers, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

Mass Count for March 21-22, 2026

4:00pm – 214 (OLMC)

9:00am – 175 (SS)

11:30am – 186 (OLMC)

Total 575 people out of 962 registered parishioners

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

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting canned fruit during the month of April. 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 and April Calendar:

Sunday, March 29, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:00am

Brunch with the Easter Bunny at 12:30pm

Sunday, April 5, No PSR, Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

Sunday, April 19, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

Sunday, April 26, Last PSR, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

First Eucharist Practice, 10:10-11:20am



God so loves us that He sends His Son to die for us. God so wants to have a personal relationship with us, that He shares Jesus with us. When we experience pain and suffering, though, we wonder how this can be God's plan for us. Where is God in illness, violence, betrayal, economic hardship, natural disaster, and cruelty? Why does God, who desires intimacy with us, seem so far away? And where is God in Christ's passion?

We may feel like God is far away, but He isn't. God reminds us: "When you call me, and come and pray to me, I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:12). Relying on God during difficult times draws us closer to Him. And if, during times of trial, we open ourselves up to God, we can be instruments of His love and grace, just as Christ was to those witnessing his passion.

As we enter this holiest time of the liturgical year, please consider ways you can pick up the cross and follow Jesus into greater intimacy with God. Please pray for the continued success of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and please consider supporting the appeal to help lighten the crosses others are bearing.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$76,200.00. To date, \$31,387.00 has been pledged from our parish with 160 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.



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!

MARCH 28-29, 2026 – PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 2, 2026

7:00PM Mass (SS)

Readers: Mary Ann McMahon, Caroline Matzye
Servers: Jeff Burke, John Wilson
EM's: Lisa Abraham, Mary Kay Nicholas,
 Chrissy Lanham, Lorie Prokup

Good Friday, April 3, 2026

Readers: Jacquie Whetstone, Cathy Lukasko,
Servers: Steve Garcar, John Cullivan
EM's: Frank Dillon, Alec Lukasko

Saturday, April 4, 2026

Readers: Anna Marie Granny, Lisa Abraham, Matt Marrara,
 Bernie Profato
Servers: Maria Yuhasz, Sophia Gearhart
EM's: Julie Yuhasz, Frank Dillon, Debbie Barber

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Jacquie Whetstone
Reader: Frank Dillon
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Mary Kay Nicholas
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Nora Hlad
 Angela Marzullo

Altar Server: Jeff Burke
Greeter: John Daubner, Carol Sylvester

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Cindy Cuchna, Cathy Lukasko
Servers: Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro,
 Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli
EM's: Ben DeGennaro, Lorie Prokup, Kathy Salapata,
 Alec Lukasko
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr.,
 Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata,
 Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine



Congratulations to the Confirmation students who were Confirmed on Thursday, March 19th at Saint Columba Cathedral (L to R): Jacqueline Zapko, Mason Thomas, Parker Robertson, Dominic Gatta, Jacob Lamb, Cameron Vitelli, Leo Schlatt. Pictured with the Confirmation students are Bishop Bonnar, Father Leo and Deacon Mike.



**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



STEWARDSHIP

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(March 21-22, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,852.75
Monthly Dues:	\$	311.00
Parish Projects:	\$	105.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$	113.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (SS):	\$	120.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	40.00
Good Friday:	\$	40.00
Easter:	\$	85.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	516.00
Mother's Day:	\$	96.00
Good Shepherd Sunday:	\$	50.00
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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.

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, April 8th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Conference) will meet on Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

NILES COUNCIL #1681 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will meet on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:00pm in Holy Family Hall (basement of the church at Mount Carmel).



YOUNG AT HEART GROUP will meet on **Wednesday, April 22nd**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world. Lunch will be at 12:00pm. Belinda Weiss will be the guest speaker on “Famous Woman in History.” 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, April 20th.

INTERFAITH DINNER

The 60th Annual Niles Interfaith Dinner Banquet will be held on Sunday, April 12th at Ciminero’s Banquet Centre. Tickets are now available in the parish office Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm. **Last day to purchase tickets is Thursday, April 1st**. Tickets are \$20.00. Doors open at 12:30pm and Brunch is at 1:00pm. Any questions, please contact Rosella at 330-980-9367.



Saint Pope John XXIII Parish 93rd Annual Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church Summer Festival raffle tickets are now in the back of both churches and will be there for a few weeks. Please make sure to stop by and grab your tickets and begin selling them. You can return them in the mail, the collection basket or the parish office.



The Parish office will close on Thursday, April 2nd at 4:00pm and reopen at 8:30am on Tuesday, April 7th in observance of the Easter celebration. The answering service will forward sacramental emergencies and funeral home telephone calls only. All other messages will be responded to on or after April 7th. Thank you and have a very blessed Easter celebration.

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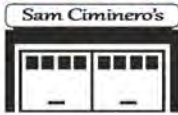
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