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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, APRIL 20, 2026

Easter Weekday

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 (SS)

Easter Weekday

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

8:30am – Fran Papa by sister-in-law, Aggie

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026 (OLMC)

Easter Weekday

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

8:30am – Joseph DiTallo by David DiTallo

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026 (SS)

Easter Weekday

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

8:30am – Vera and (5) children

by Mike and Anka Krakora

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026 (OLMC)

Easter Weekday

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

8:30am – Carmel Angela Morabito Dalessandro Rinaldi
by Morabito family

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 (OLMC)

Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter

3:15-3:45pm – Confessions

4:00pm – Carmen Butto by Dana Butto

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:15-8:45am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – Stephen Medovich

by Josephine Medovich and family (SS)

11:30am – Nick and Philomena Patrone

by daughters, Pat Semple and Arlene Lanham

(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 Lingle, 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, Teresa Nuzzi-Oloff, 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 APRIL 19-25th, 2026

Ella Luhaney by Joanne Luhaney
Rosemarie Khavari by Dolores Scerbo

Mass Count for April 11-12, 2026

4:00pm – 202 (SS)
9:00am – 190 (SS)
10:30am – 198 (OLMC)

Total 590 people out of 964 registered parishioners

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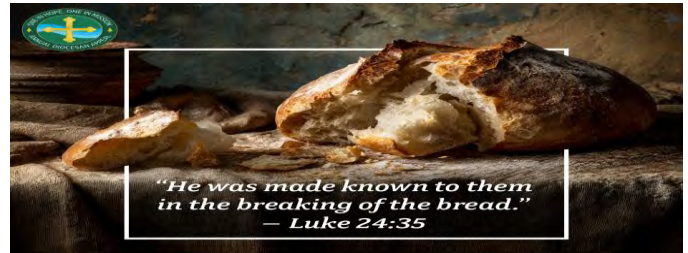
COMMUNITY SUPPERS for the month of April will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

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.



Parish School of Religion April and May Calendar:

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
Sunday, May 3, First Eucharist at Saint Stephen 9:00am
Sunday, May 3, First Eucharist at Mount Carmel 10:30am



We can relate to what the disciples are feeling at the beginning of today's Gospel. They are feeling lost and defeated. They gave up everything to follow Jesus, and what did this get them? A long and dusty walk back to their old lives. Feelings of dejection and hopelessness are part of the human condition. But so are feelings of joy and promise. When the disciples first meet Jesus on the road, they do not recognize him. Then their eyes are opened when Jesus joins them for dinner, breaking and blessing the bread as he did during the Last Supper. Despair gives way to hope, their faith is renewed, and, with it, the strength to return to Jerusalem.

Just as Jesus walked alongside the disciples, he accompanies us as well – through Scripture reading and prayer that calms our fears, through friends who bring us meals when our parents die, through our spouses who hug us at the end of a difficult day, even through the quiet of a sunrise that fills us with optimism. When we recognize him, our lives are transformed. And like those disciples, we are called to return with joy and witness to his presence among us.

As a Church, we are invited to be companions for others on their journeys – to walk with them, to listen, to break bread, and to reveal Christ through our love and action. One way we do this is through our support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which strengthens ministries that open hearts and bring Christ's presence to those in need. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Appeal.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$76,200.00. To date, \$35,937.00 has been pledged from our parish with 52.93% donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.



Ralph E. Tominey
Kathryn Tauro

APRIL 18-19, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 25, 2026

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

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

Sunday, April 26, 2026

9:00AM Mass (SS)

- Sacristan:** Jacquie Whetstone
Reader: Mike Sylvester
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: John Cullivan
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Sherrie Sylvester, Nora Hlad
Altar Server: Sophia Gearhart
Greeter: John Daubner, Carol Sylvester

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

- Readers:** Matt Marrara, Anka Krakora
Servers: Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli
EM's: Ben DeGennaro, Lorie Prokup, Kathy Salapata, Nancy DeGood
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine



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, Director of the William McKinley Memorial and Museum will speak on George Washington's beloved friend, housekeeper and confidant, Elizabeth Thompson. 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.

CHURCH CLEANING will be on Friday, April 24th at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!



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(April 11-12, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$	8,616.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	175.00
Parish Projects:	\$	166.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$	1.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	165.00
Good Friday:	\$	70.00
Easter:	\$	2,220.00
Mother's Day:	\$	859.00
Good Shepherd Sunday:	\$	16.00
Cemetery:	\$	490.00
We Share for March:	\$	2,540.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Westhead



Mylie Presley Vaughn
 Daughter of Michael Vaughn and Julie Simpson



Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time with the Fish Dinners. To those who cooked, served, side dish prep, ran the registers, helped with carry out, curbside pick-up and helped to clean up. Also, thank you to everyone who purchased dinners every week. Once all bills have been paid, we will provide a report soon.

APRIL 18-19, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome!



CONGRATULATIONS to those who received the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. From left to right: Alexandra Paullet (sponsor for Alec), Alec Martin, Nina Fallo (sponsor for Nathan), Nathan Ifft, Anthony Collins (sponsor for Seth), Seth Jornigan, Gabrielle Ranalli, Ruby Ranalli, Laurie Barber and Ken Barber (sponsors for Gabrielle and Ruby), Anthony Ruman and John Wilson (sponsor for Anthony). Welcome to our parish family!



CONGRATULATIONS to Carter Altobelli and Dominic Viglio who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 11th at Saint Columba Cathedral.



ATTN: 2026 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES who attend our parish, we would like to honor you on Sunday, June 7th at the 9:00am Mass at Saint Stephen and 10:30am Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Call the parish office at 330-652-5825 on or before Tuesday, May 26th to let us know you will be attending. Please wear your graduation gown and cords.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES presents “The Full Moon All-Stars Dinner Dance on Friday, May 22nd. Doors open / Dinner at 5:30pm; Band kicks off at 6:30pm at Ciminero’s Banquet Centre, 123 North Main Street, Niles. Tickets are \$40 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Niles Community Services at 330-652-6412, The Record Connection at 330-544-1946 or Jim Nicastro at 330-519-3940.

REMINDER: The Mass schedule will be changing on May 3rd from 11:30am to **10:30am** on Sundays at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church only for the summer months!

SAINT STEPHEN CEMETERY

Saint Stephen Cemetery will have a Spring clean-up on Saturday, May 2nd at 10:00am. Anyone who would like to volunteer a few hours, please meet at the cemetery.

VOCATION THOUGHT: “Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him.” (Luke 24:31)

Just as the disciples recognized Jesus in their midst, couples are called to see Christ present in their marriage. In moments of shared love, sacrifice, and daily life together, Christ reveals Himself and strengthens their bond. Pray that more couples will open their hearts to His presence and live out their vocation with faith and joy.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32

How often do you take the time to discern what Jesus is calling you to do with your life? Are your prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for you? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time, in silence, to listen to what Jesus is asking of you today.

INTERFAITH DINNER BANQUET: 7 students applied...and pictured are 3 students from our parish: Emma Merlo, Robert Ward, and Julia Yuhasz. Emma won the Thomas Murphy Youth Memorial Award, and all of the other students received a Youth Award. Congratulations to our students ...great job!! The banquet was held on Sunday, April 12th at Ciminero’s Banquet Centre.



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