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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, MAY 5, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Easter Weekday*

8:30am – Philip and Linda Soreo by nieces and nephews

### **TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025 (SS)**

*Easter Weekday*

8:30am – Carmie Steadman by Bonnie and Bud Workman

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Easter Weekday*

8:30am – Catherine Scott, Sadie Pepe, Tony DePasquale  
and Art Scott by family

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

### **THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 (SS)**

*Easter Weekday*

8:30am – J.D. Lookadoo by DeChristofaro family

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

### **FRIDAY, MAY 9, 2025**

*Easter Weekday*

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

### **SATURDAY, MAY 10, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Easter*

4:00pm – Mothers' Day Intentions

### **SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

9:00am – Mothers' Day Intentions (SS)

11:30am – Mothers' Day Intentions (OLMC)

## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR:

### A Sign of Hope and Renewal: Celebrating First Communion in Our Parish

This weekend marks a joyous and hopeful occasion in the life of our parish community, as sixteen of our young members receive their First Holy Communion. This milestone is far more than a personal celebration for each child and their family—it is a powerful witness to the life and vitality of our faith community.

These children represent the future of the Church, a tomorrow that is filled with promise. As they come forward to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time, we, as a community, are reminded of our shared mission to nurture and sustain the faith in the generations to come. Their presence at the table of the Lord is a living sign that the Church is alive, growing, and rooted in the hope of continuity.

First Communion is also a moment for all of us to reflect on the mystery at the heart of our faith: the real presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In the bread that is broken and the wine that is poured, we encounter a divine mystery—simple elements, yet through the power of the Holy Spirit, they become the true Body and Blood of Christ. This sacred meal is not only a memorial but a real and living encounter with Jesus, who promised to remain with us always.

For these children, this is a beginning. For the rest of us, it is a moment to be renewed in our own Eucharistic faith. Their innocence, enthusiasm, and reverence invite us to approach the altar with fresh eyes and open hearts. In them, we see both the promise of a lasting Church and the reminder that we are called to be a Eucharistic people—nourished by Christ, united in His love, and sent forth to be His presence in the world.

Let us rejoice in this sacred celebration. Let us support these children with our prayers, our encouragement, and our example. And let us continue to walk together in faith, trusting in the enduring presence of Christ in the Eucharist—our source of strength, unity, and hope.

Reverend Bala P. Marneni



**COMMUNITY SUPPERS** for the month of May will be held on Thursdays from 4:45-5:30pm at Niles First Christian Church, 33 North Arlington Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

## SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS- WEEK OF MAY 4-10, 2025

Marianne Kaley by Joanne Luhaney  
Ralph, Gene and Louie Boccia by Josephine Medovich

### PREPARING FOR THE SUCCESSOR OF PETER

Having completed the nine-day period of mourning (the *novendiales*) since the celebration of Pope Francis' Mass of Christian Burial, the time of mourning comes to an end this Sunday. The black bunting, flags and wreaths used on the parish church and the picture of the deceased pope placed in the sanctuary with a votive candle, are now removed following the last Sunday Mass.

In Preparation for the Conclave to elect the 267<sup>th</sup> Supreme Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church (set to begin on Wednesday, May 7, 2025), Bishop Bonnar will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, May 6 at 12:10pm to pray for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the Cardinal Electors as they prepare to enter the Conclave. All are welcome to attend. Following the Mass at the Cathedral, the Eucharist will be exposed, and the Cathedral will be open for prayer and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 6:30pm, at which time Bishop Bonnar will lead Benediction.

#### Prayer for the Selection of the New Pope

*O God, Eternal Shepherd,*

*Who govern Your flock with unfailing care,*

*Grant in Your boundless fatherly love  
a pastor for Your Church*

*who will please You by His holiness  
and to us show watchful care.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever.*

Following the election of the pope, pastors are encouraged to celebrate a special Mass at each parish for the newly elected Pope according to the guidelines of the Liturgical Calendar. Once news of a new Pope has been announced, we will plan for a Mass to be celebrated and make the day and time known either at next weekend's Masses (or via social media), depending on the length of the Conclave. Immediately upon news of the election of a new pope, even before the Mass of Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry, his name is included in the Eucharistic Prayer. In the church sanctuary or another appropriate place, a fitting picture of the new Roman Pontiff might be displayed, accompanied by a bouquet of flowers. White and yellow material could be draped over the easel or the picture frame. White and yellow bunting may be hung around the main exterior doors of church building. This is removed after the Mass of the Inauguration of the Petrine Ministry.

## 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.

**MAY 3-4, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Jesus comes to us in our ordinary lives. We may not be fishermen, like Peter and the other disciples in today's Gospel, but He is present as we teach our students, prepare the family meal, balance the books, drive the bus, build a home, try a case, or throw in that load of dirty laundry. Jesus is all around, inviting us to a more abundant life. He wants to feed us with His love and nourish us with His words. We need only to respond with "yes" to receive blessings beyond our imaginations, like the fishing net so full it's difficult to pull in.

He is with us during trying times. When the long night of discouragement tests us, Jesus stands on the shore at dawn, bringing the hope of a new day. We can also know Jesus in our celebrations. When He invites the disciples to eat, they know Him in the shared meal. It is a feast of both food and friendship, and the bleakness of the previous night is dispelled with joy and abundance.

When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you share the hope Christ's presence brings with those served by the ministries and programs supported by it. Please consider contributing to this year's appeal and pray for its success.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$84,100.00. To date, \$46,568.00 has been pledged from our parish with 186 donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.



**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting assorted condiments during the month of May. 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.



**MOTHERS' DAY MASSES**

All Mothers' Day envelopes will be gathered together and prayed for at each Mass on Mothers' Day weekend. Through the intercessions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may God watch over all our mothers, those here on earth and those in Heaven. Please make sure to return your Mothers' Day envelopes on or before May 8<sup>th</sup>.



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 Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freely, 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., Tom Scarnecchia, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, Donald Augustine and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

**Mass Count for April 26-27, 2025**

8:00pm – 161 (OLMC)

9:00am – 168 (SS)

11:30am – 166 (OLMC)

Total 495 people out of 1,114 registered parishioners  
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(April 26-27, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	8,972.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	556.00
Parish Projects:	\$	92.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	10.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	40.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	95.00
Good Friday:	\$	100.00
Easter:	\$	2,460.00
Mothers' Day:	\$	485.00
Fathers' Day:	\$	305.00
Seminarian Collection:	\$	105.00
Church at Home:	\$	30.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## MAY 3-4, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, May 10, 2025**

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

**Readers:** Cindy Cuchna, Cathy Lukasko  
**Servers:** Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli  
**EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Dianne Pappada, Pam Sowers, Shawn Bertilacci  
**Ushers:** Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

**Sunday, May 11, 2025**

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

**Sacristan:** Tom Fricker  
**Reader:** Lisa Abraham  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Frank Dillon  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Julie Abraham, Sherrie Sylvester

**Altar Server:** Maria Yuhasz  
**Greeter:** Anna Marie Granny, Mary Ann McMahon

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

**Readers:** Beth Aurilio, Marijane Parry  
**Servers:** Luca Aurilio, Nicholas Powell  
**EM's:** Nancy DeGood, Lorie Prokup, Joe Rossi, Kathy Salapata  
**Ushers:** Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine

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**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

**BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.



Catholic Charities will hold its annual **First Step for Change** campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income expectant parents and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers, and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Take the **First Step Packet** home, learn about the program, prayerfully consider a gift, and return your envelopes to our parish by June 30<sup>th</sup>. All money collected by our parish will help to meet the needs of our own community! Thank you for joining us in supporting this pro-life campaign.

**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!

## THANK YOU:

THANK YOU to our Liturgical Ministers from both Mount Carmel and Saint Stephen Campuses for your ministry during the Triduum which enhanced the liturgies so well!

Thank you to the volunteer men and women who held the annual Easter Bread sales! Your hard work was much appreciated!

Thank you to members of the Liturgy Committee for your continued help to enhance the church environment during Palm Sunday, Triduum and Easter Sunday. A great job decorating and organizing the church environment both inside and outside!

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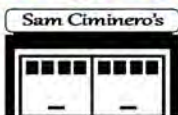
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