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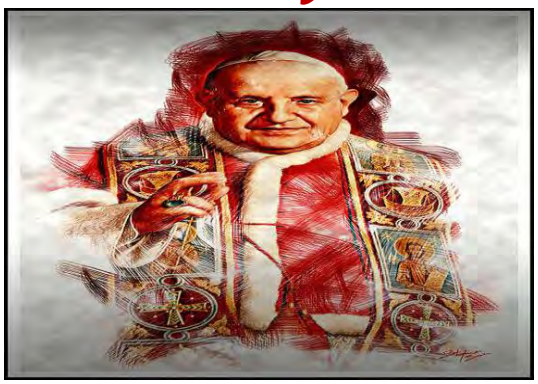

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PARISH MISSION

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations… (Matthew 28:19)

We are a faith community of baptized Roman Catholics who are called to build our lives in the image of Christ. We serve in humility and love through Word, Sacrament, and Christian service. Together we draw the people of Niles and the surrounding areas to a closer relationship with God and each other.

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2026
Saint Bartholomew, Apostle
8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2026 (SS)
Weekday
7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am – Hugh Kieley by family

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2026 (OLMC)
Weekday
7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am – Bonnie McConnell by Tom and Eileen
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026 (SS)
Saint Monica
7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am – Vince and Martha Rozman
by Anka and Mike Krakora
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 2026 (OLMC)
Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
8:30am – Amelia Infante by Emilio and children

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 2026 (OLMC)
Vigil, Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
3:15-3:45pm - Confessions
4:00pm – James, Mickey Rossi; Joyce Boyle;
George and Marie Vross by Joe and Bonnie Rossi

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2026
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:15-8:45am - Confessions
9:00am – Lorene Simunich by Roseann and Stephen **(SS)**
10:30am – Shawn Salapata
by Lillian Masciangelo **(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 Kandrac, 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, Peter Ford, Hudson Joseph, Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Debbie Schimley, Lois Hockenberry, Gloria Nitsky, Lola L., Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, Donald Augustine, Connie Lewis, Tina Bonanno, Michael Kovell, Linda Marchese, Linda Cerimele and family, Catherine Wolf, Roberta Williams, Dan Brannon, Anthony Storti, Connie Berendt, Angela Marzullo, Kollipara family, 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 AUGUST 23-29, 2026

Gertrude and Press Pulley by Joanne Luhaney

Mass Count for August 15-16, 2026

8:30am – 71 (OLMC)
4:00pm – 160 (OLMC)
9:00am – 178 (SS)
10:30am – 190 (OLMC)
Total 528 people out of 977 registered parishioners

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NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting peanut butter and jelly during the month of August. 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.

Congratulations to Richard Hart and Lisa Abraham who are celebrating their 25th Wedding Anniversary this week! May God continue to bless you.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS is having a 25% off shopping pass for $5.00 each on Wednesday, October 21st from 8:00am-11:00pm. Passes are available in the parish office Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm. 100% of your donation benefits Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Friends Helping Friends Best Practices
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Sell Shopping Passes in our store: Schedule table time with your local Boscov's. Start Early!
Promote Online: Post on Facebook, Instagram, or email your supporters.
One useful tactic: Say Donate, not buy: For example: "Please donate $5 to support our non-profit. You'll get a 25% Off Boscov's Shopping Pass!" Shop on Wednesday, October 21st for your extra savings!

As part of the Niles Community Meals Program, St. Pope John XXIII Parish will host Community Meals distribution at the parish hall on Robbins Ave. Meals in August will be drive-in only. Serving hours are 4:30-6:00. Parishioners are asked to donate (if possible) wrapped desserts (peanut-free, please). Donations may be dropped off at the parish office on the days of the meals. The date for August is 8/27. Thanks so much for your support.

STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(*August 15-16, 2026*)

Sunday collection:	$	9,183.00
Monthly Dues:	$	394.00
Parish Projects:	$	176.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	$	30.00
Assumption:	$	1,363.00
Christmas in July:	$	15.00
Church at Home:	$	25.00
Cemetery:	$	25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

AUGUST 22-23, 2026 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REMINDER: To accommodate our PSR program, the Mass schedule will be changing on September 6th from 10:30am to **11:00am** on Sundays at Our Lady of Mount Carmel from September through April!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Hard to believe summer is winding down and our young people are a few weeks away from a new school year. Likewise, we are not far from the beginning of PSR. **Registration is now open and deadline to register is Sunday, August 23rd.** This year, as in the past, we will have **on-line registration**. The link for registration is: **bit.ly/2627spjohn23psrreg** The link for the medical form is: **bit.ly/2627spjohn23psrmed** Reminder: that both forms need to be filled out before your child begins PSR. If you are new to the parish and have school age children, or you have a child in kindergarten or first grade, who has not yet been in our PSR program, please contact the office to make sure we know you are planning to have your child participate in the program this year. I want to remind everyone again of the basic requirements for participation in PSR. The first requirement for participation in our religious education program is baptism (if your child has not yet been baptized, we will work to have the child baptized in preparation for other sacraments in the future). The second is an active and faithful participation in the celebration of the Sunday liturgy. It was at baptism that our young peoples' parents promised to raise them in the practices of the faith. The first and primary example of living our faith is participation in the sacrifice of the Mass. As we prepare to begin a new catechetical year, please be aware that the catechists and the PSR program are an extension, not a replacement, for the primary work of the parents and the celebration of the Mass. Let us work to build up the faith we have been called to in Christ Jesus – for ourselves, and most especially, for our young people. Thank you and God bless you.

The month of August our parishes are collecting school supplies for our PSR children and Niles Community Service. All donations are to be placed in the bins at the entrance into the Church. Donations may include: pencils/pens, colored pencils, crayons, folders, composition notebooks, markers, three-ring binders, notebook paper, scissors, rulers, card stock paper, construction paper, glue liquid or sticks, 2 or 3 subject notebooks, highlighters, tissues, hand sanitizer, Clorox wipes, cotton balls, felt, dry erase markers, etc. With school supplies on sale now, it's a good opportunity to stock up. Thank you so much for your generosity.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29, 2026

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)
Readers: Kathi Ciminero, Cindy Cuchna
Servers: Kelly Lukasko, Greg Sefchik
EM's: Alec Lukasko, Debbie Barber, Bernie Profato, Cathy Lukasko
Ushers: Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

Sunday, August 30, 2026

9:00AM Mass (SS)
Sacristan: Tom Fricker
Reader: Julia Yuhasz
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: John Daubner
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Mary Kay Nicholas, Frank Dillon
Altar Server: Jeff Burke
Greeter: Rosella McCloskey, Sophia Gearhart

10:30AM Mass (OLMC)
Readers: Beth Aurilio, Angela Johnson
Servers: Santino Ciminero, Ava Ciminero, Luca Aurilio
EM's: Connie Klaben, Mike Klaben, Ben DeGennaro, Lorie Prokup
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine

Dear parishioners of St. Pope John XXIII Parish,

It's hard to believe that it's been 15 years since I began my music ministry here at St. Stephen and have met a lot of wonderful people! After 55 years of serving God's people beginning my ministry at St. Rose in 1971, and continuing here and at St. Mary's in the Ridge, I feel it's time to step back and focus on my family, however, I am not retiring completely, just limiting my time to serving one parish instead of two. My last Mass here at St. Stephen will be August 30th. Thank you all for your kindness over the years and know that I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you and your families.

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Ms. Natalie Mymo and family

AUGUST 22-23, 2026 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

VOCATION THOUGHT: *"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church."* (Matthew 16:18)

God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to Father Leo, Deacon Michael, or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

5TH ANNUAL SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL STEPS OF HOPE WALK/RUN

On Saturday, September 26th from 10:00am -1:00pm with step off at 11:00am; Saint Vincent de Paul Northeast Ohio District will host Steps of Hope Walk/Run at Perkins Park in Warren. Registration fee is $25.00 adults; $10.00 students (6-17 years of age) and includes: T-shirt, lunch, SVdP gift. There will be a 50/50 and basket raffles, kids activities and music provided by The Music Man. Registration forms are available in the parish office or online by September 11th to secure your T-shirt size. If you attended Steps for Hope in 2025, please remember to bring your lanyard and event pin! Please call 234-223-2933 ext. 106 or by email at: mhilton@svdpneodistrict.org for more information. Online registration is available at SVdPNEO.org

THE OBLATE SISTERS BELLA SERA DINNER

We are excited to invite you to our annual charity event on Saturday, September 26th from 6:00-11:00pm at Leo's Banquet Hall 7042 E. Market Street, Warren (tickets are $80.00) which embraces and shares Italian culture and food with all friends and supporters of the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Experience captivating performances by local talents, including Pino Marelli. Enjoy a delectable spread of Italian foods, including Red and White Pizza, Chicken Milanese, beans and greens, and the Oblates Famous Homemade Lasagna. A large assortment of wines is also included, as well as an expansive homemade cookie table! Bid on exciting items and participate in our raffles for a chance to win! Grand prize raffle is choice of: $1,000 in cash; $500 Gervasi gift card or Dinner for 6 with the Oblate Sisters. Tickets are $10. For more information or tickets, call Sr. Shiny at 330-619-9189 or Alexis at 330-518-0321.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy. Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers. Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh. May we show love to one another and to all. May the new beginning of the school year remind us that you give us chances to start over and over again. Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness. Help us to learn and to work together. Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak. Help us to be patient with ourselves and others. Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day. Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us. Bless all those who care for us in school and at home. May the Blessed Mother protect us and help us to live as well as we can giving thanks and glory to God. Amen.

SAVE THE DATE: The next Pizza and Calzone sale will be on Friday, October 2nd! More details will be forthcoming!

YOUNG AT HEART GROUP will meet on **Wednesday, September 23rd**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world. Lunch will be at 12:00pm. Trivia program will follow. 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 Wednesday, September 16th.

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