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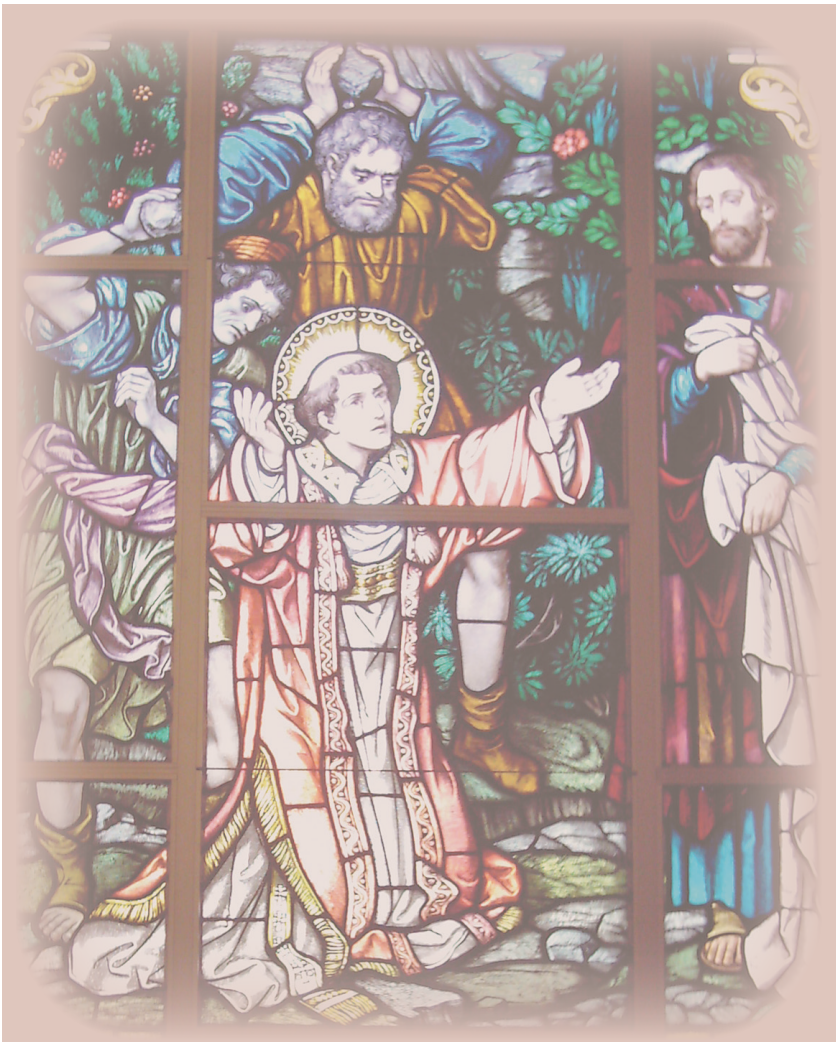

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Obligation:
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin.

Weekdays: Consult Bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Arrangements must be made at the Rectory and the instruction class must be attended by the parents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:
To be arranged at the Rectory six months in advance of the wedding.

HOSPITAL CALLS:
When a member of your family is taken to the hospital, notify the Rectory.

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CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):
Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Niles Intermediate School
CCD Coordinator: Mary Ann McMahon – 330-544-4766

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please register at once.

MOVING: Notify the Rectory.

QUESTIONS? BULLETIN NEWS: Bulletin deadline – Tuesday before 4:00 p.m. Call the Rectory.

CHURCH SUPPORT: The weekly use of your envelopes with a donation justly related to your means, fulfills the obligation of church support. It also is one indication of your regular attendance at Mass, and an expression of your appreciation to God for what has been given to you.

MISSION STATEMENT:
We are St. Stephen Church in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Since 1853, we have served the community of Niles. Through our Baptism, we are called to build our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer, in Word and Eucharist. Together we draw others close to God through our service, charity and evangelization. In a spirit of stewardship, we share our time, talent and treasure with the faith community and for future generations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, November 6th –
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK
9:00 a.m. **KATHERINE GIREAK** by Family

TUESDAY, November 8th
8:30 a.m. **FRANK SZELEST** by Bev & George Vukovich

THURSDAY, November 10th
7:00 p.m. **MARY NICHOLAS** by Family

FRIDAY, November 11th
8:30 a.m. **MILLARD WILSON** by American Legion Post 106

SUNDAY, November 13th –
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9:00 a.m. **DECEASED MEMBERS OF NILES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

THEME: LIFT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LORD.
Today's readings show difficult situations, whether physical in the first reading or moral in the Gospel. In each setting, the Scripture lifts our sights to what is most important. We are the children of God, and our strength is in the Lord. This is what truly matters in the world, no matter what we might face.

LITURGY OF THE WORD
In the first reading, seven brothers and their mother are arrested and tortured. Under this intense duress, they keep their faith and proclaim that they will rise above such suffering. Paul urges the Thessalonians to find endurance in the Lord and strengthen their hearts. In the Gospel, some Sadducees question Jesus about a moral quandary involving marriage. Jesus responds by telling them God is the God of the living, not the dead.

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6th

IN MEMORY OF MARY NICHOLAS
by Cousins

IN MEMORY OF BARBARA PETAK
by Tim & Cass Abraham

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Serving Mass – Sunday, November 13

Sacristan	**JOHN DAUBNER**
Lector	**MARY ANN McMAHON**
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	**DEACON FRANK**
Eucharistic Minister of Cup	**FRANK DILLON**
Altar Server	**KHERINGTON STANFORD**
Greeters	**MARY ANN McMAHON**
	CAROL SYLVESTER

STEWARDSHIP --32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

PARISH NEWS

PRAYER LIST: We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill or in need of prayer for any reason. If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the rectory and leave a message and we will add the requested person. Please remember the following in your prayers *:* **Fred & Dorothy Bianco, Don Donnelly, Chuck Jorza, Marguerite Kovach, Alida Lendvay, David Holmes, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Walsh, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kevin Murphy (Father Murphy's brother), Kara Stanford, June Dudinec, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Josephine Furano, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Jim Sylvester, Joe Smaltz , Sandy LaMonica, Karen & Richard Slanina & Family, Tammie Hake, Carri R., Mary Jo E., Pat Hines, Bill Smith, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Paul Benedict, Bill Rabel, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim and Sally Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Dave Moore, Chuck Durig, Tucker Paul Clark, Anne Misel, Jim & Jo Villecco Sr., Jim Nitzsky, Bruce Morris, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Attendance: 143
Parish Goal: $4,700.00 per Sunday
Stewardship: 10/30/2022
Sunday $3,936.00
Envelopes: 77

Maintenance	$	17.00
Cemetery	$	33.00
All Saints	$	55.00
All Souls	$	45.00
Mission Sunday	$	162.00
Retired Religious	$	55.00
Catholic Exponent	$	53.00

NCWC HOLIDAY BAKE SALE
Niles Catholic Women's Club will be sponsoring their annual holiday bake sale on Sunday, November 20 following Mass.

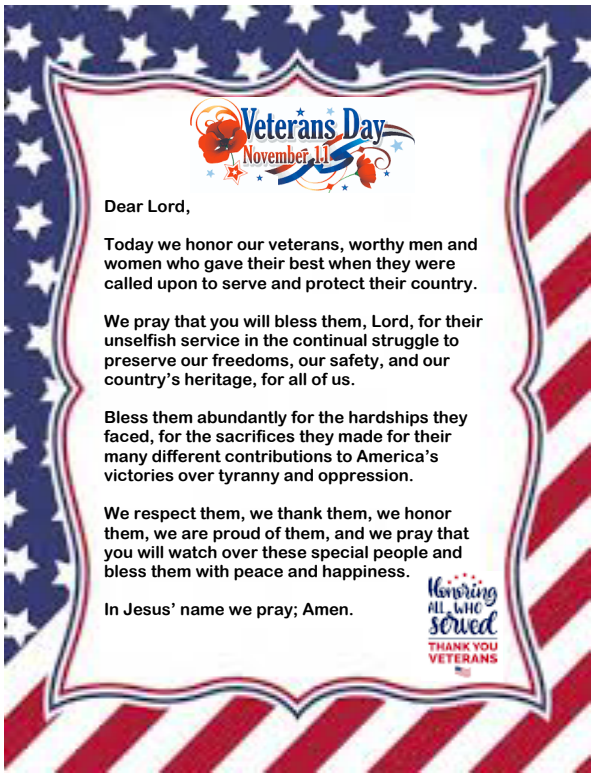
PARISH COUNCIL would like to thank everyone who contributed candy for our Trunk or Treat last Sunday. We are proud to report it was a HUGE success.

Next Sunday, November 13, we will welcome Sister Margaret Marzal, H.M., who will speak to us about the Retired Religious Appeal. The collection will take place here at St. Stephen on Sunday, November 27. Donations to this collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members, who spent their lives In Catholic schools, parishes, and hospitals, often for little pay. Your donation will help provide medications, nursing care and more. Please be generous.

ATTENTION 2023 SENIORS

Graduating seniors who are members of Niles Churches or residents of the City of Niles who are members of churches in Trumbull County are encouraged to apply for the ***Frank H. Mills Scholarship Trust.*** The trust is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes for providing scholarships to one or more graduates of Trumbull County high schools to assist in defraying part of the cost of post-high school education. **Applications must be submitted by December 31** and the committee will decide by February 28. Contact the parish office for an application and additional information.

COLLECTION FOR THE MILITARY SERVICES – USA (AMS)…THIS WEEKEND
This week, our parish will take a collection to benefit the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), a collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to this special collection to support active-duty military men and women, and their families-including those from our own parish.



A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar
The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling, families remember their shared past and expose the companionship, of God in your family from generation to generation.

VOCATIONS – Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
"May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God." Are you being called to love the Lord with an undivided heart as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

OTHER NEWS

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION – <u>NOVEMBER – CEREAL IN BOXES</u>

COMMUNITY SUPPERS – NOVEMBER – NILES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
33 N. Arlington Avenue, Niles – Suppers are free and open to the public every Thursday serving from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS – Hospice of the Valley is offering support groups for "***Coping Through the Holidays***" at the following locations:
*Niles McKinley Library (via Zoom), November 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.
*Youngstown Library, November 14 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
*Canfield Library, December 1 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Support groups are limited in size. Registration is required. Literature on grief, the company of supportive others and information about the grieving process will be provided. Please contact Kim Calhoun at 330-549-5901 to register or for more information.

Celebration of Life

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE SPECIAL EVENT – Sunday, November 13 – 2:00 p.m.
Join us to hear the stories that reinforce our belief that God walks with us. The Msgr. Prokop Parish Center – Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 4500 Norquest Boulevard, Austintown, Ohio 44515. RSVP by November 7th will be greatly appreciated. Call Joyce or Joe Fusco at 330-720-0345 or Debbie Stickle at 330-533-7785. Jeff Fusco, Canfield resident, and member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, found himself wrapped in God's Arms as he fought to save his life during an especially severe case of COVID-19 in 2020. Come hear Jeff along with inspirational speaker and author, Jeanette Levellie, recount the real-life stories of Jeff and others with near death experiences and how, at their darkest moment, God revealed He was at their side. Music, light refreshments, and beverages will be provided. This is a no-charge event, free will offering will be accepted. Doors open at 1:00 p.m.

VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK. November 6-12, 2022
How can you support those who are discerning their future?

Pray
- Pray daily for the holiness and openness of the Church to God's plan.
- Pray for those who are considering a vocation within the Church.
- Pray the Vocation Prayer below.

Adopt
- Spiritually "adopt" one of our seminarians on the poster found in our vestibule.
- Pray daily for them.
- Send cards at Christmas, Easter, and birthday.

Encourage
- Watch the servers, and those young people who are always volunteering at parish events.
- Go up to them, tell them you are impressed with what they are doing, and encourage them to consider a life of service in the Church.

Prayer for Vocations
Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church.
We pray for those whom you call to serve the Church as priests.
Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people.
May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among
us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings
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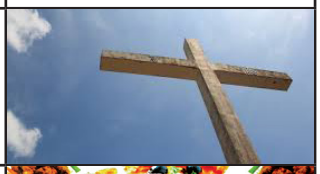

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