



# Holy Family Parish

216 Wooster St. NE ~ Navarre, Ohio 44662 Brewster ~ Navarre

## Office of the Pastor

**Very Rev. Kevin Peters V.F. - Pastor** **Rev. Frederick Schlueter - Associate Pastor**  
**Deacon Alfredo Aguirre - Parish Pastoral Associate ~ Pattie Condello - Parish Pastoral Associate**

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday 9:00am – 4:00 pm

**Parish Email:** office@holyfamilyparishnavarre.org

**Parish Website:** holyfamilyparishnavarre.org

**Pre-Need Cemetery Sales ~ Call Office For Appointment**

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**Parish Office**.....330-879-5900

**Fax Line**.....330-879-5138

**St. Clement Hall** .....330-879-3461

**Prayer Line**.....330-879-5900

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

Fridays at Noon for the **following** weeks bulletin.

Information may only be included in upcoming bulletins  
when space permits. Information may be faxed to  
330-879-5138

or emailed to **parish526@youngstowndiocese.org**

## INCLEMENT WEATHER PROCEDURE

Weekday Mass & all times of Eucharistic Adoration  
will be cancelled when Fairless Schools are closed or delayed.  
Visit our Website for any additional event cancellations or  
closings.

## BINGO

Bingo is played every Friday evening (unless otherwise stated)  
at St. Clement Hall in Navarre - 7:00 PM.

## OUR STAFF

**Amanda Rodriguez**.....Secretary/Hall Rental Coordinator

**Sarah Kobilarcsik** .....Communications Coordinator

**Stefanie Coletti**.....Bookkeeper

**Carolyn Collins-Soehnlen**.....Minister of Music

**Maggie Connor-Spitale**...Coordinator of Religious Education

**Judi Smith**.....Church & Hall Custodian, Navarre

**Shawn Roush**.....Facilities Manager

**Lori Josefczyk & Kathy Wohlwend** .....Sacristans, Navarre

**Virginia Heckathorn**.....Sacristan, Brewster

**Rev. Michael D. Seifert**.....Pastor, Emeritus

## NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

Please stop in the office to say hello!

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Our Holy Family Parish, a Roman Catholic Church, comes  
together as one to accept as our mission:  
To live our faith centered in the Eucharist;  
To share the Gospel by Word and example;  
To gain knowledge by serving others with mercy and justice;  
and To Love by opening our hearts to the world around us.*

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Tuesday:** 8:30am ~ St. Benedict

**Wednesday:** 8:30am ~ St. Clement

**Thursday :** 8:30am ~ St. Therese

**Friday:** 8:30am ~ St. Anthony

## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 4:30pm ~ St. Therese

**Sunday:** 9:00am ~ St. Clement

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Thursday, 9:30am thru 8:30pm ~ Navarre**

## SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** (Confession)

Celebrated **EVERY WEEKEND OF THE MONTH**

Saturday, 3:45 to 4:15 pm, Brewster

Sunday, 8:15 to 8:45 am, Navarre

## Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with  
the Coordinator of Religious Education  
to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental  
preparation class for parents and godparents.

## Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation

Families requesting First Communion and Confirmation  
for their children must have them enrolled in our CCD  
program

or Catholic School at least 2 years prior to receiving  
Sacrament.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements made with either Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz  
six months prior to the Wedding.

Marriage preparation classes are required.

## Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the church office for arrangements.  
*If you are hospitalized, home bound or in a nursing facility,  
please let us know. Because of the HIPAA laws,  
we are unable to inquire.*

## Masses, Services & Intentions

- December 6 Saturday** (Brewster)  
**4:00 pm Rosary**  
**4:30 pm Mass**  
 Ruth Frieri (Pat Frieri & Family)
- December 7 Sunday** (Navarre)  
**8:25 am Rosary**  
**9:00 am Mass**  
 Dan Kress (Family)
- December 10 Wednesday** (Navarre)  
**8:30 am Mass**  
 Roberta Zucal (Scott & Pat Parks)
- December 11 Thursday** (Brewster)  
**8:30 am Mass**  
 Angie Rice (Susan Rice, Doug & Christine Delaschmutter)
- 9:30 am~8:30pm Adoration** (Navarre)
- December 13 Saturday** (Brewster)  
**4:30 pm Mass**  
 Louise Wishiewski (Zagmunt Wishiewski)
- December 14 Sunday** (Navarre)  
**8:25 am Rosary**  
**9:00 am Mass**  
 Mary Painter (Doris Lonas)

## Liturgical Ministers

### Saturday December 13 - 4:30 pm (Brewster)

**Lector:** Tim Barber  
**EMs:** Jill Rohr, Beth Musacchia,  
 Mary Randles  
**Servers:** Bonners  
**Greeter:** Cindy Fanti

### Sunday December 14- 9:00 am (Navarre)

**Lectors:** Carol Soehnlen, Margaret Cotton  
**EMs:** Millie Smail, Ethan Marquart, Jerry Renner,  
 Tim Cotton  
**Servers:** Gabriel Renner, Shaun Banks  
**Greeters:** Mary Jo Manwaring, Bobbie Groff

## We Mourn The Loss Of

### Joseph Soehnlen

*Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him O Lord  
 and May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him.*

## HOLY FAMILY PARISH GIVING

**Sunday Collection, November 23 .....\$7,608.00**

**Sunday Collection, November 30 .....\$4,731.00**

**Total: .....12,339.00**

**Weekly Parish Expense ..... \$11,051.00**

**Thank You For Your Financial Support Of Our Parish!**

### On-line Giving



To access our online donation portal:

Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera, and tap the link that appears. Select where your donation is to go: Sunday Weekly Tithing, Church Maintenance, Building Fund or Fairless Food Cupboard.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

## Thank you

Thank you to our parish family! We are grateful for all the prayers, love and support sent our way during this difficult time. Thank you for all who helped in any way to make Joe Soehnlen's funeral, calling hours, and luncheon memorable. That includes priests, parishioners, servers, custodians, luncheon crew, and office staff. We are truly blessed to have this extended family in our lives! Thank you!

The Joe and Carolyn Soehnlen family

## The Incarnation if a Real Place

This month in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd atrium, we consider how Biblical Geography helps us contemplate the mystery of God becoming human. The children work with a raised-surface map of Israel, realizing that the stories of Jesus unfold in real places with real hills, deserts & waterways. This hands on work deepens our understanding of the Good Shepherd's immense love for us, shown by His willingness to dwell with us in time & space.



## Stromboli Sale – Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are offering delicious Stromboli for sale!

Pepperoni or Combo (Ham, Pepperoni, Green Peppers & Onions)

10 per box - \$25.00

If you're interested in placing an order, please contact

Vic Flinner - 330-546-2786 or  
Phil Rohr - 330-704-9098

Thank you for your support.



## ***2025 Holiday Mass Times:***

**Mon. Dec. 8 - Immaculate conception- St. Therese - 8:30am  
- St. Clement - 6:30pm**

**Wed. Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - St. Clement - 8:30am (Last  
weekday mass of Advent)  
- St. Clement - 4:00pm  
- St. Therese - 6:30pm**

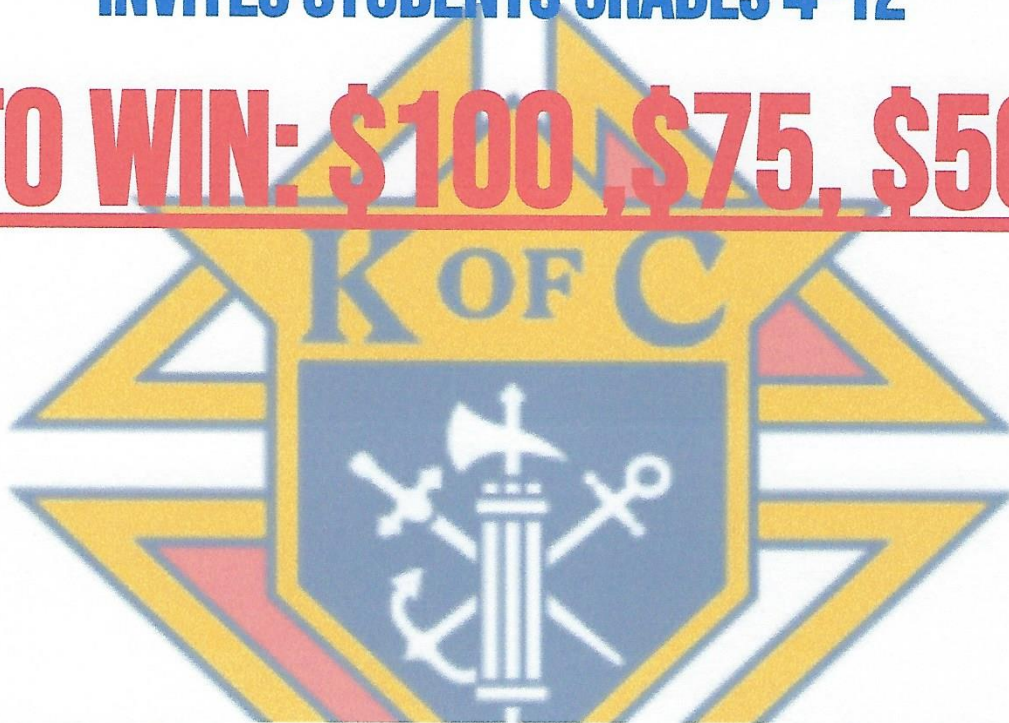
**Thurs. Dec 25 - Christmas Day - St. Clement 10:30am**

**Wed. Dec 31 - Solemnity of Mary - St. Clement 4:00pm**

**Thurs. Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary - St. Therese 8:30am**



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**DEADLINE: JAN. 23, 2026**

**FOR GUIDELINES AND ENTRY FORMS VISIT OUR WEBSITE: [STARKRTL.COM/COPY-OF-PHOTOS](http://STARKRTL.COM/COPY-OF-PHOTOS)**

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# VOCATIONS



## ARE YOU CALLED TO THE RELIGIOUS LIFE?

**SR. KAREN LINDENBERGER**

*Sister of St Francis -Tiffin, OH*

**St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Hispanic Pastoral Minister**

### MY CALL TO RELIGIOUS LIFE

My call is hard to put into words--because I feel like the call is still going on. As a child I was always fascinated by the pictures and movies we saw in school about all the work the Missionaries were doing in faraway lands. That inspired me a great deal and I began to feel a strong desire already then that I was being called to do something like that--giving of myself, caring for those in need, helping to make a better world--not knowing how or when or where.

Without my realizing it, the religious Life was being supported in my family life. We often prayed the rosary together in the evenings before bed, especially during May, October, and Lent. (I must say I was not fond of that as a child--I found it very boring and couldn't wait till it was over. I even tried to shorten the decades from 10 Hail Mary's to 7 when it was my turn to lead.) But apparently something was happening even though I was being defiant. I was learning that prayer was important in my life.

I went to St Francis Convent School in Tiffin for my high school education and there I continued to be inspired by the dedication and joy of the Sisters there. After first vows, I began to teach first graders and loved it. Even though I did not understand the necessity of all the rules and regulations of Religious life at that time, the joy and enthusiasm of living the Franciscan charism deepened in me and gave me strength to carry on.

When it became possible to choose Missionary work in Mexico, I put my name on the list. Even in the midst of the struggles with language and the culture shock when I arrived in Chiapas, MX, I loved being with the people and sharing in their joys and sorrows, always being inspired by their courage and deep faith in what seemed to me to be the most extreme poverty and destitution such as I had never seen or experienced before in my secure and protected life. The call deepened as I was challenged to rethink my concept of poverty. In 1996 I spent 5 months in El Salvador with our Companion Community there and again the poor changed me. Inspired by the works and words of Oscar Romero, I shared something of his feeling of helplessness because of deaths and disappearances all around him. Nevertheless, he saw God in the situation and in the faces of all who came to him for help or reassurance in their struggles. I shared something of that feeling of helplessness. It became clearer to me each day I was there that there was nothing I could do to change the desperate situations of destitution, hunger, illiteracy, and homelessness. My call was to walk with them, listen to them, hold their babies, share the gospel with them, and eat bread and beans with them in their humble homes of sticks, tin, or dried mud. Yes, God's poor changed me.

But all through the ups and downs of the passing years, the call remained firm--that I was in love with my God, and my God was in love with me. And by that time I had come to the realization that God was wherever I was--and that serving God's people with love and joy was really what the call was all about. The place and circumstances didn't matter so much. It is much bigger than being a Missionary in a faraway land. The call is ongoing--it is listening all along the way and allowing God to lead me to wherever I am needed. Right now I am walking with my Hispanic brothers and sisters here in Canton, and they teach me so much about life and joy and sorrow and poverty and deep faith...and so the call continues....



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## ARE YOU CALLED TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE?

### DEACON DAVE KENNEY

#### Permanent Deacon

**St. James Parish, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Holy Family Parish**

The vocations team has asked me to write about how I received my call the permanent diaconate. Looking back, it's hard to define one moment when I 'heard the call.' Each of us is on the 'Road to Jerusalem,' and it seems that there are multiple moments during our journey when God meets us where we are. That certainly has been my experience. Growing up in the 50's in a strong Catholic family, being an altar server, having an older sister become a nun and an older brother become a priest were positive influences, along with the priests in the parish. Eventually entering seminary myself, I discerned a call to the priesthood. After 4 or 5 yrs. I discerned the priesthood was not the vocation in which God was calling me to service.

Eventually I got a job, and married (my first vocation). Cathy and I raised a family, and remained active in whatever parish we belonged. There were nudges over the years – the pastor asking me to direct the choir. Making a Cursillo was definitely a big nudge. It was a defining experience for me, deepening my relationship with God, actually making me keenly aware of that relationship. After our family moved, at another parish I was asked to be involved in Youth Ministry and to teach the Confirmation class. Later the priest started a small faith-sharing group ministry, and my wife and I provided one of what was called a 'Lighthouse,' because the ministry was called LIGHT --- Living in God Holds Together. We discussed the Scripture Readings for the coming Sunday, shared faith experiences within our group, and did a service project for the parish. This experience was also a seminal moment.

As I reflect on my call to diaconate, I realize that at almost every step along the way, in my job and other activities, God was inviting me, nurturing me, and preparing to answer this call.

Most deacons are married. I know I could not do this without my wife's support and encouragement. She too gave me direction as I discerned this call, a call which I didn't answer until I was 64 yrs. old. I have been a deacon for 12 yrs. and it is a great blessing to be able to serve my parishes – old guy, young deacon. Please keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in my prayers as you discern your vocation! Go in Peace!



## 2nd Sunday of ADVENT

### Parish Contributions

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish! As we move forward, please note that we can no longer accept checks written to St. Clement or St. Therese.*

*All checks must now be made payable to Holy Family Parish. If a check is submitted under the former parish names, the office will contact you to let you know.*

*Thank you for your understanding and your faithful support!*

#### PARISH 50/50 FUNDRAISER

The winner of the November 50/50 drawing is Jeffrey & Mary Lynn Niedenthal

There were 114 tickets sold. They won **\$227.50** The parish share is **\$227.50**. The next drawing will be **Tuesday, December 23**.

Tickets are \$5.00 each and can be sent to the Parish Office, dropped off or put in the collection basket.

# BINGO

Join us for bingo

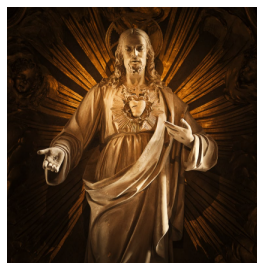
Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> & January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri. Dec 12.....BINGO (St. C Hall)  
Mon, Dec. 15 .... Knights of Columbus Meeting (Men's Club)  
Thurs. Dec 18.....Food Pantry (St. T. Hall)  
Wednesday Dec 24.....Christmas Mass 4pm St C - 6:30 St. T

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YOU!

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### St. Ambrose

*Patron Saint of: Beekeepers, teacher, scholars & bishops*

*When St. Ambrose was just a baby, a swarm of bees is said to have settled on his face and left behind only a single drop of honey—a sign, according to his father, that the child would grow to speak with wisdom and sweetness.*

*Years later, Ambrose became a respected governor in Milan. When the Church suddenly needed a new bishop, the people began shouting, “Ambrose for Bishop!” Even though he wasn’t yet baptized, the crowd’s enthusiasm was overwhelming. Within one week, he was baptized, ordained, and consecrated Bishop of Milan on December 7, 374.*

*As bishop, Ambrose gave away his wealth, donating his land and using his resources to care for the poor. His generosity and strong leadership made him deeply loved—and, at times, even more influential than the emperor.*

*Ambrose is also remembered for his wise counsel to Augustine of Hippo.*

*He famously said:*

*“When I am at Rome, I fast on Saturday; when I am at Milan, I do not. Follow the custom of the church where you are.”*

*This guidance lives on today in the common saying: “When in Rome, do as the Romans do.”*

*Today, the body of St. Ambrose rests in the Basilica of Sant’Ambrogio in Milan, alongside Saints Gervase and Protase—a lasting reminder of his holiness, leadership, and unwavering faith.*