Shari Allwood  
*Business Manager*  
Reverend Jim Caddy  
*Retired Priest in Residence*  
Dee Germano  
*Bookkeeper/Membership Coordinator*  
Deacon John Grazia  
*Deacon*  
Debbie Harper  
*Music Director*  
Debbie Lokar  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Helen Petruzziello  
*Parish Secretary*  
Gina Rensi  
*Director of Religious Education*  
Rachel Scott  
*Bulletin Editor/DRE Admin. Assistant*  
Reverend Mr. Carl Varga  
*Deacon/Pastoral Associate*  
Jonathan Withrow  
*Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson*  
Reverend Dave Woost  
*Pastor*

**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Monday through Friday: 8:30 AM  
Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Rosary: Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday from 4:00–4:45 PM or anytime by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements are to be made in advance. Parent Baptismal Class and Sponsor’s Certificate are required. Please call the Parish Office to register.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least 6 months before the wedding. Please contact the Parish Office before you set your date or reserve your hall.

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday–Friday: 9:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Closed Saturday & Sunday
Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week

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THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APR 12 Easter Sunday
8:30 AM Mass –Livestreamed

WEDNESDAY, APR 15
8:30 AM Mass –Livestreamed
10:00 AM Coffee with Fr. Dave via Zoom

FRIDAY, APR 17
1:00 PM Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave via Zoom

SATURDAY, APR 18
12:30 PM Smith & Timperio Wedding

SUNDAY, APR 19
8:30 AM Mass-Livestreamed

Masses are livestreamed at www.divinewordkirtland.org

Q&A

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

There is a popular expression that says, “Be patient. God isn’t finished with me yet!” Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God’s grace, we will succeed.
This is one Easter Sunday and I suspect the next seven liturgical weeks of Easter up until Pentecost Sunday as a period we will never forget. The world as we know it and have experienced it in our lifetime has been drastically altered. You would have to go back one hundred and two years to see the effects of a world-wide pandemic like we have experienced the last month. As of this time we really do not see an end in sight. I just wonder if this was the same feeling the disciples were going through when Jesus was put to death.

Can you imagine their questions, especially after investing the last three years of their lives to the total trust and loyalty in Jesus? Yet they were without the one whom they had come to respect and believed to be God incarnate. How could this have happened? Where do we go, we are fearful of our safety? Will we get through this? What do we do next? Will we be the same when this moment is somewhat behind us?

Is it any wonder that the disciples fled for their safety and hunkered down because they felt their lives were also in jeopardy? Jesus’ life took such a dramatic turn from his own triumphal entry into the sacred city of Jerusalem. Yet, the exultation of his presence one-week prior is now met with the devastation of death and no hope on the part of his followers. What is so powerful about Easter Sunday is that a tomb that was supposed to be completely sealed with a heavy rock in front of it cannot contain the powerful spirit and body of Jesus Christ in his resurrection.

Here it is, the absolute moment that separates many who don’t want to even give the resurrection a thought. If we believe in the resurrection, we must make an account of everything Jesus did on earth and its ramifications for our own life of faith. My faith in Jesus is everything. He is more than just a mere philosopher who came to show us a new alternative way of thinking and living life. He is more than just a self-help therapist who wants to make us feel good about ourselves. Today is exactly about life and death and life over death all at the same time.

Do you remember from the reading of John’s Passion Narrative? Despite his weakened condition as he is reviled, tortured, and defenseless he appears to be in total control. This is his will conforming to his Father’s will in heaven and embracing whatever humanity in its utter weakness and frailty will throw at him. Jesus could have walked away at several points through that week and left everything behind. He could have protected his own interests and that of his followers, but he does just the opposite. He intimately accepted every hardship that would come his way, the weight of the Cross and eventually even death.

Here is the power of what he does in connection to death. He takes on the imperfection and sinfulness of the world and these days we remember what we call his salvific action. We find our salvation and our life with God renewed through the Cross and Resurrection. When it is announced that Jesus is alive after his death witnessed by many, it throws them into an unbelievable space that has never been experienced. The woman and men who come to the tomb are beyond belief that Jesus was indeed alive. Life has been completely altered by those who experience Jesus after his death. Can you believe that Jesus can do and wants to do the same for us?

I wonder after the Coronavirus has come and gone or if by scientific measures, we are able to control it will we be different people. It has just been a few weeks, and many are worried about loved ones, business, finances, travel, loneliness, faith, schools, sports, and the list goes on. I wonder if this negative experience could reconfigure our priorities. I wonder if this negative world-wide event could even bring more people back to church. I have heard said more than once over the past month, “How do people get through an experience like this without faith?”

Therefore, we do not give up on our faith and why we are blessed as Catholic Christians who believe in Jesus Christ risen from the dead. His deeds and actions match his words. No one can or ever will do what he has done for us on this Easter day. This day makes us who we are. I want to have and embody the exaltation those early followers felt when they heard and saw for themselves that Jesus was indeed risen and alive. I pray for those who want to believe, but for what ever distraction they experience cannot and I want to pray for all believers that we never lose sight of this great gift of faith given freely to us through what we remember today – Christ is truly risen from the dead!

On behalf of our entire parish staff, I want to extend to all of you a blessed Easter season. I have kept your intentions and the heath of all your family members foremost in my prayers. These are trying times and I know that as believers we have already won because of the joy in Jesus’ resurrection. I hope we can all experience that joy and allow it to lead us through these difficult days.

My prayers always, 

Fr. Dave
FORMED.org
"He is not here; for He is risen, just as he said."
Matthew 28:6

Draw inspiration during the Easter season today by going to formed.org/signup, select your parish, register with your name and email address, check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED to access thousands of movies, programs, audio files and books.

Check out our new Facebook Page!
Thanks to Melissa DiFinis, the Divine Word Catholic Church Facebook page will now be maintained! Click FaceBook link here to access it.

Please visit and like the page. This provides another resource to keep apprised of church news and updates!

Humor from the Caddyshack
It's raining cats and dogs. Nothing is friendlier than a wet dog or a cat with tuna on its breath.

Dogs have owners, cats have staffs. To catch a runaway dog, just shout his name, and he'll come running into your arms. To catch a runaway cat, ignore her and she'll saunter up to you when she's good and ready.

The sergeant-major fixed his eyes on the new recruit, "Soldier!" he growled, "I didn't see you at camouflage training this morning." "Thank you, Sir."

Father Jim

Thank You
Thanks so much to our Arts & Environments Committee, whose decorating elegance graced us on Palm Sunday. We are confident that we will enjoy similar beauty for Easter. Thank you for making our Mass beautiful, as well as meaningful.

Coffee with Fr. Dave
Join us on Wednesday, April 15th 10 AM for Coffee with Fr. Dave! Do you miss seeing fellow church members, and miss being able to speak with Fr. Dave? Here’s your opportunity! We had a fun time together on April 1st! Stop in for a warm beverage and a heartwarming experience. To participate, use this link: https://zoom.us/j/984148143. Or, open Zoom and insert the 984148143 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave
Join us on Friday, April 17th at 1 PM for Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave! While the prior trivia challenge was mostly general Bible questions, Bible Trivia on April 17th will feature questions about the Catholic Catechism, prepared by Fr. Dave! Join in the fun. To participate, use this link: https://zoom.us/j/440996214. Or, open Zoom and insert the 440996214 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Catholic Cemeteries Association – Digital Grief Support
The Catholic Cemeteries Association has decided to cancel the April 19th, Sunday Grief Support meetings at our cemetery locations. We are following guidelines set by the CDC, the Diocese of Cleveland, and the State of Ohio on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We are available for families in need and will continue our efforts to serve families before, during, and after the death of a loved one. We understand that as a grieving person, having a sound support network is critical to your health and well-being. We are currently working to provide grief support resources on our website and social media. Digital bereavement resources, which include our blog and podcasts, can be found by visiting the “Media” tab on our website www.clecem.org. Please contact us with any questions or if you would like to request additional materials at email@clecem.org or contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Please visit and like the page. This provides another resource to keep apprised of church news and updates!
Simplify Your Life with Automated Giving!

Are you looking for an easy way to simplify your life? With our Automated Giving Program, the parish receives your donation automatically! Money is transferred from the account of your choice directly into Divine Word’s account. No more mad rush to find your weekly envelopes or a pen to write a check. Automated Giving makes your financial stewardship simple! Fill out the form below or visit this link to provide information to open your automated giving option: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DWAutoGive. You can also call the parish office at 440-256-1412 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM to set up your Automated Giving Program.

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- Automated Giving Option -

I have been blessed abundantly with gifts from God. With gratitude, I wish to offer my gifts of prayer, thanksgiving, and resources to God. I wish to enroll in this safe, free program to make regular contributions to Divine Word Catholic Church.

- Authorization Agreement -

I hereby authorize Divine Word Church of Kirtland, Ohio to initiate debit entries to my checking □ Savings account indicated below and the depository named below to debit the same such amount.

Amount $___________

Please check one:

___ Monthly on the □ 5th □ 15th □ 30th

___ Weekly (every Monday)

Bank Name: __________________________

Address __________________________________________

City/State/Zip ________________________________

Bank Transit-ABA # ____________________________ (always nine digits)

Bank Account Number

(Please attach to this form a voided check if checking account debit or a pre-printed savings deposit ticket if savings account)

This authorization is to remain in full force effect until Divine Word has received written notification at least ten (10) business days in advance of the desired termination date.

Authorized signature for above account  Print Name  Date

If second signature is required:

Authorized signature for above account  Print Name  Date

Please return this form to the Finance Office. Thank you!

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Kirtland C.A.R.E.S.

Kirtland cares and is here to help! Due to an outpouring of support and concern from residents and community organizations, The City of Kirtland has formed Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Response Team in an effort to help those most directly affected by the coronavirus, should an emergent need arise.

Kirtland C.A.R.E.S. Community : Action : Resources : Education : Support

Reach out to City personnel at KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com or if you can help with any of the following:

◊ Identifying people in need, especially the elderly.

◊ Donations of non-perishable food, cleaning supplies, basic first aid items.

◊ Provide hands-on assistance delivering necessary items and connecting with shut-ins.

Thank you!

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Wedding Banns

III Kyle Smith & Hannah Timperio

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Featured Sponsor This Week

This bulletin is furnished to the parish without charge. The advertisements that appear, completely defray the costs. Please patronize these sponsors located in the back of the bulletin. We thank them for the support of our parish! Our Featured Sponsor this week is:
**St. Vincent de Paul**

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter, we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice. It is then that we are truly Easter people.

**As you place your gift in your Society of St. Vincent de Paul envelope, know that you are a sign of God’s love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope.**

**Happy Easter!**

We prayed, fasted and gave alms – and now we celebrate the Risen Lord! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Please continue to fill your CRS Rice Bowl. We will announce the collection date once we are back to our regular Mass schedule.

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**God Bless You for Your Generosity**

**Stewardship Report**

**Weekend of April 4/5, 2020**

Weekly Collection (105 envelopes): $12,000 (includes $870 Easter)
Weekly Collection Goal: $11,812 (excludes Easter)
Weekly Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $682 / (+) $188 when including Easter

YTD Collection: $560,794.05
YTD Goal: $562,923.00
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $2,128.95

**THANK YOU** for your ongoing support! We increased the number of envelopes from 65 to 105 this past week! Thanks for remembering to mail your envelopes/checks. Note: we have budgeted $26,000 for Easter (based on past history). This is now a high goal, based on the circumstances of our parishioners. If you are able to maintain your offerings, we appreciate your continued generosity to help us to maintain our offertory goals and budget.

**St. Vincent de Paul**

The Spring season will soon be upon us so let’s check out another good read. On Heaven and Earth presents a series of conversations from the man who became Pope Francis, Jorge Mario Bergoglio and Rabbi Abraham Skorka. They share their thoughts on faith, family, prayer, guilt, death and many other topics. Both men sought to build bridges among Catholicism, Judaism, and the world at large. Hope you can join us Tuesday, May 12th at 7 PM in the Gathering Area to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own.

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**Remember Our Sick & Suffering!**


Please take a moment to lift these individuals up in prayer this week. Please notify the parish office when a name is received.

**Four Seasons Book Club**

**HE IS RISEN!**

**Komic Korner**