Shari Allwood
Business Manager
Reverend Jim Caddy
Retired Priest in Residence
Dee Germano
Bookkeeper/Membership Coordinator
Deacon John Grazia
Deacon
Becky Harper
Music Director
Debbie Lokar
Pastoral Associate
Helen Petruziello
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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

3rd Sunday of Easter
April 26th, 2020

Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread. —Lk 24:35

**Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

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| **WEDNESDAY, APR 29** | 8:30 AM Mass –Livestreamed  
10:30 AM Coffee with Fr. Dave via Zoom                                                |
| **THURSDAY, APR 30** | 11:00 AM Sing-along with Becky via Zoom                                                                                                  |
| **FRIDAY, MAY 1** | 1:00 PM Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave via Zoom                                                                                     |
| **SATURDAY, MAY 2** | 2:00 PM Germano and Perusek Wedding                                                                                                     |
| **SUNDAY, MAY 3**  | 8:30 AM Mass-Livestreamed                                                                                                               |

Masses are livestreamed at [www.divinewordkirtland.org](http://www.divinewordkirtland.org)

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**Q&A**

**As the godfather for my niece, what must I do as she grows up? Are there specific responsibilities I have?**

The biggest responsibility you have as a godparent is to set a good example of practicing faith. Receiving the sacraments and taking an active part in your parish teaches by deed and shows your godchild how to live a life of faith. Next to the child’s parents, your role can be one of great influence in her religious formation and education.

What else can you do? A special remembrance on the day the child was baptized can highlight its importance. As the child grows older, discussions about God, Jesus, matters of faith, and the parish provide opportunities to share your own beliefs and practices. Celebrate First Penance, First Communion, and Confirmation as key moments in your godchild’s faith journey. Parents and godparents share in this responsibility in a unique and special way. Your obligations do not end with the ceremony of Baptism, but are just the beginning.
The Journey, the Prophets, and the Breaking of the Bread! These three aspects of our faith life are key to the Road to Emmaus and our relationship with Christ. We are in the second week of the Easter season and we are still stinging from the effects of the pandemic. We are all looking forward to the day we will once again gather as a parish community. Many have told me they miss being together and receiving the Eucharist. My hope for all of us as we move closer to the day of re-gathering, that our appreciation for what we have in God’s Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion will exponentially grow.

The journey has its last component in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This incredible event calls us to recognize we move differently in life. The resurrection is now our high marker. Everything we do and live by is a reference to this momentous event. For all of us the resurrection keeps us in check. If we profess our belief in Jesus’ death and resurrection, we must live out what we believe.

The prophets give us much to contemplate. I think of Isaiah and the Suffering Servant where he offers these words: “But the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all. Though he was harshly treated, he submitted and opened not his mouth; like a lamb led to the slaughter or the sheep before the shearsers, he was silent and opened not his mouth. Oppressed and condemned, he was taken away, and who would have thought any more of his destiny? When he was cut off from the land of the living and smitten for the sins of his people. A grave was assigned him among the wicked, and a burial place with evildoers. Though he had done no wrong nor spoken any falsehood.”

This section of the prophet Isaiah is so powerful that several centuries before he appears to depict the earthly death of Jesus so well. So, when Jesus is speaking to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus he breaks open for them all of what the prophets said the Chosen One would be like. Isaiah so vividly describes that Servant who will suffer for his people and for the world. Our pondering of the prophet’s words is for us to connect with Jesus and his mission in the world.

Our call today is to see the scriptures as words that are alive. The proclaimed words of the prophets were especially given to ring hope in the lives of the people. When we hear Isaiah and the others speak hopefully, we can see the culmination of their words in the life of Jesus Christ. This was a way in which Jesus was trying to offer to the disciples on their journey to Emmaus. As he opens to them the scriptures, the disciples still do not recognize who is with them.

Once Jesus is invited to dine with these disciples he is recognized when he breaks the bread. Of course, Jesus helps them recall what has already taken place at the Supper, but now they have recognized Jesus and this “bread” will take on an added significance in their live. As Jesus vanishes from their sight their hearts are burning. A sign that Jesus has touched them in a most extraordinary way.

I hope that the story of Emmaus becomes our story. We have been placed on this incredible journey. The fulfillment of the scripture in Jesus Christ is our guiding light. We should understand the breaking of the bread. Jesus has given us the Eucharist as a prized and unselfish gift. What is so important for us to know is that Jesus does not vanish in front of us. The journey, the words of the prophets, and the Eucharist are the living gifts that help remind us that Jesus lives for us now and forever.

Despite our lack of community gatherings, we continue to do our best to remain connected. The use of Zoom has been beneficial to meet with some of our groups and staff. This past week our Cancer Support Group, Finance Council, and Parish Council met to keep all up to date on what is happening in the parish. Last weekend we had our first wedding amid the pandemic. Several weddings have been rescheduled for later this year. We have had four funerals since our stay-at home and social distancing orders have been given. All these funerals were simple services at the graveside. We will most likely have memorial Masses some time later in the year in the church.

Our prayers are with you as we continue to do our part during the Covid19 virus pandemic. Please be smart in your travels, stay healthy, and if you need anything from us or know of anyone who could use our assistance let us know. Have a great Easter week!
**FORMED.org**
The season of Easter is a period of 50 days ending on Pentecost Sunday. The word "Easter" comes from Old English, meaning simply the "East." The sun which rises in the East, bringing light, warmth and hope, To learn more go to [formed.org/signup](http://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.

**Coffee with Fr. Dave**
Join us on **Wednesday, April 29th** 10:30 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! Stop in for a warm beverage and a heart-warming experience. To participate, use this link: [https://zoom.us/j/92286573638](https://zoom.us/j/92286573638). Or, open Zoom and insert 92286573638 as the meeting ID. See you there!

**Sing-along with Becky!**
On **Thursday, April 30th**, we’ll enjoy our 3rd sing-along led by our talented Music Director, Becky Harper. The first week we enjoyed old-time tunes and last week Broadway show tunes. On the 30th, we’ll enjoy singing from the Gather Hymnal and from the songs in our black binders. Join in! You can sing, you can hum, you can dance – you can even just listen, but it’s guaranteed fellowship and enjoyment! To participate on Thursday at 11 AM, use this link: [https://zoom.us/j/94014507476](https://zoom.us/j/94014507476) or insert 94014507476 as the meeting ID. See you there!

**Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave**
Join us on **Friday, May 1st** at 1 PM for Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave! Join in the fun. To participate, use this link: [https://zoom.us/j/94406383029](https://zoom.us/j/94406383029). Or, open Zoom and insert 94406383029 as the meeting ID. See you there!

**Humor from the Caddyshack**
Satan decided to pay a visit to a church in the South. When he walked into the church at the Sunday morning service, all the parishioners screamed and ran out except one elderly man. Satan walked over to him and said, “Do you know who I am?” “Yep,” he replied. “You’re the devil.” Satan asked him, “Aren’t you afraid of me like everyone else?” “Nah,” he shrugged. “Why not?” wondered Satan. “I’m kinda used to you,” he said, “I’ve been married to your sister for more than 50 years.”

**False Emails & Faux Texts from Fr. Dave**
It’s happening again. Please be aware that a number of parishioners have received false emails from Fr. Dave, and now it seems people are also being texted. The request initially sounds legitimate – see sample text message.

Law enforcement has advised that we should not respond to the email or text. If you receive false information, please discard it. Thank you!

**Four Seasons Book Club**
The Spring season is 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 or on Zoom to share your opinions, questions, likes and dislikes regarding the book. Please acquire it on your own. If you plan to join us, please let Debbie Lokar know via email at dlokar@divinewordkirtland.org so we can share with you how we plan to meet.
**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](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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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.

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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 : Support

Reach out to City personnel at [KirtlandCares@KirtlandOhio.com](mailto: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 Frank Germano & Amanda Perusek

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**Featured Sponsor This Week**

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God Bless You for Your Generosity
Stewardship Report
Weekend of April 18/19, 2020

Weekly Collection (86 envelopes): $8,301
Easter Collection (40 envelopes): $5,832
Total Collection: $14,133
Weekly Collection Goal: $11,812
Easter Collection Goal: $6,000
Total Collection Goal: $17,812
Weekly Collection net surplus/deficit: (-) $3,679

YTD Collection: $603,334
YTD Goal: $610,547
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $6,943

We’re five weeks into not being together at Mass. It’s not getting any easier, is it? I know how very much many of us are longing to be present in the pews, and to be partaking of communion. We miss each other, we miss being greeted when we enter the church, we miss worshipping together, we miss the Holy Name Society donuts, and we’re missing the ushers with the collection baskets.

Fr. Dave and I would like to ask you to not get complacent, and if you’re able to provide your offerings and envelopes, please continue to do so. You may mail or drop off your offerings in the black box outside the office/rectory.

We will continue to bring you Mass every Wednesday and Sunday at 8:30 AM via livestream on our website. We will continue with important Committee/Council meetings, important support groups (cancer and bereavement), and other fun activities to stay connected. We welcome any financial support you are able to provide as we press on to continue the work the Lord has planned for us. Your support continues to be amazing – thank you!

St. Vincent de Paul
In this Sunday’s Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting three families, providing $3304.44 for utility and rent bills.

Facebook Page
Please continue to follow us and like us on our newly resurrected Facebook Page. Find the link on www.divinewordkirtland.org.

Komic Korner

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 can be removed from the list. Thank You.