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  
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Helen Petruziello  
*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

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**4th Sunday of Easter**  
**May 3rd, 2020**

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” — Jn 10:2-3

**Mass Intentions & Readings for the Week**

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**THE WEEK AHEAD**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**
8:30 AM Mass – Livestreamed

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4**
8:30 AM Mass – Livestreamed
10:30 AM Coffee with Fr. Dave and Fr. Caddy via Zoom

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**
11:00 AM Sing-along with Becky via Zoom
6:30 PM Bereavement Group via Zoom

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**
1:00 PM Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave via Zoom

**SUNDAY, MAY 10**
8:30 AM Mass – Livestreamed

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

**QA**

I have a friend who says she doesn’t need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by “one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.” It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God’s life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God’s sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away?
We are in the heart of the Easter season and today is much different from the previous three Sundays of Easter. Today we do not hear an account of the Resurrection or of a post-rising appearance. We travel back into John’s gospel and hear Jesus call himself two different images. First, we hear Jesus refer to himself as a gate. I think of some gated community or an estate that for you to enter you must go through a high solid steel gate. The gate is so secure it only opens electronically. Today you realize when you are going through this kind of gate its purpose is to provide security and safety.

Jesus says, “I am the Gate.” Jesus provides the same kind of security to one’s faith as a security gate does to a piece of property. This image paints a picture of Jesus who provides safety and security to our faith life. If we are willing to walk through the “Gate” it means we know Jesus is looking out for our best interest. The gatekeeper knows what his flock needs, and Jesus is willing to give that to us.

In the second reading today, St. Peter tells how we are called to conduct ourselves “patiently when we suffer for doing what is good.” What powerful words! So often to do what is right is not an instantaneous action. Doing the right thing may take time and to do it patiently reflects the love of Jesus in our lives. As Jesus was doing good patiently in his life Peter reminds us, “when he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten.” I am wondering when we are challenged to the core of our faith can we respond patiently, without insult, without returning a threat for a threat.

Peter reminds the people he is speaking to, “For you have all gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your soul.” Those who have changed their lives and conformed their hearts to Christ will understand clearly what Peter is saying to them. These are words to all of us who need Jesus Christ and allowing him to become our reason to walk through the “Gate” to change our souls.

John’s second image of Jesus is the shepherd. A familiar image for the people of our day. Here in Kirtland or in northeast Ohio, the image is not so recognizable. We know this is a common picture of Jesus, but to fully understand it in today’s modern world takes time to digest. Jesus portrays for us the perfect shepherd because he knows his flock and the flock that knows him will follow wherever he travels.

The Shepherd is more than just a good leader, he is an inspiration, a great example, a protector, a guide, and the “Gate”. Jesus, like any shepherd, knows his flock by name. The flock in response knows the sound of the Shepherd’s voice and will trustingly follow. He becomes the Gate and the Shepherd for all of us. A person who will place us and keep us on the right path, but also the one whom we go through to find meaning in our life.

Hopefully, by this time we will have news for you as to when the possible date will arrive for us to gather once again in our parish church. The Bishop’s of Ohio are to meet and make some difficult decisions regarding the reopening of Catholic churches in the state of Ohio. We are already starting to think about what it might look like when we gather. When we initially start to return to worship it will look different. There will be some restrictions on spacing ourselves, handshaking, drinking from the cup, receiving communion, and even how we come forward to receive communion.

We will have diocesan guidelines to help us with many of these issues. We will also be disinfecting the entire church before we come together. Many people will be conscious of handwashing and keeping surfaces in the church clean and sterile. Recognizing so many of you who want to return to church, your cooperation in these matters will make a huge difference.

The Zoom class on Discernment should be starting shortly. We are still waiting for the order of books to arrive. Once all the books arrive we will inform you. Also, we have our quarterly Book Club meeting on Zoom on Tuesday May 12 at 7PM. The book is entitled “On Heaven and Earth.” The book is about a conversation between Pope Francis and a Jewish Rabbi.

I hope that we all have been patient with one another through the whole pandemic ordeal. I am certainly looking forward to seeing this end and getting life back close to normal. I am not sure what it will look like, but just seeing each other will be a healthy and good thing for all of us. You have been in my prayers throughout this whole time of confinement. Keep those prayers coming for one another. Have a great Easter week.

Fr. Dave
FORMED.org
What is this journey in between the event we call “birth” and the one we call “death”? Is the journey taking you somewhere, or are you leading yourself to some kind of destination – a destination that could extend beyond your last breath? What do you want from your life during the in-between? The questions are there. And, the answers are too.
To learn more go 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.

Coffee with Fr. Dave and Fr. Caddy
Join us on Wednesday, May 6th 10:30 AM for Coffee with Fr. Dave and Fr. Caddy! To participate, use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84417161155 Or, open Zoom and insert 84417161155 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Sing-along with Becky!
On Thursday, May 7th we will feature Jazz favorites. To participate on Thursday at 11 AM, use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81336808402 or insert 81336808402 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Bereavement Group
Bereavement group will be meeting over Zoom on Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 PM. Use the following link https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82019483413 or insert 82019483413 as the meeting ID. All are invited.

Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave
Join us on Friday, May 8th at 1 PM for Bible Trivia with Shari and Fr. Dave! Join in the fun. To participate, use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89708239809. Or, open Zoom and insert 89708239809 as the meeting ID. See you there!

Divine Mercy Cenacle
The group will be meeting again on Monday, May 11th at 1:00 PM via Zoom. We will be reviewing Chapters 9 & 10. All are welcome.

Humor from the Caddyshack
◊ Live your life in such a way that you wouldn’t be ashamed to sell the family parrot to the town gossip.
   -Will Rogers
◊ A person without a sense of humor is like an auto without springs– jolted by every pebble on the road.   -Henry Ward Beecher

Father Jim

Catholic Cemeteries Association
The Catholic Cemeteries Association is constantly monitoring guidance set by the CDC, the State of Ohio, and the Diocese of Cleveland in regard to stopping the spread of COVID-19. With that in mind, many of our scheduled events have been postponed or moved to a different format. To view our most updated calendar of events, please visit clecem.org.

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.

Joseph House
Joseph House thanks all the parishioners who have generously helped with their donations. At this time Joseph House is overloaded and is unable to take more clothing. Sheets and towels are always in need. Again, thank you for your help.
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.

DIVINE WORD - 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!

Red Cross Blood Drive

Please join our lifesaving mission and schedule an appointment today!

Join us in Hanson Hall on Sunday, June 7th from 9:00 AM - 01:30 PM. This drive is by appointment only (no walk-ins) to adhere to social distancing.

Click here to make an appointment

The pandemic is ongoing, and we can’t let patients down. The Red Cross has implemented special new safety procedures, including social distancing, in order to make our blood drives operate at an even higher standard. It only takes an hour of your time and patients will be so grateful. Please pick a convenient time and sign up online. The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Please contact Debbie Lokar if you have questions.

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.

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:
**Stewardship Report**

**Weekend of April 25/26, 2020**

Weekly Collection (86 envelopes): $10,967
Easter Collection: $1,505
Total Collection: $12,472
Weekly Collection Goal: $11,812
Easter Collection Goal: $2,000
Total Collection Goal: $13,812

**Weekly Collection net surplus/deficit:** (-) $1,340

**YTD Collection**

YTD Collection: $615,806
YTD Goal: $624,359
YTD Collection surplus/deficit: (-) $8,553

Having shared the above information, I want to point out that our fiscal year is July 1 – June 30th. That means that we are 10 months into our 2019/2020 fiscal year and budgeted offering revenues are down by less than $10,000. Given the circumstances we are facing, I find that to be amazing. And I believe we can make up that difference in the next two months, as you continue your generous support and gifts to Divine Word. God remains good and faithful as do you!

The Lord’s work continues at Divine Word. The Finance Council, Parish Council and St. Vincent de Paul Board each have recently held online Zoom meetings to ensure business and progress continue. Our Lady’s Guild will soon be meeting via Zoom and our Holy Name Society also plans to host an online meeting soon. Plus the opportunity to gather online for fun/fellowship continues with our weekly Coffee with Fr. Dave and Fr. Caddy, Singalongs with Becky, and Bible Trivia. Add to that bi-weekly Bereavement Support meetings, bi-weekly Divine Mercy Cenacle meetings, and a new Book Study series hosted by Fr. Dave, we are able to stay connected nearly every day of the week. I know I hear constantly from people how much you enjoy and appreciate the live-streaming of Wednesday and Sunday 8:30 AM Masses.

The recent announcement that we still have weeks ahead before we can return to church is difficult news for many. If you would benefit from a call of encouragement, prayers, or you or anyone you know has monetary needs, please don’t hesitate to call the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 9 AM and 3 PM. The number is 440-256-1412.

Again, thank you for the amazing support you are providing via your contributions and prayers.

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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 can be removed from the list. Thank You.*

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**In Loving Memory**

Martina Stepec, the mother of Sonja and grandmother of Eddie

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**St. Vincent de Paul**

Today, we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” where we reflect on Jesus’ care and love of us and hear his words, “I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.”

*By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you will reveal the love of the “Good Shepherd” to your suffering brothers and sisters.*

**Looking Toward the Future!**

Once the parish office reopens, we will be in need of two adult volunteers to join one of our Money Counting teams. If you are able to spare an hour or two on Monday mornings, every other month, please call the parish office (440-256-1412) and leave a message for Dee or contact her by email at dgermano@divinewordkirtland.org.

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**Komic Korner**

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**4th Sunday of Easter**

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