

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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*"Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to her Son"*

*Roman Catholic Church*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00pm (Vigil)  
Sundays: 8:30am & 10:30am  
Monday, Thursday & Friday: 8:15am  
Wednesday 6:30pm (Tuesday No Mass)  
Holydays: Consult the bulletin for times  
Eucharistic Holy Hour:  
Every Saturday 2:30pm until 3:30 pm

Prayer Group meets the third Monday  
of the month at 7:00pm in the church.

## STAFF

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Robert J. Glepko  
Retired Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert J. Dybo  
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Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak  
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## January 10, 2021 *The Baptism of the Lord*

### RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays 2:30-3:00 pm or call the  
parish office for an appointment.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome newcomers to our parish community.  
If you are 18 years of age, we invite you to  
register at the Parish Office during the week.

### BAPTISMS

Pre-Baptism Classes are required by the Diocese.  
Please call the parish office at least a month  
before the baby is due.

### WEDDINGS

Please call the parish office at least 6 months prior  
to the wedding date to make arrangements.

### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Anyone  
interested in Catholic instruction or information,  
please call the parish office.

### ESTATES

Please remember your parish in your Will  
so that the message of Christ can continue  
for generations to come.

### PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

Religion Classes for children grades 1-8 held at Nativity  
on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:30.  
Ms. Lenore Hales, Director

## MISSION STATEMENT

We, the parishioners of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish of Lorain, Ohio, with over 123 years of faith and foundation in a Catholic Polish-American heritage, under the patronage of our Blessed Mother and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, assume the responsibility of welcoming all cultures of our Catholic and non-Catholic community by fostering Christian values and respecting all life, as we continue to build the Kingdom of God. Amen.

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **JOHN JACHYM** (Charlene Kufel Family)

E-Chris Korab  
L-Marti Stalinski

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Dean Mason  
L-Sue Borman  
10:30 † **TRACEY KASTL** (Lana, Ken Hummel & Jeremy Reynolds)  
E-Peggy Kernohan  
L-Jim Shuster

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11, WEEKDAY**

8:15 † **DR. JEROME SOCHA** (Al Szarek)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, ST. HILARY, BISHOP**

6:30 † **MARTY MCINTIRE** (Aunt Noreen & Family)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, WEEKDAY**

8:15 † **ROBERT SISLOW** (Daniel & Katherine Salkiewicz)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, WEEKDAY**

8:15 † **LORETTA WYNESKI** (Nancy Wyneski)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **STANLEY & HELEN KUFEL** (Robert Kufel)

E-Dolores Romanski  
L-Michele Arredondo

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Bob Stockhausen  
L-Bob Pastor  
10:30 † **ROBERT WITKOWSKI** (Wife- Patricia)  
E-Maureen Flynn  
L-Karen Slavik

† We remember in our prayers the family of  
The Reverend Ernest C. Hepner. Fr. Hepner was appointed  
Pastor of Holy Trinity, Bedford on 27 January 1987 where he  
served until his retirement on 7 January 2001.  
Fr. Hepner's funeral was celebrated January 6, 2021.  
May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

† We remember in our prayers the family of Patrick Ready  
whose funeral will be celebrated January 23, 2021.  
May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

We carry a greater depth of self-confidence and chance of succeeding when we have affirmation, a sense of direction and clear purpose in life. Each of these serve to provide our lives with meaning, allowing us to clearly establish priorities and goals. They also are necessary for integrity, which is the conviction and single mindedness that keeps us grounded in the truth of who we are. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God. He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. We are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

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January 10 Take down the Christmas decorations  
January 11 PSR 6:30pm  
January 12 Education 7pm/Heritage 7:30pm meeting  
January 18 Martin Luther King Day/Office closed



There is a drop earring that was found 1/5/2021, in the church, and is in the office. If you think it is yours please contact Debi at 244-9090.



Check out our Home website [nativitybvmlorain.org](http://nativitybvmlorain.org) for devotion's and interesting links.  
\*Each week we live stream the Sunday, 10:30 am Mass.

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

Amount needed per week .....	\$5,900.00
Collection for December 27	\$5,574.00
Difference of this week	-326.00
Envelopes used this week	171
Christmas Collection	\$22,748.00
Envelopes used	193
Collection for January 3	\$7,209.00
Difference of this week	+1,309.00
Envelopes used this week	143
Mary Mother of God Collection	\$2,769.00



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Readings for the week of January 10, 2021**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/  
Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11  
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/  
1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

**First Reading:**

Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call him while he is near.  
Let the scoundrel forsake his way,  
and the wicked man his thoughts;  
Let him turn to the LORD for mercy;  
to our God, who is generous in forgiving (Is 55:6-7)

**Psalms:**

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.  
(Is 12:3)

**Second Reading:**

This is the one who came through water and blood,  
Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood.  
(1 Jn 5:6)

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

And a voice came from the heavens,  
"You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."  
(Mk 1:11)

From the Pastors Desk,

A blessed and happy and safe new year of 2021 to all! Please continue to wear masks and keep distance in church. A continuous thank you to all who keep us safe by ushering and sanitizing. Thank you to all who remembered me at Christmas with cards, gifts, kind words, and prayers. You are too kind. This year I'm way behind on my thank you notes, and I'll blame it on the virus.

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of Jesus and the end of the Christmas Season. We will always remember this past Christmas with needed tickets and reservations for church and masks, etc., not to mention the sudden snowstorm. Why did Jesus decide to be baptized? Saint John's baptism was a Jewish baptism of repentance to prepare one for the world's final days. In submitting to John's baptism, Jesus is incorporated officially into Israel and is prepared to renew Israel through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit appears above Jesus and prepares Him for His ministry on earth. We are baptized to have this same Holy Spirit.

I have baptized many over my years of priesthood. About 33 years ago, I was assigned as a hospital chaplain in Akron. My ministry included three hospitals; I hardly ever slept. One morning at about 2 AM, I was called to Akron Children's Hospital to baptize some premature babies. In the huge neonatal intensive care unit quadruplets were kept, each weighing about 2 1/2 pounds. So they wouldn't get confused each baby was in each corner of the room. They were listed as A, B, C, and D. I had to wear a hairnet, gloves, gown, mask, etc., and I had to use special sterile water. The father of the children and the ICU staff went with me for each baptism. I'll never forget the experience but now as years have passed, I can't remember the names of the four girls. They all survived, and every once in a while the family would send me a picture of the girls at one year old, two years old, and five years old.

We are baptized to have the Holy Spirit in us and the ability to receive the other sacraments. Come Holy Spirit!

A little weekend humor:

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Can vegetarians eat animal crackers?

Can an atheist get insurance against the acts of God?

Go Buckeyes! Win the national championship, and Browns beat those Squealers!

With Him and His Mom,  
Fr. Bob

**A Thought from the Education Commission**

The issue of abortion is not primarily religious, but human, a matter of human ethics prior to any religious confession. And I suggest asking two questions: 1) Is it right to eliminate a human life in order to solve a problem? And 2) Is it right to hire a hit man in order to solve a problem?

Pope Francis, Letter to Former Argentine Pupils,  
December 1, 2020

**Reflection  
When God Whispers**

"You don't need to shout. My hearing works just fine."

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I'm not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn't correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply- it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I've got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something - the booming voice and the torn-open heavens ("This is my beloved Son!") really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker- for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here's the good news: God doesn't need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let's wake up each morning ready to hear God's whispers throughout the day. Let's make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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