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Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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: Please consult the bulletin for times

APRIL 11, 2021

STAFF

Pastor Rev. Fr. Robert J. Glepko
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EUCCHARISTIC HOLY HOUR

Every Saturday 2:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP meets the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the church.

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.



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **PAUL SPRINGOWSKI** (John Urban Fabian)

E-Pat DiLuciano

L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Bob Davis

L-Bob Pastor

10:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Bob Stockhausen

MONDAY, APRIL 12, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **STANLEY SOLOWIEJ** (Wife & Children)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **FRANK & MARTHA MARCINIAK**

(Deacon Bob & Linda Dybo)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **FRANCES HOCEVAR** (Trudy Salim)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **FRANK DAVOLI** (Frank & Audrey Higgins)

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **JOSEPH FALENCKI** (Falencki Family)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Marti Stalinski

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VOCATIONS

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Lenore Hales

L-Sue Borman

10:30 † **EDWARD DRAG** (Wife)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Dean Mason

Let us remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!

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- April 11 Divine Mercy Devotion's 3:00pm in the church
- April 12 PSR 6:30pm
- April 13 Nativity Cares mtg. Noon
- April 14 Music practice 7pm
- April 15 Finance mtg. 7pm



Bishop Edward Malesic has granted permission for congregations to sing together, provided they sing softly and are wearing their masks. Please joyfully sing our hymns and responses today, at a quieter volume and with your mask covering your entire nose and mouth. At this time, we will still refrain from singing the Communion song, as it is more risky to sing while moving through others' air-space.

Requirements For Sponsor Certificates For Baptism and Confirmation

We regularly receive requests from individuals to provide a Sponsor Certificate for Baptism or Confirmation. Please be aware we can provide this only to **Active, Participating** and **Registered members of Nativity.**

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week.....	\$5,900.00
Collection for April 4	\$6,686.00
Difference of this week	+786.00
Easter Collection	\$13,942.00
Holy Land Collection	\$1,062.00
Good Friday Collection	\$1,192.00
Envelopes used	363



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 April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/ Jn 20:19-3
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/ Lk 24:35-48

First Reading:

With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. (Acts 4:33)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord, for his is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Everyone who believe that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. (1 Jn 1:1a)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. "Mercy is the heart of God," Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God's mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God's mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God's mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

"Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope," Pope Francis continues. God's all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God's mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God's mercy, allow the wind of God's presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

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PRAYING THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Begin with the Our Father, Hail Mary, and the Apostles Creed. Using regular rosary beads, work your way around the five decades with the prayers below. On the standalone beads, pray: "Eternal Father, I offer you the body, blood, soul, and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the decade beads, pray: "For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

At the end, pray the following three times: "Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Please join us at 3:00pm, this Sunday, the 11th

Discerning Vocations

Question:

What does it mean to discern a vocation?

Answer: The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, meaning "to call." A vocation is a calling or invitation from God to serve in a particular way. For Catholics, that calling might be as a priest, sister, or married person. Vocation is the way we respond to the invitation to share in God's grace and witness to God's love in the world.

Discerning a vocation is the process in which we pray for God's guidance. We listen for God's message that is often quiet and unassuming in a world filled with noise and distractions. We look at our gifts and talents, seek the advice of others, examine our motives, and listen to see what God is asking of us. The goal of discernment is to follow what the Lord wills, not what we think is the best idea. Many men enter a seminary to discern if that is their vocation, only to discover that their calling is to marriage. Others have resisted the idea for long periods of time, until finally they could resist no more. Some great saints have described that dilemma. Vocation is a human process of divine origin, and each of us must strive constantly to hear the call of God in our lives.

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