

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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*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  
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Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak  
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster  
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Norheim

*April 25, 2021*

*4th Sunday of Easter*

## 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, APRIL 24, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **LEONARD GILLES** (Family)

E-Marilyn Barnard

L-David Arredondo

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Dean Mason

L-Bob Pastor

10:30 † **DAVID HOMOLA** (Family)

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Lenore Hales

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, WEEKDAY**

8:15 † **JERRY JANUSZEWSKI** (Eleanor Romes)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, STS. PETER CHANEL AND LOUIS GRIGNION de MONTFORT**

6:30 † **KEN LIEBFRIED** (Pat & Rich Muzik)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29, ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA**

8:15 † **JERRY JAWORSKI** (Davoli Family)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30, ST. PIUS V. POPE**

8:15 † **MARK DRAG** (Agnes Dabek)

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **ROWDEN DUPUE** (Ken & Laura Niemiec)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-David Arredondo

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mary Jo Mathewson

L-Jim Shuster

10:30 † **STEVE & MARY GRASA** (Family)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Dean Mason

We remember in our prayers the family of Christine Hartle whose funeral was celebrated April 17, 2021. May her soul rest in the peace of Christ.



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

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

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- April 26 Last PSR for this year-6:30pm
- April 28 Music practice 7pm
- April 29 Worship Zoom mtg. at 7pm
- May 2 Holy First Communion at 12:00 Noon



If you or your loved ones are in need of prayer please contact the office, M-Fri, from 8-12 and 1-4. Our loving prayer partners will lift up your prayers to our Lord. Any name or info is kept confidential. Peace and blessings.

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.

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

Amount needed per week .....	\$5,900.00
Collection for April 18 .....	\$4,618.00
Difference of this week .....	-1,282.00
Envelopes used this week .....	164



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 25, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/ Jn 10:11-18  
 Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10  
 Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30  
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50  
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20  
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6  
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14  
*St. Joseph the Worker:* Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

**First Reading:**

“There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

**Psalm:**

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. (Ps 118)  
 Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**

Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. (1 Jn 3:2)

**TODAY’S GOSPEL**

“I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.” (Jn 10:14-15)

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Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.

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### Confirmation Sponsor

Question:

What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

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### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Good and gracious God,  
You call each person by name  
and invite them to follow you.  
On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations,  
may each person hear and respond  
to the call they have received.  
We pray for all discerning marriage,  
the chaste single life, consecrated life,  
or ordained ministries,  
that your Holy Spirit would guide,  
inspire, and strengthen them.  
May your Church and the world  
be enriched by the "yes" of your children.  
**Amen.**

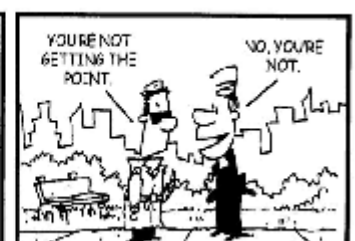


### Lighter Side

A Good Sermon

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. — George Burns

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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