

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
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Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim

May 2, 2021
5th 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, MAY 1, SUNDAY VIGIL

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

E-Dolores Romanski

L-David Arredondo

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 5TH 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

MONDAY, MAY 3, STS. PHILLIP & JAMES

8:15 † **JOSEPH & STELLA GUZIK** (Marlene)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, CINCO de MAYO

6:30 † **STANLEY & HELEN KUFEL** (Robert Kufel)

THURSDAY, MAY 6, NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

8:15 † **THERESA CARUSO** (John Caruso)

FRIDAY, MAY 7, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **JOHN & DELLA BARCZYK** (Barczyks)

SATURDAY, MAY 8, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **MARGIE POL** (Pol Family)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Chris Tomaszewski

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz

L-Mike Davis

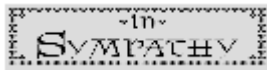
10:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Ann Cecys

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.

We remember in our prayers the family of Albert Volak Sr. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.

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- May 2 12 Noon Holy First Communion
May Crowning
- May 8 Planting flowers around the church,
see info below.
- May 9 Happy Mother's Day



WEDDING BANNES I Matthew Kusnir
and
Kayleigh Fazio

➔ **Time to plant our flowers outside.** Please join us on Saturday, May 8th at 10:00am, to plant flowers. All are welcome. Please bring a small trowel.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,900.00
Collection for April 25	\$4,004.75
Difference of this week	-1,895.25
Home Mission Collection	\$167.00
Envelopes used this week	141

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 May 2, 2021
 Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8
 Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
 Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

First Reading:
 When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. (Acts 9:26)

Psalm:
 I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people. (Ps 22)
 Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:
 And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. (1 Jn 3:23)

TODAY'S GOSPEL
 "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." (Jn 15:5)
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Dear Parishioners and Friends Near and Far,

I pray that you are staying healthy and safe with masks, personal distancing, washing hands, etc. A little normalcy has begun in our church with allowed singing (with masks) and the votive candles have been put back in place for your use. The headline of Monday's Plain Dealer read, "By going to church, people feel safe." I hope you feel safe in our church and thank you again to all who usher and sanitize after each Mass or service. We can always use more volunteers.

The month of May is full of good and grace-filled things. Lots of flowers are popping up, there is lots more sunshine, and we honor Mary. Five children of our parish will make their First Communion and there are several weddings that were postponed last year and rescheduled due to COVID-19. We rejoice with all the grace-filled moments. You can see in our Flocknote the PSR children's marvelous Lego displays of sacraments, pictures of great flowers, and prayers to St. Joseph and to the Blessed Mother.

Since I've been Pastor we have a subtitle on the weekly bulletin under the title of our parish. It reads, "Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to Her Son." We have been talking to Her Son a lot lately. You are always invited to our holy hour each Saturday and the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) is available each week.

Pope Francis has made the extraordinary announcement that each day in May there will be a rosary said at one of the 30 major Marian shrines around the world at noon Eastern Time. He encourages people to pray for an end to the pandemic. Please join in these prayers as much as you are able.

A little weekend humor:

It's been said that every pastor ought to have six weeks of vacation each year because, if he is really a good shepherd, he deserves it; and if he is not a very good shepherd, his congregation deserves it.

Go Tribe!!! At least we beat the Yankees one game!!!

With Him and His Mom,

Fr. Bob

My Communion Prayer

Dear God, I know that You give me many gifts. The gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ in Holy Communion is the greatest of all. How can I ever thank You enough for this special gift?

At Mass we are called to be like Jesus, by loving and serving one another in the world.

As I become more like Him, please continue to help me. Show me the places and ways that I can bring Your love, kindness, and peace to others....

in my family,
in my neighborhood,
in my community,
with my friends.

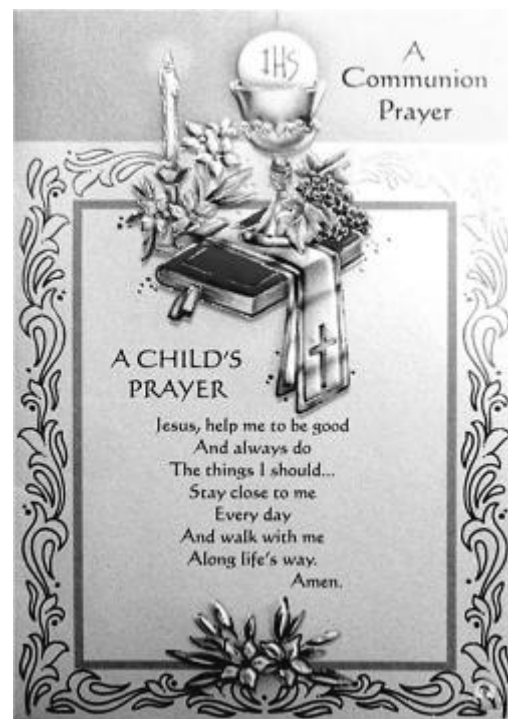
I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Prayer taken from Our Sunday Visitor

We pray for many blessings and a deepening abiding faith for our First Communicants.

Congratulations on receiving their First Holy Communion:

Eva Galik, Anna Lowman, Aria Wagner,
Jocelyn Perkins, Malachy Stack.



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



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