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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.

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER'S DAY

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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

## MAY 9, 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.



♥ Happy Mother's Day ♥

# Mass Intentions

**SATURDAY, MAY 8, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **MARGIE POL** (Pol Family)

E-Dolores Romanski  
L-Chris Tomaszewski

**SUNDAY, MAY 9, 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; MOTHER'S DAY**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz  
L-Mike Davis

10:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Bob Stockhausen  
L-Ann Cecys

**MONDAY, MAY 10, ST. DAMIEN de VEUSTER**

8:15 † **FR. JOHN KLINE** (Linda Judge)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS, PANCRAS**

6:30 † **JEANETTE LESHINSKI** (Husband)

**THURSDAY, MAY 13, OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

8:15 † **JACK CHRULSKI** (Marlene)

**FRIDAY, MAY 14, ST. MATTHIAS**

8:15 † **FELIX & THERESE MICHALSKI** (Don & Mary Ann Fugitt)

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **CARUSO FAMILY** (Robert Caruso)

E-Chris Tomaszewski  
L-Karen Slavik

**SUNDAY, MAY 16, THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD; 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER; WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY**

8:30 † **PAUL PASTOR & DOMINIC SCROFANO**

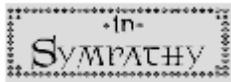
(Bob & Donna Pastor)

E-Mike Davis  
L-Mary Jo Mathewson

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Peggy Kernohan  
L-Michele Arredondo

We remember in our prayers the family of The Reverend William D. Karg. On 13 March 1995, Fr. Karg was named Pastor of St. Sebastian, Akron. Fr. Karg retired on 23 June 2008. The Funeral Mass was celebrated Saturday, 24 April 2021. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



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

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.

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I Cory Lee Shawver  
and  
Haley Bock Nielsen



May 9 Happy Mother's Day  
May 12 Music practice 7pm  
May 16 The Ascension of the Lord, Sunday

**Blessing of Mothers**

During the season of Easter, what a great time to remember our mothers and ask for God's blessing on them. It is God who ultimately gave us life. It is through God's unselfish love--mirrored in our mothers' willingness to associate their love with God's and take the risk to love us into life--that we have the opportunity for life. We remember our mothers this Mother's Day with much love. Let us pray for each of them:

God our heavenly Father,  
you give to each the ability to share your generative love. Bless those women in our lives who mirror your love and bring forth life through their willingness to risk bringing new life into this world. Help us to show them our gratitude for the gift of life and the gift of a mother's love. May our life-giving God continue to bless them and show them his unfailing love. We ask this through Jesus, God's Son and our brother. Amen.

**Holy Mother Mary pray for us!**

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

Amount needed per week.....	\$5,900.00
Collection for May 2	\$5,973.00
Difference of this week	+73.00
Envelopes used this week	209



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 9, 2021**

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  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Jn 15:26-16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20 *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
Friday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17  
Saturday: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b-28  
Next Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/

**First Reading:**

"In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34-35)

**Psalm:**

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)  
Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. (1 Jn 4:7)

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." (Jn 15:12-13)

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**Reflection**

"Remain in my love," and, "I call you friends," are powerful words that are found in John's Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our "failures in love." In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love's author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God's love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world's problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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**A Thought from the Education Commission**

When the first right -- the right to life -- is rejected, every other right we have is in danger of being taken away from us as well. As St. Pope John Paul II once stated, "Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights -- for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture -- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination."

Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland, January 22, 2021

**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?**

**Answer:**

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: "You shall not bear false witness." In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing "false witness" means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word "gossip" isn't used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words "detraction" and "calumny," which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing "another's faults and failings to persons who did not know them," without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it "harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements" (see no. 2477). In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: "No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it" (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person's good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**Happy Blessed Mother's Day!**



II Matthew Kusnir and Kayleigh Fazio



6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



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