

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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 3:30pm

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  
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## AUGUST 8, 2021 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### RITE OF PENANCE (CONFESSION)

Saturdays 2:30-3:00pm 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 6:30-7:30pm  
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, AUGUST 7, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † ANNE KRONZ (Sherry Gimben)

- E-Karen Slavik
- L-Michele Arredondo
- S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Marilyn Muskiewicz
- L-Carl Snezek
- S-Mike Davis, Lenore Hales
- 10:30 † BISGROVE & KERNOHAN FAMILIES (Peggy Kernohan)
- E-Peggy Kernohan
- L-Bob Clotz
- S-Sydney & Conor Nowak

**MONDAY, AUGUST 9, ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

8:15 † VICKI WEBBER (Karen Smith)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, ST. CLAIRE**

6:30 † SPECIAL INTENTION (Debi)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, ST. JANE FRANCES de CHANTAL**

8:15 † WALTER & VICTORIA KORAB (Daughters)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, STS. PONTIAN AND HIPPOLYTUS**

8:15 † ANTHONY & DORIS GODLES (Family)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, SUNDAY VIGIL;**

**ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE**

4:00 † JEANETTE, RICHARD, PATRICK, CHERYL, READY (Family)

- E-Chris Korab
- L-Bill Rusin
- S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

8:30 † SPECIAL INTENTIONS (The Flower Ladies)

- E-Bob Davis
- L-Sue Borman
- S-Lenore Hales, Lowman Family
- 10:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS
- E-Maureen Flynn
- L-Dean Mason
- S-Zoey Pol, Sydney & Conor Nowak

**Offertory Gifts:** If the weekend Mass intention is for your family member (s), please inform one of our ushers before Mass if you would like to take up the gifts.

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**  
 Are we willing to be taught by God? If we are, then we will begin to see things and make judgments using a Divine lens. Often, we perceive things with purely human eyes and reference points. When we do this, reality can lose its Divine spark and we miss what God is trying to say. When using human eyes exclusively, Jesus is at best perceived simply as a prophet who has some wise things to say. The human element has a difficult time seeing Jesus' divinity and recognizing him as the Bread of Life that comes down from heaven. We can easily get stuck on Jesus' human associations and overlook the marvelous wonders God wants us to see. If we really allow ourselves to be taught by God, we will then come to see the truth about Jesus and the abundant everlasting life God offers. Jesus becomes the key that unlocks all of our relationships: with God, others, ourselves, and creation. He, as the true and lasting bread from heaven, shows us the gifts of faith, hope, and love that God bestows on us. Through this divine lens we see that all life sparkles and glows with God's love.

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August 14 & 15 Missionary, Fr. Prasanna Mesa will be celebrating Mass with us



On Aug 14-15, Fr. Prasanna Mesa, a missionary will be at our Parish to speak about the Diocese of Kurnool Mission, Andhra Pradesh, INDIA to invite us to be part of the Missionaries' self-giving and life-giving efforts. The second collection at all Masses will be for their Missions. This annual collection is taken up throughout the Church in the United States each year. Please be generous towards the great works of Missionaries in India as they share the Faith by word and example. India is greatly affected by COVID and needs help to survive and to keep the mission alive.



We welcome Kenneth Smith into our parish family!

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 .....	\$5,500.00
Collection for August 1	\$6,157.00
Difference of this week	+657.00
Envelopes used this week	188



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 August 8, 2021**

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30-5:2/ Jn 6:41-51  
 Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27  
 Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26  
 Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/ Mt 18:15-20  
 Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21-19:1  
 Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12  
 Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15  
 Next Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 *Day:* Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

**First Reading:**

He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb. (1 Kgs 19:8)

**Psalm:**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

**Second Reading:**

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma. (Eph 5:1-2)

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

"No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:44)

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**REFLECTION**

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

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**Celebrations of Faith Book**

The Friends of Lorain County Sacred Landmarks proudly announces the publication of its new book: Celebrations of Faith: A Century of Worship in Lorain County. The book showcases through pictures and text the congregations in Lorain County that have been in existence for over 100 years, including Nativity B. V. M. Parish. If you are interested in purchasing a copy for \$20.00, please call 988-3984.

**Transitional Deacon**

**Question:**

What is a transitional deacon?

**Answer:**

There are two types of deacons in the church. Both are members of the clergy. Both have the same liturgical role. Both have the service of the community as their primary work. One is called a permanent deacon, usually a married man ordained as a deacon with no intention of becoming a priest. They preach, baptize, witness marriages, conduct funeral services, and look after the needs of the poor. They also visit the sick and take Communion to them, although they cannot celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. They might also assist the pastor in his administrative duties. Permanent deacons are usually well known and respected in their communities and have roots there.

A transitional deacon is one who functions as a deacon for a period of time prior to ordination as a priest. His diaconate assignment serves as a kind of internship of ordained ministry. During his year or two as a deacon, he will learn the practical aspects of parish life, getting a firsthand look at the life of a priest. His work has a different focus than a permanent deacon in that he is looking forward to ordination as a priest.

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**\*Assumption Blessing of Flowers, Herbs, and Produce**

All parishioners are invited to bring a small vase or basket of flowers, herbs and/or produce from home to be blessed during all Masses next weekend, August 14 and 15. Upon your arrival, please place your container near the Blessed Mother's altar. When you take your items home after Mass, your offering has become a prayer of thanksgiving to God for his bounty and to Mary for her maternal care.



**\*\*\*The office will be opening up the 2022 Daily Mass offering; after September 6, 2021. In doing so, there should be available Masses thru-out 2022. Thank you.**



We wish to thank the families and friends of Kathleen Andrews, Margaret Bulzomi, and Eva Beck for donations made in their memory for the continuing restoration of our church.

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