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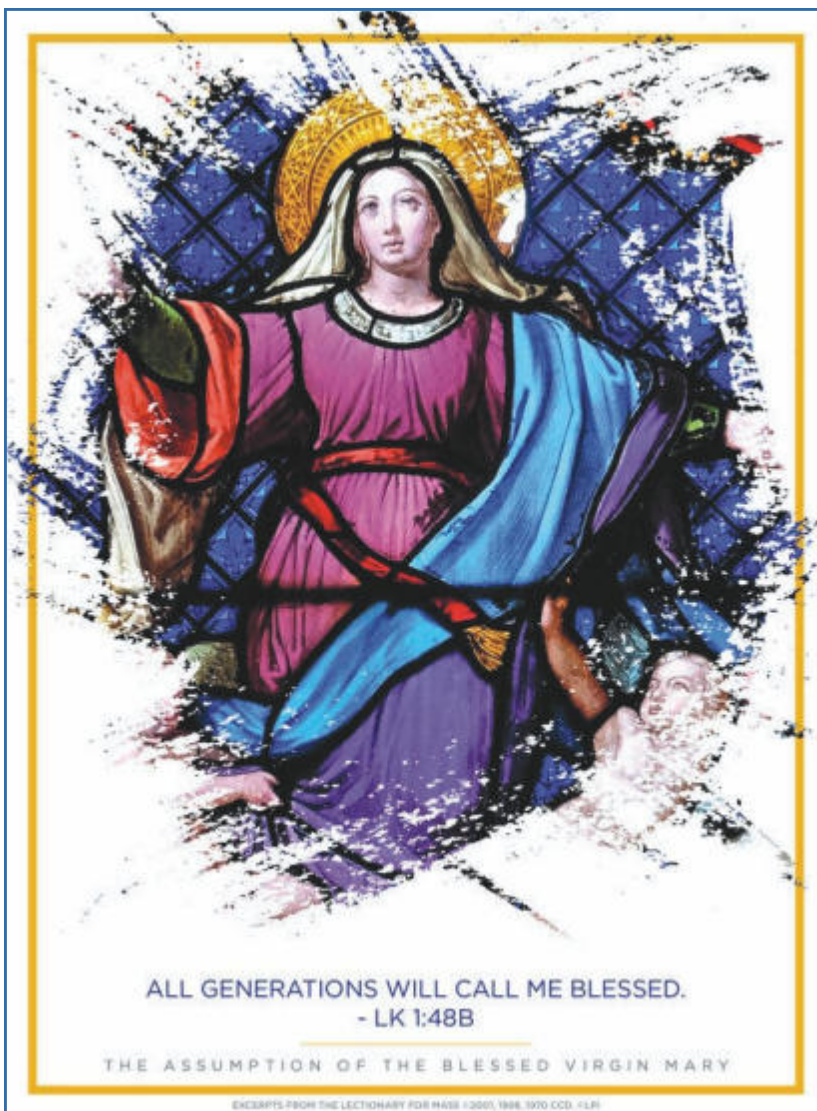
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
Retired Deacon: Rev. Mr. Robert J. Dybo
Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
Bookkeeper: Mrs. Alice Kinney
Facility Supervisor: Mr. Raymond Kinney
Sacristan: Ms. Chris Korab
Organist: Mrs. Diane Lesiuk
Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Norheim



AUGUST 15, 2021 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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 14, SUNDAY VIGIL

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

8:15 † JIM, ANITA, JACK SCHUELLER (Family)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, WEEKDAY

6:30 † WLADYSLAW OLEKSY (Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, ST. JOHN EUDES

8:15 † CARL GRASA (Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, ST. BERNARD

8:15 † LAURA TOMASIC (Cantu Family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † KATHLEEN ANDREWS (David Rakich)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Ann Cecys

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Jim Shuster

L-Bob Pastor

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelski

10:30 † HELEN & ED KOZJAN (Daughter & Family)

E-Dean Mason

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Maria Bak, 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

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom's comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life's challenges and failures.

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August 14/15 Missionary, Fr. Prasanna Mesa
 August 16 Prayer service 7pm
 August 19 Dad's Group mtg. 6:30pm



Father Gonsler's 85th Birthday Party
 Fr. Gonsler cordially invites Nativity parishioners to his 85th birthday pizza party Saturday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. St. Jude's Parish Pavilion 590 Popular St., Elyria Help celebrate Fr. Gonsler's special day!

***OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**
 Will be posted in the next bulletin



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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.



Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

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
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [8a and 9a]/Mt 22:1-1
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [4]/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

First Reading:

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. (Rev 12:1)

Psalm:

The queen takes her place at your right hand, arrayed in gold. (Ps 45)

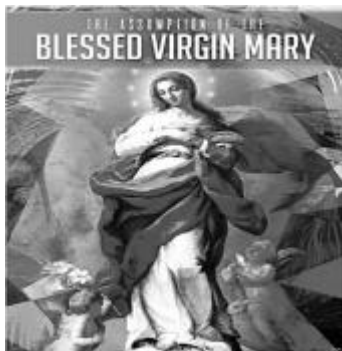
Second Reading:

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name." (Lk 1:48-49)

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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That's what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God's love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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The Assumption Question:

What lessons should I learn from the Assumption of Mary?

Answer:

Growing in holiness is similar to training in a sport. We need someone to show us how we can live our faith well. Mary is a model of sanctity. She shows us how to be faithful to God's will, living each day with confidence in God's mercy and love. At the Nativity, in Jesus' public ministry, and at the Crucifixion, we see her steadfast trust. She allows the Lord to use her life to accomplish his plan for her and for all of us. In the Preface of the Mass for the Assumption of Mary, we pray: "For today the Virgin Mother of God was assumed into heaven as the beginning and image of your Church's coming to perfection and a sign of sure hope and comfort to your pilgrim people."

It is this image of holiness that we strive to imitate. In the office, at home, or in our community, we look for signs of God's grace that call us to an ever-greater love of him and each other. A greater awareness of God is a sign of our conversion of heart that lives the lessons Mary teaches.

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* We thank the Nativity "Flower Ladies" for their continued support of our parish and their devotion to Our Blessed Mother!



Students and teachers of all ages are especially welcome to attend the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, August 28, to ask for God's blessings on the new school year. Father Bob will have a special prayer and message of encouragement.



After Mass, the Nativity Dads group will host an ice cream social for the parish and neighborhood, outdoors on the green space next to the church. Please plan to attend, and please pray for good weather!

ASSUMPTION



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