

# Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*"Where the Lady of the house welcomes you to talk to her Son"*

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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  
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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 22, 2021 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 21, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **KATHLEEN ANDREWS** (David Rakich)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Ann Cecys

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 21<sup>ST</sup> 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

**MONDAY, AUGUST 23, ST. ROSE OF LIMA**

8:15 † **RICHARD JUDGE** (Mother)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, ST. LOUIS;**

**ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ**

6:30 † **LOIS & TONY GOLDYN** (Family)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, WEEKDAY**

8:15 † **VICTOR & THERESA ZEHEL** (Family)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, ST. MONICA**

8:15 † **BILL WEBBER** (Sister-Karen)

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, SUNDAY VIGIL**

4:00 † **MARGARET BULZOMI** (Pat DiLuciano)

E-Chris Korab

L-Chris Tomaszewski

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Carl Snezek

L-Mary Jo Mathewson

S-Mike Davis, Lenore Hales

10:30 † **WALTER & STELLA JURCZYNSKI** (Jurczynski Family)

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Mike Sobilo

S-Lenore Hales, Lowman Family



**We need money counters if you are interested, please contact the office.**

**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**

Many people give their allegiance to something until it asks them to do something challenging or radical. Then, they find themselves rethinking whether they want to be associated with it. The same holds for God. Either we serve God, or we don't. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom, love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, and trust that the Eucharist is in fact Jesus' very Body and Blood. For some, buying into these things may prove too difficult and a return to a life without them is preferred. But truth is truth and it can only be found in God. If we find it hard to accept it from the mouth of Christ, where else can we go to find it? The task before us is to commit to the truth even when it may be easier to pursue something else. Truth is always worth obtaining even when it is difficult. Jesus offers us the truth of life, a life that is found in his own flesh and blood and a life of discipleship.

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August 24 EM/Lector mtg. 7pm in church  
 August 26 Worship mtg. 7pm  
 August 28 Parish & Neighborhood Ice Cream Social after 4:00 Mass  
 August 29 PSR registration ends



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

We try to accommodate individual requests, but sometimes it is impossible to fulfill all requests. In all fairness, it's been concluded that you may schedule three Masses per household and the Name (s) you are offering the Mass for, for the year. **This will consist of one weekend Mass and two weekday Masses.** On Holy days and Holidays, Masses may not be scheduled. **Thank you.**

**A Thought from the Education Commission**

I am asking you to pray for the legal protection of the unborn today and throughout the course of our lives, so that hearts will be moved to respect all human life, from conception to natural death. I also ask that we perform some act of reparation to show our sorrow for the lives lost and harmed by the intentional killing of the lives of our children. Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Cleveland, January 22, 2021

**OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

Amount needed per week .....	\$5,500.00
Collection for August 8	\$5,757.50
Difference of the week	+ 257.50
Envelopes used this week	221
Collection for August 15	\$4,392.00
Difference of the week	-1,108.00
Missionary Collection	\$2,235.00
Envelopes used this week	146



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 22, 2021**

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  
 Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt 23:13-22  
 Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51  
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab [1]/Mt 23:27-32  
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 [14]/Mt 24:42-51  
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 [12a]/Mt 25:1-13  
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [9]/Mt 25:14-30  
 Next Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 [1a]/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**First Reading:**

"Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God." (Jos 24:18)

**Psalm:**

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

**Second Reading:**

This is a great mystery, but I speak in reference to Christ and the church. (Eph 5:32)

**TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Simon Peter answered him, "Master to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (Jn 6:68)

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"Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods." We struggle with our gods. They appear in the forms of things like money, power, prestige, popularity, privilege, and self-fulfillment. We like these "gods" because they make us feel good and ask very little of us in return. When we worship them, we worship ourselves. How can you go wrong with that? We buy into the illusion that if something can give us a comfortable life, free of want and need, then it is worth setting other things aside to pursue it. In essence, we sell our souls. Our struggle with "who is God" and to whom do we belong is a real one and one that can easily find us empty and experiencing disillusionment.

The devil tempted Jesus in the desert and promised him more. We are promised "more." But in pursuing the more and the satisfying we lose track of the cost, and the cost is great. We sacrifice our very life in pursuit of something disguised as life. We sacrifice truth for something that only "feels" true. While the true and real God certainly promises us many things, many things are also required. It is not about the warm and secure feelings and self-absorption the world wants to provide, but of giving back. There can be no lukewarm stance with regard to faith. If we are in, then faith in Jesus Christ asks us to do some difficult things: work in service of God's kingdom (not our own), love our enemies, offer no resistance to injury, that we must die to ourselves in order to find ourselves, and trust that Jesus truly gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. These are hard things to accept and even harder to put into practice. It is no wonder that many, who may be attracted to Jesus at first, walk away in pursuit of the more self-satisfying gods.

But truth is truth. If we cannot accept it from the lips of Jesus Christ, then where else will we find it? To whom can we go? There is only one source of truth and life, Jesus Christ. Jesus has the words of eternal life and if we do not go to him, then where else will we find this gift? But we must be faithful and buy into the whole package deal that requires sacrifice and fidelity. When we do, we find ourselves, through the Body and Blood of Christ, connected to the Source of all life and then intimately bound with our brothers and sisters. We all have to decide whether we want to stay or go and if we can accept what Jesus has to say. It's a choice we all have to make.

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

**Question:** We live in a country that upholds the separation of Church and state. What is the role of Catholics in society?

**Answer:**

The role of the Church in the world has taken different forms over time, but the theme is the same. Be disciples in it! As the lay faithful — that is, not vowed priest or religious — we are called to live and love in the circumstances of our daily lives. St. John Paul II wrote a document about the laity. In it he wrote, "In their situation in the world God manifests His plan and communicates to them their particular vocation of seeking the Kingdom of God by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them according to the plan of God" (On the Lay Members of Christ's Faithful, 15).

God wants us in the hospitals, the board rooms, the law offices, the food pantries, and the little league games! We are to engage in the affairs of the world. But when we're there, we should live the plan of God. We need to respect those around us, engage in just business and legal practices, and love our children. We should care for the earth, use our money wisely, and get to know our neighbors. We must advocate for social policies that respect human dignity and human freedom. No matter our state in life, we are invited to build the kingdom of God!

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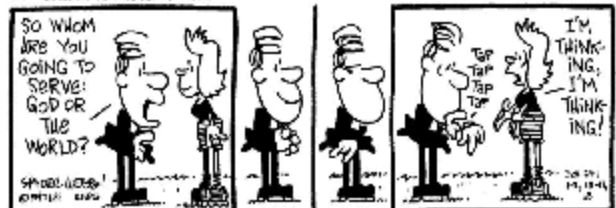
Students and teachers of all ages are especially welcome to attend the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, August 28, to ask for God's blessings on the new school year. After Mass, the Nativity Dads group will host an ice cream social for the parish and neighborhood, outdoors on the green space next to the church. Please plan to attend, and please pray for good weather!

**School Supply Collection**

At the beginning of the new school year, as we thank God for the opportunity to learn and grow, we also remember those families who struggle to purchase necessary supplies. Please bring in donations of any commonly used school supplies, and place them in the boxes located in the vestibule. Nativity Cares will make sure the supplies go to those in need in our neighborhood. Thank you!

We remember in our prayers the family of The Reverend Robert E. Stein. On 1 May 2007, Fr. Stein was named Pastor Of SS. Peter & Paul, Doylestown, where he served until his death. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

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