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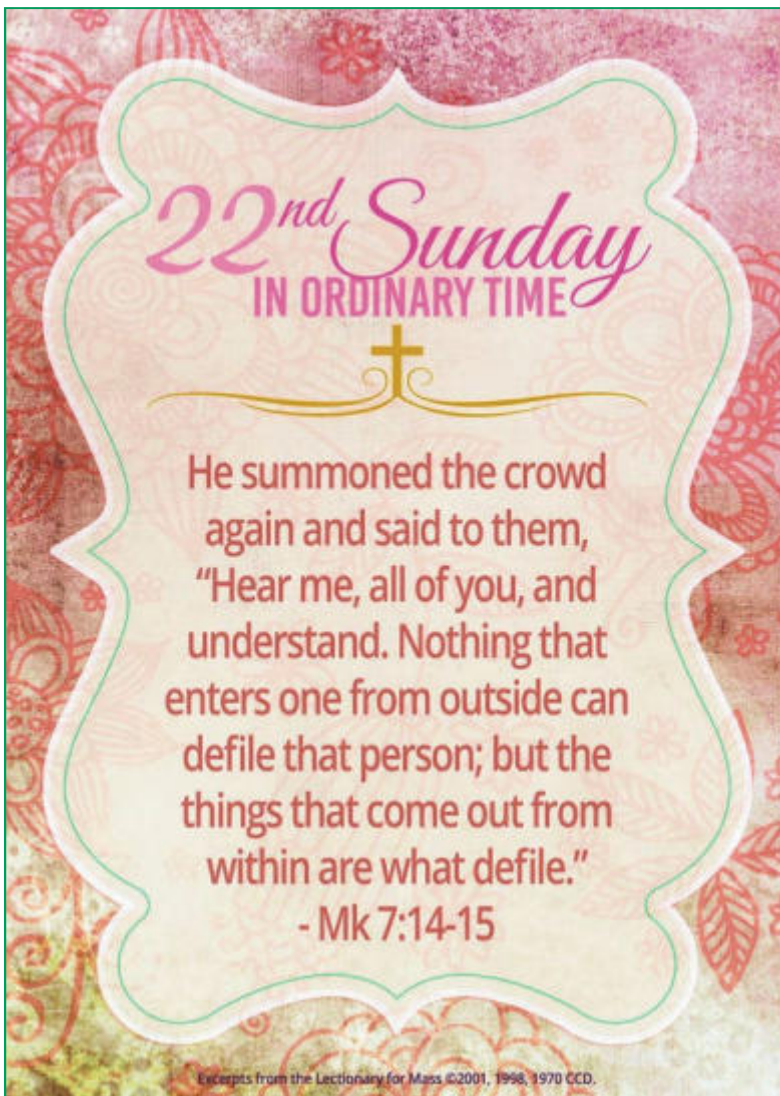
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
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Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster



AUGUST 29, 2021

22ND 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 28, SUNDAY VIGIL

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

E-Chris Korab

L-Chris Tomaszewski

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 22ND 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

MONDAY, AUGUST 30, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **BETTY GENE COBURN** (M/M Tom Traut)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **MARY JEAN BAK** (Bak Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **AMANDA PHILPOTT** (Larry & Maria Burgett)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:15 † **DELLA BARCZYK** (Altar & Rosary Society)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **HARRIET CHRULSKI** (Sisters/Family)

E-Marilyn Barnard

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **FRANK DAVOLI** (Anna Broz)

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz

L-Bob Stockhausen

S-Mike Davis, Lenore Hales

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Dean Mason

L-Ann Cecys

S-Bob Clotz, Zoey Pol

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**

What makes a person wise and intelligent? Certainly, it is not the ability to memorize facts or minute details about a situation. What makes a person wise and intelligent is when their words and actions harmoniously unite and produce virtue. A person can know many facts and even do the right actions but still have a grave flaw in their character. We sometimes want to delude ourselves into thinking that as long as we are "doing" everything correctly, we are automatically in right relationship with all. Such is sadly not the case in the kingdom of God. We are called not to be just hearers of the Word, but doers as well. That means getting to the heart of what laws and rituals are meant to signify and nurture. If we do not bring the actions home, where they belong, and allow them to speak of the goodness, mercy, compassion, and love of God, then they are simply empty worthless gestures. Welcome the Word that has been planted within you so that you can be a truly wise and intelligent disciple of Jesus Christ.

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August 28	Dads Group neighborhood ice cream social after Mass.
September 1	A & R mtg. 1:00pm at the rectory Choir practice 7pm
September 6	Labor Day 9:00am Mass Office closed

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.



Welcome Back!

After one and a half years of not having Altar & Rosary meetings, we are looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, at 1:00 pm at the rectory.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for August 22	\$5,052.00
Difference of this week	-448.00
Faith & Value Collection	\$566.00
Envelopes used this week	183



If you are able, please continue to give your weekly offerings and put the amount on the envelope.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

† We remember in our prayers the families of Loretta Matakovich and Clarence Dorsz. May their souls rest in the peace of Christ.

Readings for the week of August 29, 2021

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
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11 [10]/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2]/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2b]/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 [6]/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

First Reading:

In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. (Dt 4:2)

Psalm:

The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord. (Ps 15)

Second Reading:

Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. (Jas 1:22)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." (Mk 7:8)

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Albert Einstein said that the "true measure of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination." Being a disciple of Jesus Christ requires a great deal of imagination. It is not enough to simply attend to facts, rules and rituals and consider the job done. Quite contrarily, the Gospels demands creativity, of trying to discern how to put flesh on the Beatitudes and properly serve God's children. Jesus never doled out a top down agenda. Not once did he ever demand conformity over conversion or sacrifice over mercy. The Gospel is always about putting people in touch with their compassionate, forgiving, and unconditionally loving God and meeting them where they are.

For Jesus, it often meant breaking a few rules. Well respected and time-honored traditions had to be set aside in order to attend to what really mattered. God's compassion, mercy and true conversion were always the trump cards. The story of the Good Samaritan, healing on the Sabbath, and bypassing of purification rituals all display this theme. Human beings can get too hung up on protocol and tradition. This is so much so that often preserving all of these things is of greater concern than the beggar knocking on our door or the sinner looking for mercy. It is no wonder, then, that we can easily become hypocritical. Many can see us on our knees in prayer while our true heart and actions, rooted in judgment and self-preservation, are hidden from others. It is a trap into which we can easily fall. Who cares how we live our lives as long as our hands are properly washed!

Here enters the need for imagination and the distinction of truly being a wise and intelligent person. It takes a good measure of creativity and a lot of guts to really be a doer of God's word and not merely a hearer. Being a person who doesn't just tell people about God but shows people God requires courage and ingenuity. That's why people like St. Francis of Assisi and St. Teresa of Calcutta are timeless. Their genuineness speaks volumes generation to generation. It's risky business taking the step to allow God into our hearts. Permitting God to release us from the grip of our evil thoughts, infidelity, greed, malice, sexual improprieties, licentiousness, envy, arrogance, folly, and the like takes courage. That's why we prefer to spend our energy rearranging the future rather than take measures to secure a foundation that is most certainly crumbling.

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Back to School Blessing

Heavenly Father,
You sent us your Son.
How great is your goodness.
How great is your love.

Now, as we send our children back to school, we trust again in your care for them. Let them see clearly that which is good and reject all evil. Bless their teachers – guide their hearts. May our children learn and grow, always in your sight and under your protection. Let us teach them how to stand firm upon convictions yet be merciful and kind.

Guide them, oh Lord. Bless them. Pour out your loving grace. Let your glory shine in their lives. And when they suffer, let us understand how to comfort them without hindering your character-building process.

You are the architect of a holy life. Build our children up according to your will.

O loving Lord, our children are yours since the beginning of time. Thank you for their lives.

Bless and protect their souls.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Welcome
Back to
School!

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!

Spiritual Adoption

The babies we are praying for have already had an incredible 5-month journey. They are now 8 -10 inches long, and weigh about one pound, about the size of a bell pepper or banana. Soft hair is beginning to grow on the head, and downy hair called lanugo covers the body. Mothers begin to feel their babies move at this age. The internal organs are maturing, and eyebrows, eyelids, and eyelashes appear. Babies begin to suck their thumbs as a preparation for feeding when born. Babies this age have been able to survive outside the womb, with medical assistance. An incredible new video of prenatal development can be viewed at babyolivia.com

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