

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
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

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021
23RD 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, 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 Cecyc

S-Bob Clotz, Zoey Pol

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, LABOR DAY

9:00 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-David Arredondo

L-Marti Stalinski

S-Lenore Hales, Maria Bak

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:30 † **ANITA SCHUELLER** (Pat Smardino)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, ST. PETER CLAVER

8:15 † **KRYSZYNA & MICHAL LISZKA** (Sobilo Family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **JOHN JAWORSKI** (Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; GRANDPARENTS' DAY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Bob Davis

L-Sue Borman

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelski

10:30 † **JIM, ANITA, JACK SCHUELLER** (Family)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Ed Chavez

S-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

Life can be challenging and frightening. Sometimes, it really hurts to be a human being. We face brokenness of all kinds: physical, emotional, and spiritual. For no apparent reason, life can quickly fall apart. What we knew to be familiar is gone and something we relied upon is taken away. We are left sitting with our incompleteness and swimming in the pools of our sadness. Be strong! Fear not! These admonitions flow from the mouths of prophets and are echoed by Jesus. It is difficult to trust that restoration, healing, and rejuvenation will one day come, and remain steadfast in our faith. But we are here because of a God who loves us, not as the result of a random occurrence. When we reach for that truth about who we are and who God is, life changes for us. We are healed from our old distorted way of seeing things. Our eyes, heart, and soul are opened to the beauty and magnificence of life. The pulse of our loving Creator is felt in all things and we can't wait for God to come and touch us again. God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. He has done all things well.



September 6 Labor Day, Mass at 9:00am
Office closed
September 7 Education 7pm/Heritage 7:30pm
September 8 Choir rehearsal 7pm
September 12 Eucharist Devotions after 10:30 Mass



**LABOR DAY
9:00 AM MASS SEPTEMBER 6, 2021.
BLESS THE WORK OF OUR HANDS!**



*****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.**

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for August 29	\$5,332.00
Difference of this week	-168.00



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 September 5, 2021

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Monday: Col 1:24-2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9 [8]/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 [9]/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [6]/Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5]/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [2]/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

First Reading:

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened,
the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing. (Is 35:5-6)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? (Jas 2:5)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"He has done all things well.
He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak." (Mk 7:37)

REFLECTION

From the time we are born into this world until we die, our human radar picks up signals about how to respond to life. What we picked up on when we were very young carries an even greater power. The messages we receive and process tell us what we are "supposed" to do with our feelings, how to understand and cope with disappointment, anxiety, failure, death, illness, and what to expect out of life. As life unfolds for us, these radar messages kick in and resonate in us at very deep levels. Sometimes what we have learned is helpful and sometimes it is not. The stories we have been told, especially when we are young, about how life is best lived and how to negotiate its pain carry a heavy weight.

If we cease doing battle with life's incompleteness and see ourselves, as God does, on a journey toward wholeness and completeness we can better accept our disappointments and stand firm. The prophets told us, and Jesus reassured us: Be strong! Fear not! Sometimes we have to update our stories and replace them with newer, more accurate ones. When we make God's story our own and tune our radar into His voice, what we hear is all about restoration, healing, and rejuvenation! This is true even when we think we have hit rock bottom and can go no further. There is always hope. Remember the words of Julian of Norwich: God made us, God loves us, and God keeps us. Now, listen to God when He says, "be opened!" Be healed and allow your stories to change.

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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.



On Sunday, September 12, we will celebrate the birthday of our Blessed Mother, September 8, 2021, and our parish's feast day with Eucharistic Devotions. At the end of the 10:30 am Mass, we will have Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament for adoration until the 5:00pm closing service; Fr. Keller will be the presider. Sign-up sheets for prayer slots are located on the piano. Please spend some time with our Lord and be blessed in His Presence.



Please continue to pray for Fr. Bob. He thanks you from the bottom of his heart for all the prayers, gifts, and cards.



Labor Day Blessing

This day has its foundation in the union organizing history of our country and the rise of the workers to strive for a better life. Let us remember to day all those who labored to obtain for us the right to work in a safe environment with decent wages.

Let us pray...

Lord of work and play, we pray to you today.
 You worked for six days,
 creating all that we see and sense around us.
 On the seventh day you rested
 and saw that everything you had made was good.
 Today on our national day of rest from labor,
 we thank you for the gift of leisure,
 and remember all who have gone before us,
 working hard, long hours without break and good pay
 so that we can appreciate the gifts of family and friends
 and enjoy safety and prosperity in the work of our hands.
Amen.

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!

A Thought from the Education Commission

For me, life is the most beautiful gift of God to mankind, therefore people and nations who destroy life by abortion and euthanasia are the poorest. I do not say legal or illegal, but I think that no human hand should be raised to kill life, since life is God's life in us, even in an unborn child.

St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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