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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
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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 Northeim

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 24TH 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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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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 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 :3 † 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:15 † THERESA SCROFANO & MARGARET PASTOR

(Bob & Donna Pastor)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, OUR LADY OF SORROWS

6:30 † DOUGLAS SWARTZ (Christine Batkiewicz)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, STS. CORNELIUS, AND CYPRIAN

8:15 † WALTER & VICTORIA KORAB (Daughters)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, ST. ROBERT BELLARMIN

8:15 † KEN LIEBFRIED (Marge & Carl Thomas)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Chris Korab

L-Karen Slavik

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

8:30 † INTENTION OF CELEBRANT

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Bob Pastor

S-Mike Davis, Lenore Hales

10:30 † CHET & LEO STAWICKI, IRENE McCARTNEY,

LILLIAN WEBER (Nieces)

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Dean Mason

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

Rest in the presence of God simply because God is God and you are you. This is all that is necessary. Out of this relationship will come inspiration, understanding, courage, constancy, truth, and virtues of all kind. We will find ourselves knowing the true meaning of things and developing a depth of insight that is not found following purely human venues. It is God who inspires and opens human hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, we understand all of our relationships with a richer appreciation and come to know who Jesus, who speaks of God's kingdom, really is. The trust that is fostered from resting with the Divine One allows us to see that God's ways are not our ways. There is something bigger going on in this picture of life. It is something mystical and magical that seeks to surprise us at every turn. It is not for us to cling to this world and its limitations. Our adventure is to dream bigger and brighter, realizing that it is even in suffering that the radiant light of the dawn will come. God's ways allow for our paths to be rocky, challenging, difficult, and even crippling at times. Purely human eyes cannot understand the 'why' of such experiences. The eyes and mind of God, however, reveal and detail a journey that ends in glorious resurrection joy. When we lose our axis and become too human in our thinking, Jesus rebukes us and gently reminds us how to see.

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| September 11 | We remember 9-11-01! |
| September 12 | Eucharistic Devotion of our Lord after the 10:30 Mass. Closing service at 5:00 with Fr. Keller |
| September 15 | Choir rehearsal 7pm |
| September 16 | Dad's Group 6:30pm |

Pro-Life Mass, Rosary & Candlelight Procession

Please join us in prayer for an end to abortion and for world peace. This grace-filled evening will take place at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 41295 North Ridge Rd., Tuesday, October 5th. Mass will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Rosary and a beautiful candlelight procession to the outdoor shrine of Our Lady of Fatima. Refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome to attend!

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

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| Amount needed per week | \$5,500.00 |
| Collection for September 5 | \$7,222.50 |
| Difference of this week | +1,722.50 |



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 12, 2021

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Jas 2:14-18/
Mk 8:27-35
Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [1Cor 11:26b]/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [2]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10 [2]/Lk 7:36-50
Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3
Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2]/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37

First Reading:

I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield
from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:8)

Psalm:

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)
Or Alleluia.

Second Reading:

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,
if someone says he has faith but does not have works?
Can that faith save him? (Jas 2:14)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

And he asked them,
"But who do you say that I am?"
Peter said to him in reply,
"You are the Christ." (Mk 8:29)
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We need to get our bearings straight and properly lay life's cornerstone. Otherwise, the rest of our journey will be skewed, and our judgment clouded. We can recall Jesus' famous rebuke of Peter, "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Even he, as one of Jesus' closest friends struggles with understanding things and grasping the big picture. Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881-1955) a renowned and learned French Jesuit priest often has these words attributed to him: "We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Whether they were actually from his lips, they certainly mimic his thought. These wise words orient us and capture the essence of who we really are.

Many people consider spirituality an option. It is no wonder that they come to this conclusion when they predominantly define themselves using human terms and concepts. Immersed in this world view, they struggle finding any semblance of God because God does not work according to human expectations! This is especially true when suffering and death enter life's picture. If we are only human beings having a spiritual experience, then we wrongly expect our spirituality to serve us as we desire. The human expectation is that my spiritual life is something that is useful in avoiding pain, hardship, and death, not something that gives the courage to live through it!

So, when we protest and get upset with God because our journey is becoming difficult, painful, treacherous, disappointing, and even pointing us toward death, Jesus rebukes us as he did Peter and gently reminds us how to see. It is God who inspires and opens hearts to see truth and beauty. In God, the true meaning of things is understood, and we receive a depth of insight and understanding that is not found following purely human paths. It is not our task to understand God, as God is beyond human understanding. Ours is the joyful privilege of simply resting in God's presence simply because God is God and we are who we are. As spiritual beings having an exciting and adventurous human experience, it is in our DNA to do so. Through prayer we can let go and let be. This is how we lose our lives but then save them.

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Fr. Robert J. Glepe

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

Prayer for Peace

I think we all remember where we were on 9/11. We saw the tower fall and we saw the selfless first responders run toward the falling towers and debris without concern for their well-being, but for that of the fallen men and women. This is the model of patriotism, and why we now celebrate Patriot Day. Let us pray...



O God of selfless love,
 we are a blest people to have a god like you.
 You instill your love for us
 into the hearts of your human creatures.
 Even if those human creatures do not acknowledge you,
 your love for us still shines through.
 We ask your blessing upon all first responders today
 and ask you to protect them and their families.
 Help us love people of all nations, races, and creeds,
 which will bring about the end to wars and terrorism.
 We ask all this in your peace.
Amen.

➡ **Grandparents Day, Sunday, September 12, 2021**

Our Lady of Sorrows
 SEPTEMBER 15



The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. The Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight into Egypt
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary meets Jesus Carrying the Cross
5. The Crucifixion—Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross
6. Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus
7. The Burial of Jesus and Closing of the Tomb.

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