

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 Northeim

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 25TH 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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, STS. ANDREW KIN TAE-GÖN AND

PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG

8:15 † EDMUND BAK (Bak Family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, WEEKDAY

6:30 † JOHN BARCZYK (Tom Barczyk Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

8:15 † JOANN GARRIS (Trudy Smith)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, WEEKDAY

8:15 † LORETTA WYNESKI (Nancy Wyneski)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † SOPHIA MAZIARZ (Susan & Edward Dziubek)

- E-Dolores Romanski
- L-Bill Rusin
- S-Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

- E-Mike Davis
 - L-Mary Jo Mathewson
 - S-Lenore Hales
- 10:30 † LANA HUMMEL (Nativity Choir & Bell Choir)
- E-Maureen Flynn
 - L-Michele Arredondo
 - S-Sydney & Conor Nowak, 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.

† We remember in our prayers the family of Elaine Daub-Dotson whose funeral was celebrated September 10,2021. May her soul rest in the peace of Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY—INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

What does it mean to be God's servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God's firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world's eyes but first in God's.

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September 20 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
Prayer service 7pm
September 22 Choir rehearsal 7pm
September 23 *Parish Council mtg. 7pm

ROSARY COAST TO COAST AT NATIVITY

Our parish will once again participate in *Rosary Coast to Coast*, a prayer rally uniting Catholics across the U.S. and the world, to call upon God through the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Rosary, to heal our country and return it to holiness and to pray for our community, church, families, and life on Sunday, October 13th at 4:00 p.m.

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

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for September 12	\$5,149.00
Difference of this week	-351.00



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 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/
Lk 9:43b-45
Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

First Reading:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death; for according to his own words, God will take care of him. (Wis 2:20)

Psalm:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

Second Reading:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men and they will kill him, and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."

(Mk 9:31)

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REFLECTION

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

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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.

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!

Upcoming **Marriage Encounter** Enrichment Overnight Seminar held in Solon. Upcoming Dates: Oct 15-17,2021. Attendees' personal testimony- "Mary and I have been married for 25 years and we thought we communicated like pros- or at least better than our friends. Thanks to our Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend we have improved our communication enormously- and it has helped us relate better with our children, too". It's a positive, private experience between husband and wife that revitalizes marriage. Make a weekend! Application fee \$75, scholarships available. Contact: www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call Chris & Lisa at 330-305-9963 to see how your marriage could benefit.

A little humor:

-On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD; Dr. Hargreaves is better.

-Barbara remains in the hospital and needs blood donors for more transfusions. She is also having trouble sleeping and requests tapes of Pastor Nelson's sermons.

-Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

-Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

-Next Sunday Mrs. Vinson will be soloist for the morning service. The pastor will then speak on "It's a Terrible Experience."

-The pastor will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing, "Break Forth Into Joy."

-Bertha Belch, a missionary from Africa, will be speaking tonight at Calvary Methodist. Come hear Bertha Belch all the way from Africa.

-The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

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