

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
Secretary: Ms. Deborah Poltrone
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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



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2021 26TH 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 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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, ST. VINCENT de PAUL

8:15 † **JANICE BOZICEVICH** (Shirley, Tom, Beth)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

6:30 † **JACK BROZ** (Wife-Anna & Family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, ST. JEROME

8:15 † **PATRICK READY** (John & Cathy Sekletar)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, ST. THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS

8:15 † **ANNA BUGARA** (Granddaughter)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, SUNDAY VIGIL; THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

4:00 † **VERONICA MICHALSKI** (Shirley, Tom, Beth)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Marti Stalinski

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Sue Borman

10:30 † **MARK DRAG** (Bronistawa Soloim)

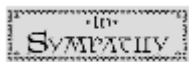
E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Dean Mason

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 Deacon Robert J. Matoney, Jr. On 1 July of 2003, he was assigned to serve St. Dominic Parish, Shaker Hts. On 1 July 2016, Deacon Matoney concluded his assignment at St. Dominic Parish and retired.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated September 25, 2021. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.



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.

HELPING HANDS OF NATIVITY CARES

Through your generosity, we were able to assist those in need, with 81 food and gas vouchers in the amount of \$4,050 for the months of July, August and September.

Many thanks for your kind response to our request last month for specialty food items for the First Lutheran food pantry. The number of items received was overwhelming and much appreciated.

Please remember that any and all non-perishable items are welcomed. Keep the list we provided last month and donate as you are able.

Our food collection is always the last weekend of each month. May God bless you for your compassionate and caring ways.



September 27 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
 September 29 Choir rehearsal 7pm
 September 30 Worship mtg. 7pm

Spiritual Adoption

Our babies have been receiving our love and prayers for six months now! A baby born prematurely now is likely to survive, although the closer he or she is to full term, the better. Please keep praying for the health of the baby and the mother!

Our babies are now about 1 1/3 pounds. He or she is almost a foot long, about the length of an ear of corn. His or her body is filling out proportionally and will soon start to plump up. The brain is also growing quickly now. Baby's lungs are developing "branches" of the respiratory "tree" as well as cells that produce surfactant, a substance that will help the air sacs inflate once he or she enters the outside world. Baby's skin is still thin and translucent, but that will start to change soon. Baby's eyelids will open this month, and he or she will respond to loud noises. The baby can also differentiate between different tastes in food that his or her mother eats!

Our Awesome God is in the details of all life!

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for September 19	\$4,504.25
Difference of this week	-999.75
Hurricane Ida Collection	\$1,007.00
Envelopes used this week	171



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 26, 2021

Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

First Reading:

But Moses answered him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!" (Nm 11:29)

Psalm:

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart. (Ps 19)

Second Reading:

Your wealth has rotted away, your clothes have become moth-eaten, your gold and silver have become corroded, and that corrosion will be a testimony against you; it will devour your flesh like fire." (Jas 5:3)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire." (Mk 9:43)

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises." Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.

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

ROSARY COAST TO COAST AT NATIVITY

Please join Nativity Parish and a multitude of prayer warriors worldwide, as we participate in Rosary Coast to Coast, a prayer rally uniting Catholics across the U.S. and the world. We'll call upon God through the powerful intercession of our Lady of the Rosary, for the sanctity of human life and our families, for the healing of our country and its return to God and to Holiness, and peace in our world. We will come together Sunday, October 10th at 4:00 p.m. in church. Gatherings will take place simultaneously across all U.S. time zones. Let us turn to the powerful prayer of the Holy Rosary.

"The rosary is the 'weapon' for these times." – St. Padre Pio

School Supply Donations

Nativity Cares would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all who so generously donated school supplies for children in our neighborhood community. Your donations have ensured that students who could otherwise not afford such supplies will now have those items for their use at the beginning of the school year.

May God bless you for caring about the needs of others.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What do Catholics believe about the resurrection of the dead?

Answer:

Every Sunday, we proclaim in the Creed that we believe "in the resurrection of the body." Does that mean Christ's resurrection or our own? Both! Jesus' resurrection is part of the work of salvation, but it's also a sign of what's to come. While death separates our bodies and our souls, this was not the intention of God when He first created us. It's an effect of original sin. At the end of time, our bodies and our souls will be reunited.

Scientifically, we may have questions about this, since bodies decompose over the course of centuries. Or what about the saints, whose relics are spread around the earth? How the resurrection will happen is a mystery. But we know that our resurrected body will be our body. If we are in heaven, our body will be in a glorified state. Some theologians speculate what this glorification will be like based on Jesus' resurrected body. Will we be able to walk through walls? Will we eat, since Jesus broke bread with his disciples? We don't really know the answers to these questions. We do know, however, that we will be free from the effects of the fall (such as sickness and pain) and physical defects that occurred in life. Christ redeems us as whole persons, body and soul!

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