

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Roman Catholic

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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

OCTOBER 17, 2021
29TH 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, OCTOBER 16, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † TED TOKARCZYK (Family)

E-David Arredondo

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Mike Davis

L-Mary Jo Mathewson

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † FR. EDWARD LUCA (Maureen Flynn)

E-Chris Korab

L-Sherry Gimben

S-Lowman Family, Zoey Pol

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, ST. LUKE

8:15 † JACK BROZ (Wife-Anna & Family)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

6:30 † MARGARET COSTIN (Family)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, WEEKDAY

8:15 † LORETTA WYNESKI (Wayne & Linda Mueller)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, ST. JOHN PAUL II, POPE

8:15 † SOPHIA MAZIARZ (Susan & Edward Dziubek)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † NATIVITY PARISHIONERS

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

8:30 † LORETTA, RUDY, JOHN WYNESKI (Jack & Denise Meindl)

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz

L-Bob Pastor

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelski

10:30 † LORRAINE & SAM POLTRONE (Daughter)

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Bob Clotz

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.

Annual Mass in Polish

Fr. George Kusy will be the main celebrant of the annual Mass in Polish at 3:00 Sunday, October 17, here at Nativity. Please bring your friends and relatives to this beautiful, sung Liturgy, which fulfills your Sunday obligation. Refreshments will be served outside after words, weather permitting.

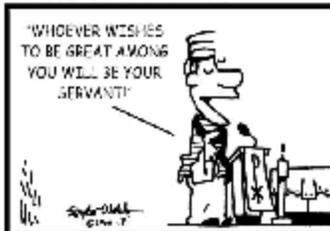


WEDDING BANNES

II Timothy Smith
and
Caitlin Barnes

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.

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 17 Mass in Polish 3:00pm
 October 18 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
 Prayer service 7pm
 October 20 Choir rehearsal
 October 21 Finance mtg. 7pm
 Dad's Group 6:30pm



St. John Paul II | Feast Day October 22

St. John Paul II was born Karol Wojtyla in the small Polish town of Wadowice. During World War II, when the Nazis invaded Poland, Karol secretly studied for the priesthood in an underground seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1946, appointed Archbishop of Krakow in 1964, and three years later he was made a cardinal. In 1978, he was elected the 264th pope, where he took the name John Paul II.

St. John Paul II made evangelization a key part of his papacy and made pastoral visits to all parts of the world. In 1981, he was shot twice in an assassination attempt. Following Jesus' example of compassion, he later met with his would-be assassin in his prison cell, where he forgave him for what he had done. St. John Paul II was well-known to be an active sportsman throughout his life, hiking and skiing well into his 60s. In 1992, his health began to decline, and it was later discovered that he suffered from Parkinson's disease, a degenerative disorder of the central nervous system.

Near the end of his papacy, it became difficult for him to speak, and his poor health and physical suffering made public appearances difficult. Still, he continued his pastoral work. He died April 2, 2005, and he was declared blessed on May 1, 2011. He became a saint on April 27, 2014.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for October 10	\$6,279.00
Difference of this week	+779.00
Envelopes used this week	215



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 October 17, 2021

Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/
 Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45
 Monday: 2 Tm 4:10-17/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Lk 10:1-9
 Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15, 17-19, 20-21/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 17 [8 and 9]/
 Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8]/Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Rom 7:18-25/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68]/Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9
 Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Heb 5:1-6/
 Mk 10:46-52

First Reading:

If he gives his life as an offering for sin, he shall see his descendants in a long life. (Is 53:10)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help. (Heb 4:16)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."

(Mk 10:45)

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Gospel Meditation

"What do you wish me to do for you?" Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It's an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today's Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God's attention. That's not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It's a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God's kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God's Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words "thy will be done" will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God's eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God's definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It's the positions of power and great authority that people often admire. We equate success with six figure incomes, high positions, management, and influence. We even go above and beyond to find favor with our bosses so that we can get a little extra recognition and maybe the next promotion when it comes up. This is the way of the world. Those who have their values set on earthly things are going to work by earthly rules. We forget that it doesn't work that way in the Kingdom of God. Success is measured not from the place of status, influence, or prestige but from the place of humility, service, and sacrifice. The authority that one hopes to achieve is not an authority over others but an authority that comes from wisdom and developing one's relationship with God. Jesus flips the tables on our priorities. Even the first disciples had a tough time understanding this. They really thought that they would somehow receive a privilege or bonus from being faithful. We often operate under that same illusion.

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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.

What do you say when a friend says their prayers are not being answered?

The Question: What do I say when a friend tells me they have prayed and prayed for something, but their prayers were not answered? Now they are giving up on God.

The three responses:

A few years ago, a homilist gave a short reflection on his own experience of prayer: "Prayer may be about our needs, but it should never be about our wants. Prayer is an honest conversation in communion with God. It is simply receiving God's gift of love. The answer to our prayers becomes the life we lead for God, for there are only three responses given by God to prayer: 'yes,' 'not yet,' and 'I have a better idea.'"

You will notice "no" is not an option.

Not yet

When our prayer is not answered immediately, perseverance and persistence are required. One way of understanding prayer is to think of each prayer as a seed. The Gospel of Mark teaches us that the fruits of prayer may not be realized instantly. The seed first produces the blade, then the ear and finally the ripe wheat in the ear, all typically out of the sight and control of the farmer who planted the seed.

In addition, the parable of the sower might be helpful. (MT 13) Sometimes, in order for our prayer to be fruitful, we need to sow it, take care to water, and tend to it, all the while trusting that the seed will grow of its own accord and on its own timeline. If we instead try to force this growth, we will succeed only in preventing it altogether. If we sow our prayer only to then "dig it up" incessantly with worry and doubt, it will never take root. Nor does it serve us to enthusiastically look for any signs that point to our prayer being answered on to give up hope at the first sign of delay.

I have a better idea

When our prayer seems to have gone unanswered, we are called to consider that God may have a better idea. This calls for discernment and, ultimately, our surrender.

After celebrating the Last Supper, Jesus went to Gethsemane to pray. Matthew's Gospel tells us that he began to feel sorrow and distress and prayed, "My father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me." (26:39) Of course, we know the cup he was referring to was the Passion of the cross. Three different times, Jesus repeated his prayer. Luke's Gospel says that Jesus "was in such agony and he prayed so fervently that his sweat became like drops of blood falling on the ground." (22:44) Yet, Jesus' prayer went seemingly unanswered as the cup of his death did not in fact pass.

What can you do?

How can you help your friend at this difficult time? Accompany him or her along every step of the spiritual journey. Pray with your friend. Encourage your friend to be persistent in prayer, and demonstrate your trust in God's faithfulness. We must show up to prayer, even more so amid distraction and dryness, with a humble and honest heart that pleads with Father for our needs, but says, with Jesus, "not my will, but your will be done."

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