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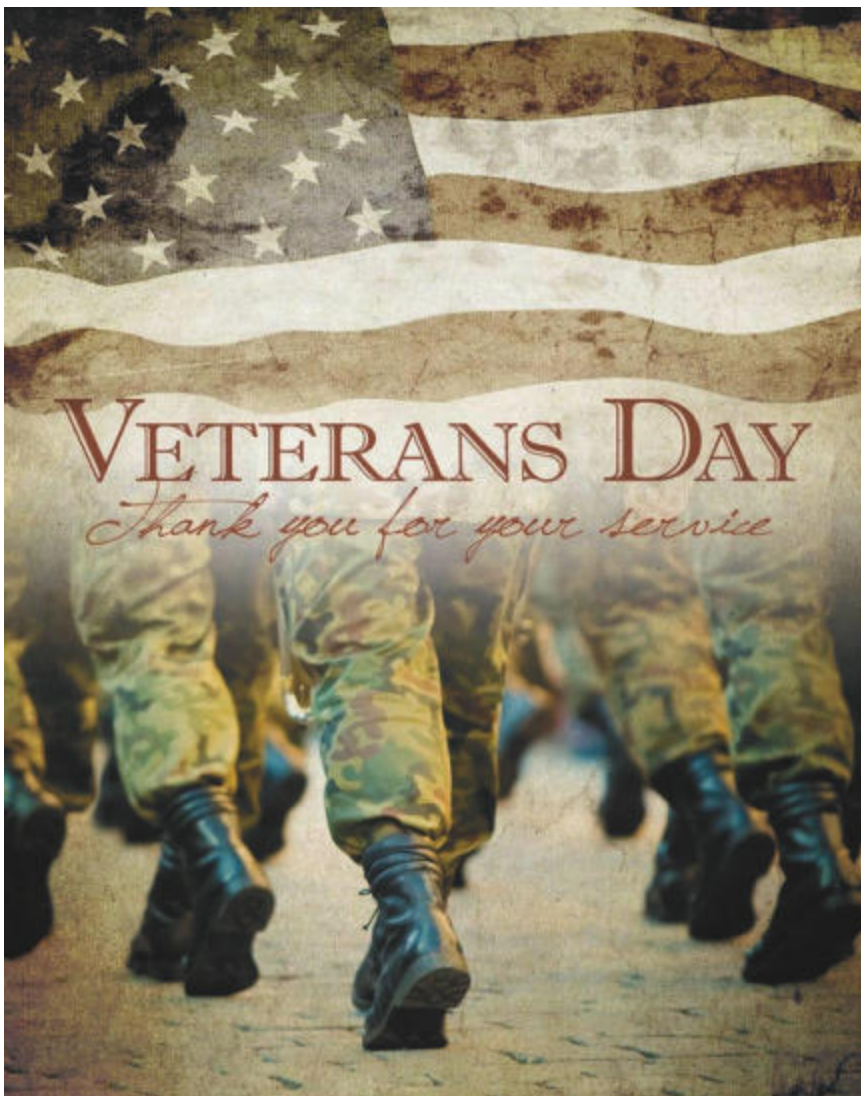
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MASS SCHEDULE

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



NOVEMBER 7, 2021 32ND 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, NOVEMBER 6, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **JOHN R. STOWE** (W. D. Stowe Family)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME;

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK; DAYLIGHT

SAVING TIME ENDS

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Marilyn Muskiewicz

L-Mike Davis

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † **CHRIS HARTLE** (Choir)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Karen Slavik

S-Bob Clotz

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **FRANK DAVOLI** (Gary & Pamela Baker)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, ST. LEO THE GREAT

6:30 † **LANA HUMMEL** (Golab Family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, ST. MARTIN OF TOURS;

VETERANS DAY

8:15 † **AMANDA PHILPOT** (Parents-Larry & Maria Burgett)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, ST. JOSAPHAT

8:15 † **JERRY & BARBARA GOLISZEWSKI** (Galik Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, SUNDAY VIGIL;

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

4:00 † **DONNA HOBART** (Petit & Lawrence Families)

E-Marilyn Barnard

L-Ann Cecys

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mike Davis

L-Bob Davis

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † **JOHN WHITE, SUE NELSEN, BOB & MARGE GRUGEL**

(Jim & Bobbi White)

E-Peggy Kernohan

L-Bob Stockhausen

S-Bob Clotz, 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the proscribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

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November 7 Clocks back 1 hour
 *Christmas Toy collection starts
 November 8 Children's choir 5:30/PSR 6:30pm
 November 9 Education 7pm/Heritage 7:30pm
 November 10 Choir practice 7pm
 November 13/14 Right to Life Signature Ad Campaign

This years Annual **Christmas Toy Drive**, we will be collecting **NEW TOYS** all thru the month of November. The last collection will be November 27 & 28. Our toy coordinator Monica will take them to Salvation Army which is where we have donated for the past few years. Thank you in advance for your generosity, in giving this Christmas a local child joy.

The Knights of Columbus James L. Martin Council #637, is conducting a Coats for Kids drive the month of November. The Knights are looking for monetary donations. The coats will be purchased by the Knights from local stores and be distributed to the needy children in Lorain's five parishes. You may send your donation/check to the following address:

James L. Martin Council #637
4720 Oberlin Avenue
Lorain, OH 44053



Write in the **memo line Coats for Kids**

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week.....	\$5,500.00
Collection for October 31	\$5,672.00
Difference of this week	+172.00
Envelopes used this week	221



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 November 7, 2021

Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/
 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44
 Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
 Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
 Thursday: Wis 7:22b-8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
 Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
 Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/
 Lk 18:1-8
 Next Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
 Mk 13:24-32

First Reading:

She left and did as Elijah had said.
 She was able to eat for a year, and he and her son as well;
 the jar of flour did not go empty,
 nor the jug of oil run dry,
 as the LORD had foretold through Elijah. (1 Kgs 17:15-16)

Psalm:

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)
 or: Alleluia

Second Reading:

But now once for all he has appeared at the end of the ages to take away sin by his sacrifice. (Heb 9:26)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." (Mk 12:43-44)

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On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts."

Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns.

The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

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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.

National Vocation Awareness Week

We all have a call to further the kingdom of God, whether that is as a priest, deacon, married, or a single person. Each has a call from God and the community to live out our lives in service to another. What is your call?

This week the Church celebrates "National Vocation Awareness Week" (www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week.cfm). What will you do to support and sustain your call to the mission of Christ and the call of others?

Let us pray...

God, who called to the people of Israel, hear our prayer. You have called each of us to be the hands and feet of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Help us to tune our ears to your call, the small voice that is always asking us to help spread your good news.

We humbly ask that you endow us with the knowledge and skills to help others to see that you are Lord and God.

We ask this through Christ our Lord and brother, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Amen

LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

The weekend of November 13 & 14, 2021, after all Masses in the church near the piano, we will be accepting signatures for the Lorain County Right to Life Billboard Campaign and Signature Ad Campaign. These ads will appear in the local papers, the billboards throughout the county, and the signatures online at Lorain County Right to Life website on or about January 22, 2022, the 49th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion-on-demand for all 9 months of pregnancy. A donation of \$5.00 per name line is appreciated to help defray the costs of the ads and billboards.

National Pro-Life Prayer Initiative for All Christians

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops is encouraging all Catholics and Christians to unite in prayer for the upcoming Supreme Court decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, to be heard on December 1. There is a National Prayer Event on Thursday, November 18, at 8:00pm. We will gather in church to participate in the broadcast of this event, uniting with Christians across America. If you are not able to join us in church, you may register to watch the event at home at prayfordobbs.com. Please pray very hard that the Supreme Court will issue a decision which protects women and children from the violence of abortion. Please see the bulletin insert for more information.



Prayer for Veterans

Heavenly Father, on this day, help us remember those who gave of themselves to keep us safe and secure. Enkindle in our consciences a desire to serve those who served their country selflessly. Give us the grace to aid those who have given aid and protection to us and others both here and overseas.

Let us never forget the causes for which they fought or the bravery they showed on the battlefield.

May we be always be mindful of those who paid the price for our freedom, just as your Son gave his life to free us from the bondage of sin.

Amen.

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