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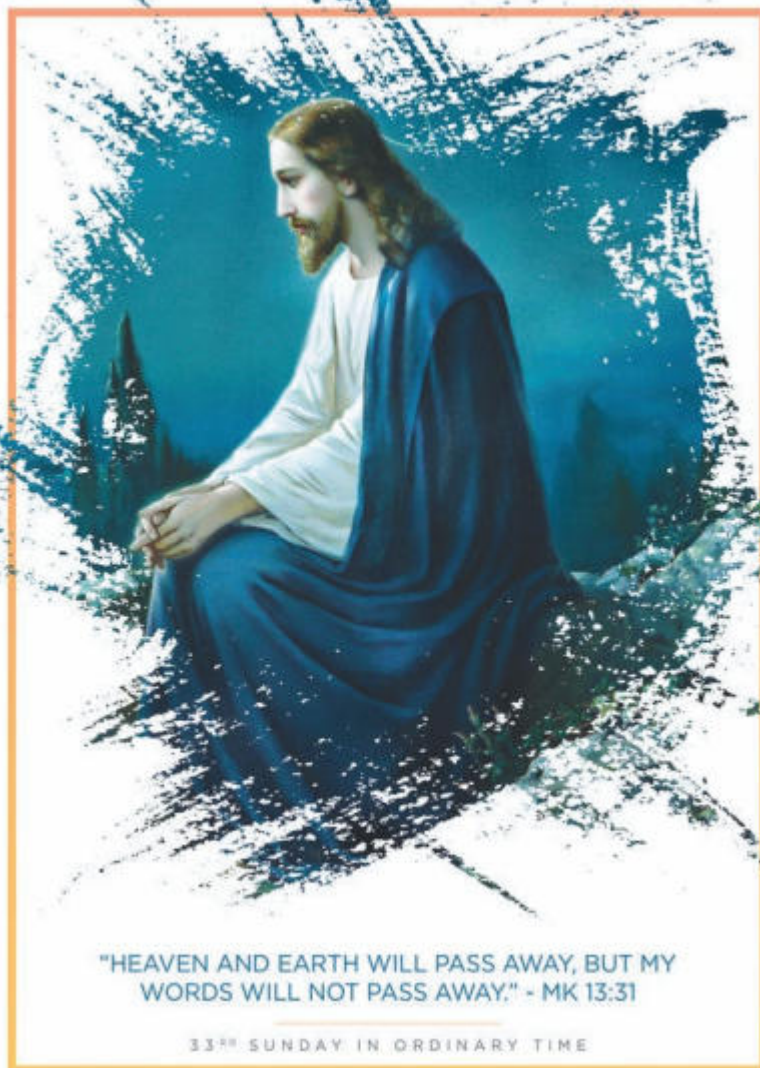
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MASS SCHEDULE

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 14, 2021
33RD 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 13, SUNDAY VIGIL:

ST. FRANCIS 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, ST. ALBERT THE GREAT,

8:15 † **JOHN JAWORSKI** (The Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

6:30 † **HARRIET CHRULSKI** (Sisters)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, THE DEDICATION OF THE

BASILICAS OF STS. PETER AND PAUL;

ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE

8:15 † **DR. DAVID ANDRZEJEWSKI** (Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **SOPHIA MAZIARZ** (Susan & Edmund Dziubek)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **JEANETTE LESHINSKI** (Family)

E-Chris Korab

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Karen Slavik

L-Carl Snezek

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelsk

10:30 † **ANNE GODLEWSKI** (Family)

E-Dean Mason

L-Michele Arredondo

S-Lowman Family

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
 Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.

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- November 13/14 Right to Life Signature Ad Campaign
"New" Toy Collection
- November 15 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
Prayer service 7pm
- November 17 Choir 7pm
- November 18 Parish Council 7pm
Dads Group 6:30pm
- November 20 Fr. Bob's 45th Ordination Anniversary!
- November 20/21 "New" Toy Collection

LORAIN COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE

Please sign up today for the Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad and Billboard Campaign after all Masses near the piano in the church. The donation is \$5.00.

Welcome

We welcome George & Lauren Ferlic into our parish family!

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for November 7	\$8,544.50
Difference of this week	+3,044.50
All Saints Collection	\$989.00
Envelopes used this week	235



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 14, 2021

Sunday: Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
 Mk 13:24-32
 Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150,
 155, 158 [cf. 88]/Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [6b]/Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15 [15b]/
 Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 [23b]/Lk 19:41-
 44 *Dedication*: Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/ Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Mt 14:22-
 33
 Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chron 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd
 [13b]/Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19 [cf. 16a]/Lk 20:27-
 40
 Next Sunday: Dn 7:13-14/Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 [1a]/Rv 1:5-8/Jn 18:33b-37

First Reading:

"But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever." (Dn 12:3)

Psalm:

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)

Second Reading:

For by one offering he has made perfect forever those who are being consecrated. (Heb 10:14)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." (Mk 13:26-27)

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"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." Take a moment to ponder these words from today's Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It's hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the "when" of death, the "what" of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord's coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God's eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

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Here is an official update from our pastor, Father Bob, on Monday, November 8:
 "My last weeks have been very challenging with all the medical procedures and hospital visits and doctors' appointments. I am looking forward to celebrating my 45th anniversary as a priest on November 20, wherever I may be, with over half of my priesthood at Nativity BVM. I've just finished four grueling rounds of chemotherapy and the doctors have told me that now I am just to rest and do nothing. At the end of next week, I will be having a CT scan to get formal results of the therapy. Again, I am most grateful for the priests that are coming in to celebrate Mass for me and parish needs. Thanks to everyone for their prayers and thoughts and encouragement. God loves us and He loves us most when we are challenged."



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?



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.

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 prayfordobbs.com. Please pray very hard that the Supreme Court will issue a decision which protects women and children from the violence of abortion.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were. In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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