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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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NOVEMBER 28, 2021 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

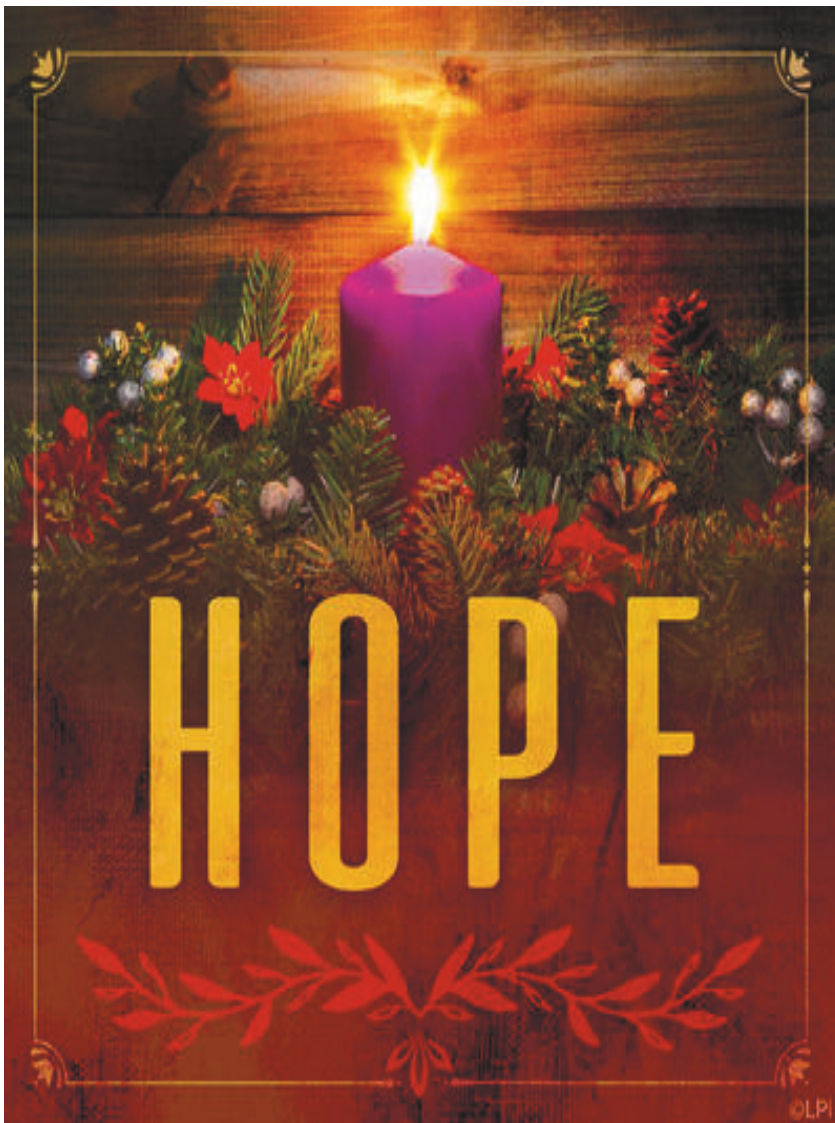
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Anyone
interested in Catholic instruction or information,
please call the parish office.

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 27, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 **DEACON BOB & LINDA DYBO**
49TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY (Deacon Bob & Linda Dybo)
 E-David Arredondo
 L-Michele Arredondo
 S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**
 E-Mary Jo Mathewson
 L-Sue Borman
 S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis
 10:30 † **LAURA TOMASIC** (Cantu Family)

E-Maureen Flynn
 L-Dean Mason
 S-Sydney & Conor Nowak, Zoey Pol

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **MARK DRAG** (Antonina Sobon)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **FLORENCE MERRICK** (Don & Nancy Woltman)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **JERRY JAWORSKI** (Donna Jaworski & Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

8:15 † **JOHN R. STOWE** (W.D. Stowe Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **KARLA WALDECKI & LORNA PETERS**

(Ralph & Beverly Grattan)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Karen Slavik

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Bob Stockhausen

L-Mike Davis

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Debi Poltrone

S-Bob Clotz, Sydney & Conor Nowak

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 The Reverend Joseph Cappelletti. On 12 June 2002 Fr. Cappelletti served as Parochial Vicar of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Wickliffe. On 5 June 2007, Fr. Cappelletti retired. Fr. Cappelletti's funeral was celebrated November 23, 2021. May his soul rest in the peace of Christ.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Any human success requires vigilance. Opportunities and powerful moments of encounter can easily be missed when we are not attentive. It is all too easy today to live distracted and preoccupied lives. There is so much vying for our attention that it can be hard to be selective and really focus. Caught up in this whirlwind of busyness and anxiety, we become tired and almost sleepwalk through life. Advent is a time to selectively focus. These beautiful four short weeks are a time to look backward and forward and be attentive to the human journey and God's revelation. From the beginning of time, God has been seeking our attention. He constantly reminds us of the justice he desires to bring and the promise of his abiding unconditional love. Understanding and growing in these truths requires alertness so that we can be strengthened in our faith and prepared for whatever will come.

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November 29 Children's choir 5:30pm/PSR 6:30pm
 December 5 St. Nicholas Visit after 10:30 Mass



→ **Altar & Rosary Christmas Party**

Don't forget Wednesday, December 1st is the Altar & Rosary Society Christmas Party at Rebmans "On the Avenue". Social hour is at 12:30pm and lunch is served 1:00pm.

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.



We congratulate the Family, and welcome Lucas Theodore Shafer, baptized into our parish family November 14, 2021.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Due to the Holiday schedule the weekly offering will be posted at a later date.

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 28, 2021

Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/1 Thes 3:12-4:2/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 [1b]/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
 Monday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Next Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6

First Reading:

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

Psalm:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

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Staying awake can often be a challenge, especially when we are exhausted. Life's demands have a way of zapping every last bit of energy out of us. When we are tired it affects us not only physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. All of our senses are dulled and diminished. We can overlook details, become disinterested, lethargic and apathetic, and detached. Getting sufficient physical rest only helps so much. We need to be rejuvenated, refreshed, and reenergized in other ways. If we are psychologically exhausted, we need to understand what is draining our emotions and taxing our relationships. If we are spiritually tired, we need to find the necessary "shot in the arm" to put us back in touch with God. Unfortunately, exhaustion is seldom limited to just one part of who we are. When we lack energy and zeal it is usually the case that everything suffers. We not only are affected physically, but psychologically and spiritually as well. In short, when we run out of gas the engine stops.

And yet, our Lord's directive is clear, "Be vigilant at all times." Even Jesus knew what "the anxieties of daily life" can do to us. One day pours into another and time quickly flies by. Any one of us can take a moment and reflect on how many wonderful, creative opportunities we miss because there is always so much "stuff" to do and so little time to do it. Usually these are missed moments of love, and if we are missing love encounters we are also missing God. Sleepwalking through life, we check the boxes next to our list of "must and have to dos" and justify it all by convincing ourselves that tomorrow is another day and there'll be more time. It may surprise us, but tomorrow is here, and time is running out. While we may like to believe that we have an "eternity" of time to do all those things that require the focus, energy, and desire we do not currently have, we don't. We're on a limited ride and time is short.

Jesus is also clear on another point. "That day [will] catch you by surprise like a trap." If we are going to be judged on love and so easily justify not having all that much time to do so, then it seems we must shift focus a bit. St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us, "We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another." Getting to this place doesn't "just happen." It requires vigilance and discipline both with a knowledge of what is really of importance and what really needs to be the focus of our energy and time. Pray, starting now and not tomorrow, that we can stay alert, be strengthened in our faith, and prepared for whatever will come. Don't miss another opportunity to love.

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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.

Thank you to all who supported Lorain County Right to Life Signature Ad Campaign"! 63 names were collected and \$535.00 was contributed to help offset the cost of billboards and the full page ads which will be placed on or around January 22, 2022, the anniversary of the Roe vs. Wade decision. Thank you again for your support and for respecting life.

The Heritage Committee invites all children through age 10 for a special visit with **St. Nicholas** on Sunday, December 5 after the 10:30 Mass. Children please meet at the piano with social distancing and a mask to greet St. Nicholas and receive a gift.

Wedding Feast & Epiphany

Question:

How are the feasts of the baptism of Jesus and the account of the wedding feast of Cana related to the Epiphany celebration?

Answer:

The Epiphany season focuses on revealing Jesus to the world. Following the Christmas celebration, the liturgical year lays out a series of manifestation points in which Jesus is made publicly known. From its very beginning, the Christian community highlighted three events in the life of Jesus. These are the Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord and the wedding feast at Cana.

The Epiphany discloses Jesus to the world of the Gentiles, represented by the magi from the East. The accounts of Jesus' baptism reveal his identity and mission, along with exposing him to those to whom he was sent to minister. The miracle of turning water to wine at the wedding feast of Cana, unique to John's Gospel, is the first public sign that Jesus performs, thus manifesting his public identity and his powers.

Today in the Roman Church, these are usually celebrated on three successive Sundays: Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord which is usually the next Sunday, and the wedding feast of Cana, which is proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time in lectionary year C.

These feasts connect around the concept of epiphany, public manifestation of Jesus to the world. They help us get to know more intimately who Jesus is and what he is about. Spend some time delving more deeply into your understanding of who Jesus is. Continue to cultivate these "epiphany" moments in your life.

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