

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Roman Catholic Church

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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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Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster
Finance Chairperson: Mr. Robert Northeim



JANUARY 9, 2022 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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 124 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, JANUARY 8, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **FRANK DAVOLI** (Rita & Family)

E-Karen Slavik

L-Don DiLuciano

S-Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Carl Snezek

L-Bob Pastor

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Dean Mason

S-Bob Clotz

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **ELIO BERADINELLI** (Trudy Salim)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **FR. STAN RYBACKI** (Fr. Gerald Keller)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, ST. HILARY, BISHOP

8:15 † **LINDA DiFRANCESCO** (Diane Knipper)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, WEEKDAY

8:15 † **CALVIN BOBROWSKI** (Barbara Bocevich)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **RICHARD KIM** (Rosa Chang)

E-Deacon Bob Dybo

L-Ann Cecys

S-Theresa McIntire, Lenore Hales

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **INTENTION OF CELEBRANT**

E-Deacon Bob Dybo

L-Sue Borman

S-Lenore Hales, Anakin & Cortana Davis

10:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

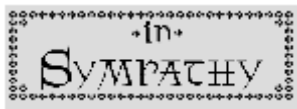
E-Debbie Chavez

L-Ed Chavez

S-Zoey Pol, 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.

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 remember in our prayers the family of Deacon Richard E. Woods whose funeral was celebrated December 30, 2021.

We remember in our prayers the family of Joseph Allen Shuster whose funeral was celebrated January 3, 2022.

We remember in our prayers the family of Edward Yepko whose funeral was celebrated January 8, 2022.

MAY THEIR SOULS REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



January 9 Take down Christmas decorations
 January 10 PSR 6:30pm
 January 17 Office closed/Martin Luther King

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE NO: _____

Please place this request in the collection or drop off at the parish office. **The statements will not be mailed out!** An announcement will be made when you may pick them up in the Church.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for December 26	\$4,381.00
Difference of this week	-1,119.00
Envelopes used this week	149
Christmas Collection	\$23,878.00
Christmas Envelopes used	209
Nativity Cares Collection	\$1,306.00
Collection for January 2	\$13,748.00
Difference of this week	+8,248.00
Mary Mother of God Collection	\$1,452.00
Envelopes used	132



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 January 09, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/
 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28,
 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
 Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
 Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
 Jn 2:1-11

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

Reflection

*"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ."
— Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

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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.

Dear friends in Spiritual Adoption

Congratulations! Somewhere a baby has been born, thanks to your faithfulness to prayer. Thank you for making the commitment to pray every day for nine months, and accompany a family in difficult circumstances. Please continue to pray for the new little boy or girl that God has created to bring joy to the world!

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

I Hope I Am Like Him

"Who is this Christ? Is he like you?"

Perhaps you've heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

"He is nothing like me," the saint is said to have answered. "But I hope I am like him."

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. "One worthier than I is coming," he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God's will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let's examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be in God's plan?

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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