

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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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Sacristan: Ms. Chris Korab
Organist: Mrs. Diane Lesiuk
Director of Music: Mrs. Angela Bak
Parish Council President: Mr. James Shuster

JANUARY 16, 2022 2ND 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 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 15, SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 † **RICHARD KIM** (Rosa Chang)

E-Deacon Bob Dybo

L-Ann Cecyz

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, ST. ANTHONY:

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

8:15 † **ROBERT WITKOWSKI** (Wife)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, WEEKDAY

6:30 † **JIM, ANITA, JACK SCHUELLER** (Family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

8:15 † **JOSEPH & GENEVIEVE SADOWSKI** (Scott Sadowski)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, ST. AGNES

8:15 † **FRANK WEBBER** (Diane Knipper)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, SUNDAY VIGIL; DAY OF PRAYER

FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

4:00 † **JERRY JAWORSKI** (Donna & Family)

E-Dolores Romanski

L-Marti Stalinski

S-Lenore Hales, Theresa McIntire

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 † **NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**

E-Mary Jo Mathewson

L-Carl Snezek

S-Mike Davis, Mary Ann Pogorzelski

10:30 † **LORETTA WYNESKI** (Wayne & Linda Mueller)

E-Maureen Flynn

L-Bob Clotz

S-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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

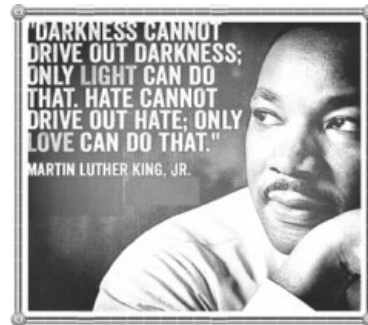
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January 17 Office closed/Martin Luther King
NO PSR
Prayer service 7pm
January 19 Choir 7pm
January 20 Dad's Group 6:30pm/Finance mtg. 7pm
January 22 Holy Hour for Life 2:00pm in the church

Holy Hour for Life

Please join us for the Holy Hour for Life, on Saturday, January 22, at 2:30pm. On the 49th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, we will have special prayers for the protection of all life. We will also pray in a special way for the Supreme Court as they prepare to issue a decision on the *Dobbs* case in June. Your time spent in prayer really does make a difference in protecting the vulnerable.



OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

Amount needed per week	\$5,500.00
Collection for January 9	\$6,128.50
Difference of this week	+\$628.50
Envelopes used this week	212



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 16, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30
or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

First Reading:

As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you. (Is 62:5)

Psalm:

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations. (Ps 96)

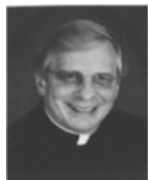
Second Reading:

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.
(1 Cor 12:11)

TODAY'S GOSPEL

Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in Galilee
and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in
him. (Jn 2:11)

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A message from our pastor, Father Bob,
on Tuesday, January 11, 2022:

Dear parishioners and friends, a happy and blessed new year of 2022 to you! Hopefully this year will see the end of problems with COVID-19.

Thank you again and again for your cards, gifts, and especially your prayers. I was at the dentist today and he said he will keep me in his prayers and the dental technician said she would too.

I invited our bishop for our 125th anniversary as a parish next January! He was already booked for all the weekends except for Saturday, January 28, 2023. So, you will be here for the 4 o'clock Mass that day to help us celebrate.

I've been hearing some complaints about the sound system in the church for live streaming Masses. We will have to work on that.

Next week I go for a CT scan and an MRI on my brain. Hope they can find my brain!! After that I may need radiation on my brain. More prayers please!

Looking forward to coming back to the parish when the doctors say so.

Reflection

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Answer: Fortitude, wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.
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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Faithful Departed

Question:

How can we pray for the dead throughout the year?

Answer:

We commemorate the faithful departed on November 2nd each year. However, we can and should continue to pray for the dead. Our growth in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. But God, in His mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state is Purgatory. It's the antechamber of heaven, so to speak. We know we're getting in the house, but we're not quite ready to go all the way in. There's rain to shake off our coats and dirt that's clogging our shoes. Here on earth, we can pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to request that your parish offer a Mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It's also a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else to pray for them. God knows who they are
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Stay Connected with Nativity B.V.M.!

While we rarely cancel events or Masses at Nativity, with the winter weather upon us, please spread the word to fellow parishioners to sign up for Flocknote messages from Nativity B.V.M. This is the most effective tool we have for communicating quickly with the entire parish if urgent information needs to be shared.

Visit nativityoftheblessedvirg.flocknote.com, or text STOLAT to 84576. The messages can be received by text or by e-mail, so please encourage every parishioner you know to get connected!

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUEST

NAME: _____

ENVELOPE NO: _____

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